

# St Gabriel's Nursery



January and February 2019

## HELLO & WELCOME BACK!

### Welcome

Welcome back everyone. We hope you all had a lovely festive Christmas with your loved ones and hope this year is going well for you all so far.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new parents to the Nursery community and hope you and your children are settling in well.



### New Staff

We would like to say a big welcome to Katie who joined us in February she will be working across all the rooms. We have Victoria and Hannah starting in March. Victoria will be joining the Poppy 2 team and Hannah will be joining the Poppy 1 team. Ellie our student joined us during the month of February and will be spending a lot of time in the Buttercup and Lily room. We would also like to welcome back Jen to the nursery team. Jill our senior from poppy room 1 will be leaving on maternity leave in March, we wish her the very best.

### Weather

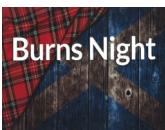


The weather is starting to change and the children are starting to spend a lot of time outdoors. Could we please ask for you to provide us with a sun hat and up opened bottle of sun cream for your child that we can keep at nursery and use when needed.

### Fun in January / February



**Listening Logs**- We would like to say thank you to all our families who participated in the "up for a challenge" listening logs. We raised a total of £200 and would like to congratulate Ruben in the Lily room, for completing the most reading hours.



**Burns Night** - We celebrated burns night in the nursery by dancing to some Scottish music, making paper kilts, painting thistles and making Scottish flags.



**Valentines Day** - The children celebrated Valentines day in the nursery by making cards, heart printing, exploring red playdough, making chocolate orange hearts, and many other exciting things.



**Chinese New Year** - The year of the pig was celebrated with a lot of passion in nursery. We had a lovely lunch made by Tracey which included sweet and sour stir-fry with egg fried noodles and rice noodles. For pudding we had syrup dumplings with custard. The children danced to Chinese music, made traditional Chinese fans, pig shortbread biscuits and also made money envelopes.



### Spare clothes

Could we please request all our parents to bring in unwanted spare clothes that we can keep and use at nursery for all age ranges.

**Buttercups** - In January the Buttercups said goodbye to some of their old friends and said hello to some new ones. The children participated in many messy activities including shaving foam play and paint play. The snow was very popular and we explored this both indoors and in the garden. In the month of February the children have had more time in the garden enjoying the lovely weather. The children have also shown a lot of interest in the story of Elmer and have helped create Elmer the elephant for their room display.

**Poppy 1** - In the month of January creative activities have been very popular. The children have enjoyed gluing painting and sticking. The children also engaged in many construction related activities where they made many different structures with a variety of building blocks both indoors and outdoors. In February the poppy children have had many visits to the park enjoying the change in weather and spotting different birds and flowers in their environment

**Poppy 2** - During the month of January the children have participated in many cooking activities from making their own pizzas, making tuna and cheese rolls and some raisin and banana oat cakes. During the month of February the children have been exploring a variety of flash cards. This has helped with the children's communication and language.

**Lily Room** - January was a month full of experiments, the children carried out some fantastic activities where they painted with colored ice cubes, they explored shaving foam and also experimented with skittle color mixing. During the month of February the children have explored with small world scenes. They made a farm in the tuff spot with animals soil and grass., a jungle with cornflakes and oats for the dinosaurs and made a lovely sea world with sea creatures. The children have really enjoyed exploring these scenes.

**Sunflowers** - During the month of January and February the sunflower children have been working on the topic of habitats and homes. The children have looked at where animals live and tried to recreate their own habitats using shaving foam, sand and construction materials. They children have also been learning the Makaton signs for animals and used them in their play. The weather has been glorious so the children have spent more time outside building dens and climbing on their climbing wall. The sunflower room interactive board has been up and running where the children have been engaged in math's, phonics and color mixing activities.

### Important Dates to Remember

**Johnathan Brown**- Johnathan from Brown photography will be in nursery during the week of 4th March 2019 to take pictures of the children please remember to hand in your permission slips.

**Holi Color Fun** 20th of March 2019- If your child attends nursery on this day could you please provide them with a white top. We will be exploring color on a large scale to celebrate Holi

**Red Nose day** Friday 15th of March -We will be having a red breakfast on this day for our parents. The children and staff are also welcome to wear red colored clothes.

**Polish week** During the week of 11th March we will be learning about Poland and the polish culture carrying out a variety of activities both indoors and outdoors.

**World Book Day** 7th of March. We would like to invite all our children who attend nursery on this day to dress up as their favorite story book character. And enjoy the fun filled day.

**Parents Evening** 28th of March  
6.30pm-8.30pm

#### Stay and play sessions:

Poppy 2 (7th March 2-4)

Sunflowers (22nd March 2-4)

Poppy 1 (29th March 2-4)

Buttercups (26th of March 2-4)

Lilies (15th of April 2-4)

Nursery closure- We will be closed for Good Friday on the 19th April and for Easter Monday on the 22nd of April 2019. We will open as usual on Tuesday 23rd of April 2019



### Mobile phones

We would like to remind all our parents of our mobile phone policy.

The use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited around the children. Do not enter the nursery whilst speaking on your phone. Should your phone ring whilst dropping off or collecting your child please refrain from answering it. Should the call be an emergency the staff will be happy to let you use the office or parents room to take the call. This coincides with our safeguarding children policy. Could we also request you have your mobile phones away in your bags and pockets.



Collections for children that attend a mid day session at nursery.

If your child attends nursery on a mid day session, please can we remind you that the drop off time is at 9am and no earlier, and the collection time is at 3.30pm and no later.