

Stanwix Community Pre-School

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Planning w/c 31st Jan – 11th Feb Around the World

Over the next two weeks we will be looking at different countries to help the children develop an understanding of the world around them.

Activities –

- Looking at world maps, globes and atlases
- Festivals/celebrations from other countries (Chinese New Year)
- Flags – look at the patterns on different national flags
- Climates
- Clothing – national/religious
- Foreign currencies
- Different foods – making and sampling
- Holiday photos from around the world

Tapestry

We find that Tapestry can be a good way of communicating with parent's, particularly as Covid restrictions continue. From September 2021, a new updated version of the statutory framework was introduced with focus on staff spending more of their time with the children and providing those exciting opportunities for children to explore, learn and develop rather than taking lots of pictures and writing long observations.

Therefore, you may have noticed there are not as many pictures posted onto Tapestry. We understand parents like to see them and staff still like to post pictures and observations at intervals throughout each term.

As Pre-School is a relatively small setting, we have the benefit of really knowing each child extremely well and are able to help children to reach their full potential. Staff continue to closely observe your child's development and next steps.

Please note: If we had any concerns, we would speak to you as soon as possible and if you had any concerns, we are always available to discuss things further.

We know it can be busy at home and pick up times and it isn't always the ideal place for a private conversation. Therefore, it is easier to make arrangements for a more in-depth discussion via telephone or email.

Many Thanks

Becky, Rhona, Megan, Helen, Angela, Stacey & Innes

Dates for your diary

Half Term

Mon 14th Feb – Fri 18th Feb

Next Committee Meeting
Wed 23rd February @ 7.30pm

Questionnaires

Many thanks to those who have completed our questionnaire. We have received lots of positive feedback;

'He loves it and speaks about the children, staff and toys every evening'

'The staff are wonderful. Everyone is approachable and they seem to know my child really well'

'Thank you for the excellent care you provide, he has developed so much since he started'

'My daughter has grown in confidence'

Some parents mentioned wanting to know more about their child's activities throughout the day. We will try to ensure the staff on the door inform you of your child's day.

Parents also mentioned about having more pictures on Tapestry. (Please see explanation opposite) We like parents to get involved with Tapestry too.

Parents can post their own pictures and comments from home. For example, what your child enjoys, learning new experiences, family outings and occasions.

It is very quick and simple to do, just go on to the observation and scroll down to the comments box, type in your comments and press the 'add comment' button.

Toys from home

We have noticed an increased number of children bringing their toys in from home. Therefore, could we please ask that you actively discourage children from doing so and suggest you keep them safe in the car. We have a number of reasons for this, the most obvious being; children can become distressed if someone else wants to play with them or if they put them down and we can't find them. Or they get broken. However, if they have a particular soft toy/blanket which is used as a comforter, they may continue to bring it to pre-school.