



Rockfield Pre-5 Sgoil-Araich



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Dear Parent/Carer **Gun a Parantan**

To our new children and their families, we extend a very warm welcome and we hope that you are starting to become familiar with your nursery and the staff. Remember that the staff are always willing to answer any questions, so please ask if there is anything that you are unsure of. Welcome back also to our families who are quite familiar with all that happens. We hope you all feel rested and are ready for a busy term. Already, there are lots of dates for your diary so that you have plenty of notice.

Topic/Cuspair

Last term the children enjoyed our topic which involved learning All About Me, Families and Pets. They learned about foods that we need to stay healthy and they had some wonderful experiences drawing themselves in mirrors and learning about different parts of their body.



At the start of this term the focus will be on Halloween and Guy Fawkes as we learn about different Festivals and Celebrations.

October 2018



Care Inspectorate

We have been informed that Rockfield ELC and Sgoil-Araich will soon be visited by the Care Inspectorate. Care Inspectorate are responsible for assessing the quality and care provided by a nursery and it is a very important body charged with ensuring that all children in Nursery are given the best opportunities and a really high quality experience in Nursery.

This inspection is an opportunity for our nursery to have it formally and officially confirmed that you, our parents and carers and Care Inspectorate are happy with the job we are doing and our commitment to being a very good nursery.



Book Gifting Session/Latha Leabhraichean



This Thursday, 1st November 2018, there will be our annual Book Gifting Session for our three year olds. This will be led by Anne and Louise and invites went out last week for children and parents to attend. This session promotes literacy skills through singing, rhymes and stories. The children will be given their book bags which are supplied by the Scottish Book Trust for all three year olds.

Celebration/Subhachas

Thank you to everyone who supported our end of topic celebration and managed along to the Stay and Play. The children enjoyed sharing their work and showing parents and grandparents the different areas of the nursery and what they do each day.



Staff Training/Treanadh luchd-obrach

Information/fiosrachadh

Jenna attended a First Aid Course for Early Years and this now means that we have a number of people trained in First Aid. Louise has attended Outdoor Learning training for Senior Workers and has also done some training on Loose Parts Play. Mrs Cain will be attending the Early Years Conference and will report back on that in the next Newsletter.



Home-Start Lorn

Mrs Aileen Binner will be visiting over the course of the next term. She will attend our Stay and Play session with a view to meeting our families and sharing information on who Home-Start Lorn are and how they might be able to help you. I'm sure that you will give her a warm welcome.

Children's Special Books/Learning Journeys

If you have not returned your child's All about Me or More About Me please would you do so as soon as possible.

Thank you to those of you who have taken time to write in your child's folder, there are some lovely comments about how they are enjoying nursery. However, there are many folders that don't even have a signature but we know that you have looked at them. Please could you take some time to sign them as it is really important you demonstrate that we give you the opportunity to look at them. Pens are available in the entrance hall and you can look at your child's folder anytime!

Reminders

Please remember nursery starts promptly at 8.45am and 12.15pm. We will try to have the doors open early to allow you to get coats off and shoes changed.

It is helpful if you can arrive as promptly as possible, as we are finding our registration periods are being interrupted and lengthened. This is an important time of the day and sets the scene for the session.

Illness/Sickness

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please do not send your child to nursery until 48hrs after the last episode. This helps us all to minimise the risk of infection spreading.

If your child has an accident in nursery, you will be asked to sign an incident/accident slip. This is only to acknowledge that you have been told about it.

If you have any ideas or suggestions to improve our nursery please let us know, we would love to hear from you and welcome any participation. Remember to look at the "Parent Notices" in our ELC for information on what we are doing each week. You will see which topics we are doing, how you can help and what the children have had for snack.

Dates for your diary (see over)

Date	Event	Additional Information
Wed 31 Oct 2018	Halloween Parties	Dress Up
Thu 1 Nov 2018	Sponsored Fitness	Return sheets with donations on the day or as soon as possible, thank you.
Thu 1 Nov 2018	Book Gifting for new 3 year olds	11.15am in Sgoil-Araich Room
Fri 2 Nov 2018	Comann nam Pàrant Ceilidh	Royal Hotel – all welcome
Fri 2 Nov 2018	ELC Parent Group Meeting	Arrangements for Christmas
Fri 9 Nov 2018	Stay and Play	ELC and Sgoil-Araich -9am to 9.45am ELC pm 12.15 to 1pm Mrs Aileen Binner from Home-Start Lorn will be visiting at this time too.
Wed 14 Nov 2018	Learning and Development Visit	Local Authority staff will visit to assess our ELC. This is a support and challenge visit.
Fri 16 Nov 2018	Children In Need	Wear your pyjamas or something spotty and give a donation to Children In Need.
Mon 19 Nov 2018	Nursery Rhyme Week – a National Event	There will be a focus on learning, singing and saying Nursery Rhymes.
Mon 26 Nov 2018	In Service Day - Whole School Staff will be involved in Training on Listening & Talking and Music.	School is closed for children.
Sat 1 Dec 2018	Rockfield School Holly Tea	Assembly Hall 10am to 12pm
Tue 11 Dec 2018	Nativity	ELC Morning and Sgoil-Araich will do theirs together and ELC afternoon will do their own. Times will be confirmed soon.
Thu 13 Dec 2018	Nursery Holly Tea	Donations of baking for teas and raffle prizes. Parent Group would welcome any new members and ideas for fundraising.
Wed 19 Dec	ELC Christmas Parties	Morning, Sgoil-Araich and Afternoon and hopefully a visit from Santa.
Thu 20 Dec	Cinema Visit	Film to be decided!