

# Keith Primary School Nursery Bulletin

18th September 2017



**Nursery Essential Meeting** The minutes of the meeting are included with the bulletin. If you were **unable** to attend, you will also have in **your child's tray a return slip** regarding the information shared at the meeting and we would be grateful to have your responses.

**Keith Library visits** On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October we hope to be visiting Keith Library. This will help the children learn about what we do and find in a library and foster a love of books and reading. We need **Parent Helpers** to assist with walking the children to and from the Library. If you can help, please add your name to the "**Parent Helpers List**" which will be displayed in the cloakroom, soon.



**The Photographer** Will be with us on 25th September to take individual photos, as well as family groups, for those with **siblings already in the school.**

**Nursery Garden** A big thank you goes to Tesco and Fiona, the Community Champion, for not only donating daffodil bulbs but coming along last Monday, in the rain, to support the children; showing them how to plant the bulbs. Luckily we were able to get out and plant more the following day to demonstrate our knowledge and practise these skills.



First make a hole in the compost

Next, place the plant or bulb into the hole and pack it in with more compost.

Finally, water!



**Harvest Focus** We are learning about **Harvest-time** and this week, have been finding out about the process of harvesting grain. If the children have any pictures, photos, stories, etc. about combines, tractors or farmers, please bring them in to share with the group. When you are out and about, encourage your child to look for signs of Harvest or point them out to your child. Lots of children have already spotted bales, in the fields ☺

**Assembly/Birthdays** This will be on Friday afternoon, this week, at 1.30 p.m. Birthdays run from the Monday before assembly until the Sunday after assembly.

**Snack Money** We are on **Week 6** snack menu





## What have we been learning?

As part of our *Emergent Literacy* programme we are beginning to focus on activities to support the development of Pre-Handwriting skills which includes scissor and fine motor skills.



### Some information...

#### Fine Motor Skills

Fine motor skills are important as these are used to operate scissors effectively.

If a child is having a lot of difficulty using scissors, we focus on fine motor skills and come back to scissors later.

#### Scissor Skills and Handwriting

Using scissor works on the skills needed for writing. Scissors help to develop hand separation – when the thumb, index and middle finger separately from the rest of the hand. Practicing cutting with scissors helps the small muscles and movements in the hand to strengthen and develop. These are the same muscles and movements used to control a pencil.

This week the children have been **learning how to hold scissors appropriately** and taking part in activities to develop cutting skills.



Developing our fine motor skills and exercising our by fingers sorting pom poms, using pegs.

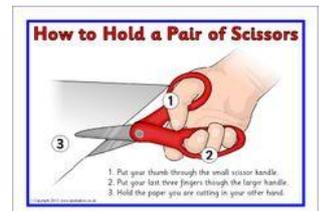


Practising holding the scissors appropriately using a controlled action to open and close them. We are cutting a variety of different materials to develop these skills.

\*Remember – **“Thumb in small hole, fingers in big hole.”**



**“Thumbs to the sky.”**



In order to use scissors effectively you have to have a “doing hand” and a “helping hand”. This helps a child to develop hand dominance.

*If you have any questions about any of the items in the Bulletin, please don't hesitate to ask a member of the Nursery Team or Mrs Connelly*