

Duchal Nursery School

Give your child the best start in life...

Spring 2021 Newsletter from Duchal Nursery

After providing a key worker service and remote learning at the start of the year, it has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to Duchal again, we are delighted to hear all their excited chatter filling the nursery! They all bounced into nursery on the opening morning, obviously thrilled to be back with their friends and teachers, just proving what a wonderful setting Duchal is for young children during their pre-school years.

Our remote learning programme provided both parents and children with a real variety of activities to continue learning, including live zoom storytelling and glow stick drumming sessions!!



Watch our storytelling session on You Tube
<https://youtu.be/C7hCWrlw6KM>

Our pre-school children continued working on their preparation for school with Jolly Phonic workbooks at home, and all children got involved with numeracy, literacy and outdoor activities to promote health and their well being.

However nothing replaces face to face contact and so our Zoom meetings, videos and teacher contact with the children were hugely beneficial.



With the return of all our children we have been utilising our wonderful outdoor space as much as possible, whether it be a wet welly walk or scavenger hunt around the park, sunny science lessons in the garden, getting creative in our mud kitchen or just enjoying being with friends!



At Duchal we promote learning through play while following the Curriculum for Excellence and the children were mesmerised with making geometric bubbles of all shapes and sizes in the spring sunshine. Individual creativity amongst the children is always encouraged none more so than in our sunny science lesson using splat painting outside to demonstrate the effects of gravity, the temptation to throw the paint enthusiastically was just too much to resist for some - so much messy fun!



Learning through play and following topics are high priority at Duchal and this term we are learning about "Our World", This allows us a huge scope of activities for the children to choose from, and due to our high staff numbers we have the capacity to allow a great deal of 'child led' activities indoors and outside at any given time.

So far we have talked about night and day and light and dark. We discussed helping the planet by recycling and made recycled sound instruments and constructed a display all about our favourite

things in the world - dinosaurs and Mummy were top of the list!

It was wonderful for us all to be back in nursery to celebrate World Book Day with plenty of time spent in our library engrossed in books and chilling in our PJ's!



Keeping fit, healthy and active is always part of our daily regime, with PE lessons, walks around the park and this year we're fortunate to have personal training sessions with Colin Cox Fitness in Birkmyre Park.



30 HOURS FUNDED CHILDCARE

We are delighted that Duchal is a free hours provider, offering 30 hours of free nursery care each week during term time and we are now open from 8.15am - 6pm. To apply for our free hours and for more information on the registration process please visit

<https://www.duchal.com/registration/>

Duchal Nursery School is extremely lucky to have such a highly qualified, experienced, enthusiastic and caring team of teachers, who all play such an important part of what makes Duchal such a special setting for young children to grow in confidence during their early years. Since the nursery was established, over 50 years ago, it has given so many children the best start in life.

Duchal is more than a nursery, as the only specialist pre-school nursery in the area we are dedicated to providing the best education for 3 - 5 year olds.

- The children hugely benefit from our teacher to pupil ratio of 1:6 rather than the national recommendation of 1:8, allowing the teachers to really know and understand each individual's needs.
- With great links with our local schools the children make a seamless transition to primary school, moving on to a variety of schools in Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Glasgow.
- Our pre-school children have dedicated time each day to concentrate on learning skills for school, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday nursery activities. One of the many benefits of having 3 separate rooms allowing quiet study time for our older children.



- Following the curriculum for excellence with many play based activities Duchal is first and foremost a pre-school rather than a child care facility.
- With our own native speaking French teacher the children are exposed to a new language through songs and fun activities from a young age.



Registering for August 2021

We are currently registering children to start in August (and beyond), if you know any new families to the area or anyone who hasn't yet confirmed their nursery place, please encourage them to contact us to arrange a visit to experience all the fun for themselves.

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