



# Armadale Early Learning & Childcare Setting Newsletter - (January 2020)



Welcome back after our Christmas holidays. We are looking forward to another busy and fun filled term.

Please pay particular attention to the dates attached.

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Website:

<https://armadaleprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>



## Nursery Door

For the safety of the children can we remind adults when dropping off and picking up to please ensure the nursery door between the cloakroom and play room is closed behind them at all times.

## Help Needed!

Mrs Brown is wanting to set up a parent forum for the nursery where parents meet with staff to discuss what is happening in the nursery and look at ideas for fundraising and other issues. More details will follow soon, in the mean time anyone interested let staff know.

## Winter Weather:



Due to the winter weather can we remind parents/carers to ensure the children have spare clothing in their bags, where we try our best to supply the children with warm coats, wellies and water proofs the children can still get wet or muddy while playing outside. Unfortunately we do not have any spare socks or trousers left.

## Late Pick Ups

Can we remind parents/carers that ALL children should be collected and left the building by 12.45pm for am sessions and 6pm for pm/full day sessions, this can have an impact on staffing when children are not collected on time. In the event that you are running late please telephone the nursery to let us know! Session times are printed below.

## Armadale Nursery Class Session Times

Please ensure children are collected on time to allow staff to set up for the next session.

- **Morning Nursery Sessions are available:**  
Monday - Friday - 8am - 12.45pm
- **Afternoon Nursery Sessions are available:**  
Monday - Thursday - 13.15pm - 6pm
- **Full Day Nursery Sessions are available:**  
Monday - Thursday - 8am - 6pm  
(2 Days as identified by Pupil Placement)



## Snow Days

In the event of days where we have heavy snow and the nursery path has not been cleared, for health and safety reasons can we ask parents/carers to use the school main entrance to enter the nursery. Thank you for you continued co-operation!



## What have we been up to?

It has been non-stop for the children since returning after the Christmas break. The children have been learning lots about winter and the effects that the weather has on the environment around us! This has led on to the children discovering about what celebrations happen not only in Scotland but internationally, with China being our main focus.

The children have learned how to make their own lucky envelope with a surprise inside. We had an exciting snack where we tried different food that people may eat during Chinese New Year. We had noodles, rice, sweet and sour sauce and prawn crackers. We even got to try using chop sticks!

We couldn't not celebrate our own Scottish celebration, Burns day! The children have learned who Robert Burns was, what our Scottish flag looks like and had a try at making our own. We have been practicing lots of Scottish classic songs such as "Three Crows" and "You canny shove yer granny auf the bus" much to the delight of the children! Then we couldn't not have haggis for snack too. A great start to the new year!

## PEEP Change of Venue

PEEP is moving! PEEP will be changing to a Monday from 24<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am - 10.15am at the Dale Hub. Parents, Carers, Childminders, Granparents all welcome. The group is ideal for babies and children upto pre-school.

### Why come to PEEP?

Peep groups are for parents/carers and their children together, and aim to support families with their children's early learning in a simple and enjoyable way. The Learning Together Programme was designed to be flexible, enabling practitioners and/or families to choose the range of child development topics and the number of sessions that they want. The different elements of a Peep group provide opportunities to have fun together and to share the key ideas that support children's development. Peep sessions include:

Songs and rhymes

Activities with the children

Talking time for adults (about an aspect of children's development)

Story and book-sharing time

Ideas for parents/carers to try at home.

Adults do not need to read or write during a Peep group. Everyone is invited (but not pressured!) to join in during singing and talk time.

Speak to Mrs Brown for further info!

## Neighbourly Scheme

A reminder that Armadale school and ELC are part of the neighbourly scheme where we receive the kind donation of surplus food from three supermarket chains, please feel free to drop in on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning to the family learning room where you can collect food items. We also have a sharing cupboard outside the main entrance, please help yourself to items when in need. Donations for the cupboard are also welcome! Thankyou!



Dates for your diary!

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Snuggle and Read

AM - 12 noon

PM - 13.30pm

Children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite character to celebrate World Book Day! We are having a special book library launch and would appreciate support from parents/carers to attend.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - LIFT sessions with Aimee McGoldrick speech and language therapist

AM - 11.45am - 12.30pm

PM - 1.30pm - 14.15pm

Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Parent Consultations for all pupils - Key workers will have a day allocated for appointments, these will be available nearer the time.

31<sup>st</sup> March - Tempest photographs

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - ELC closed for holiday, open as normal Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.