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# Langa Street Nursery

## Newsletter October 2021

**Staff changes** - Natalie Jolly has been successful in taking up an Acting Team Leader role within another Glasgow nursery. This is fantastic for Natalie's own development and the skills can offer to other nurseries. We will really miss Natalie but she will be back – we do not know when though! The fantastic and capable team in the Rainbow Room will be supporting Natalie's group of children.

Lauren Gallagher joined us as a CDO at the start of term. Gillian Butler now joins us as a Child Development Officer and brings many years of experience. Gillian is a job share with Lynsey Burnside, and will work Thursday and Friday every week and every second Wednesday, throughout the year.

Brooke Henderson also joins us as a Child Development Officer and is based in the Sunflower room. Please say hello to Brooke and Gillian when you get chance to meet them.

We also have 2 new students; Katieleigh Damer is a Foundation Apprentice from Springburn Academy and is with us on a Thursday and Sarah Fullerton is an HNC student with us on a Wednesday and Thursday. It is really positive that we get the chance to help Sarah and Katieleigh with the development of their careers.

The whole team had recent **training on outdoors experiences for children**, provided by Stramash Outdoors Nurseries. Cameron and Phil set up some exciting experiences for children and worked with the children alongside staff. We then had a twilight staff session to discuss our ideas about play and risk and the benefits of outdoors for children. You should expect to see or hear about some excellent challenging experiences for children over the coming months with cooking on the fire, rope ladders, rope walkways and role-play outdoors. See the pictures below!

I also intend to offer days for parents to come in and join us for **outdoors snack during November**, sitting around the fire – you should hear about dates soon.



As you might know, we have outdoors suits for children so that we can play outside in all weathers. These have just been re-waterproofed. Sometimes not all children have wellies for their feet though. We do have a good number of spares but if possible please **make sure your child has a pair that has their name on**. They should also have suitable shoes for indoors though as wellies are not only unsuitable for children to wear all day but are also very messy **when they are wet or muddy**.



Thank you to all the parents who have collected their **sponsored outdoors hunt sheet** for our Autumn fundraiser. If you didn't get one yet, please ask! Happy hunting. We hope that parents can return their sponsor forms and money over the next week or so.

I wanted to take this chance to remind parents about the **importance of sticking to the collection times**. The morning session finishes at 12.45pm and the afternoon at 5.45pm which are the latest times to collect. However some families have different arrangements (e.g. collection at 4pm or at 3pm, or drop off at 9.30am). Please keep to these agreed times as this is when the staff but also the children are expecting to be collected. If you are at all unsure just ask.

We will soon be receiving delivery of lots of very young **trees from the Woodland Trust**. We will be planting in nursery, and in the local community. If any parents have gardens or friends or family members with gardens who would like a tree to plant, please email me and let me know as we will be able to arrange this. We have various native varieties coming. Tree planting, as well as other planting throughout the year, is an important part of children's learning and developing care for their environment.

We recently celebrated **Meskel, an Ethiopian festival**, celebrated by at least one of our families. We had a good fire, and ate some bread baked and provided by a parent – thank you! I am so happy to be celebrating all the days that are important to our families, so if there are any celebrations that are important to your family, please don't hesitate to tell us!

Our **Twitter** page continues @LangaStNursery (see it for regular updates about daily plans) and we have a new parents closed **facebook** page – scan the QR code on the nursery door

Last newsletter, I failed to inform you that **we raised £662 at our Summer Fair!** We have sent thank you letters to all the local businesses who supported this with prizes. It was a lovely day for all of us and we plan to repeat this next June.

Our Nursery and Toy fund weekly amount is now £2 per week. Please contribute – this is essential to enable us to provide the range of parties, celebrations and additional resources that make nursery a richer experience. We also intend to organise a trip to Mugdock Country Park in the Spring for which this fund will provide.



Yours Sincerely - *Steve Rivers* – Head of Nursery

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### **Upcoming Dates for your Diary**

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween activities and experiences

**To be confirmed** – Dates for Christmas singing

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – last day of term (term time only children)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term (52 weeks children)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – first day of new year term

For our list of term dates for the year, see the page here: <https://bit.ly/3xrhucl> . If you ask by phoning or emailing we can print this off for you so that it can be kept in a handy place for you at home.