



# Nursery Newsletter September 2022

## Message from Mrs Heasman



Dear Parent/Carer

It has been wonderful to welcome back our pre-school children and to meet our new 3 year olds. They have all settled beautifully into nursery and are comfortable with our routines. We will welcome more new starts as the months go on eventually ending up with 40 children in the nursery!

We are looking forward to welcoming our returning families to our Stay and Play event on 15th September. This will be an opportunity to chat with the staff and engage with your child in play. Later in the year we will have further Stay and Play sessions for all families and we are sure that you will be amazed at how far your child has come in a relatively short timescale.

We look forward to working closely with you and your child this year!

Regards

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**Nurturing, Inspiring, Striving and Working Together at Canberra and Beyond**

Welcome



As we welcome our children back and with new children starting our main focus for August is to support our children to settle into nursery life and to be excited about the next steps in their learning journey.

We have a belonging tree which is filling up nicely with family pictures, the aim of this is to support children's sense of belonging and for them to talk about their families with staff and other children. Family photos can be posted on Learning Journals or emailed in.

Below are some photos of the areas the children have been exploring and the experiences they have been taking part in. Please click on each photo to take you to the next one.

## Being Me Boards

Each child has their own Being me board. These boards are for the children to display things that are important to them, for example pictures they have created or decorated or photos they want to display.

Please ask your child about their Being me board and send in any photos or pictures they would like on their board.



## Staff coordinator roles



Each member of staff has a coordinator role, where they take the lead in developing this area within the nursery. The coordinator roles are:

Literacy: Miss McDonald and Miss Kerr

Numeracy: Miss Ciciala

Health and Wellbeing: Mrs Kaczan

STEM: Miss Wakeham

Froebel: Miss Lipsett and Mrs McNulty

We will begin to share with you in future newsletters how we are developing these roles.

## Skill of the Month



### Scissor Skills

Cutting is an essential skill for your child to learn and we will be focussing on cutting over the next few weeks. Practise really does make perfect so please join us at home if you can. Ways to support scissor skills at home are modelling and guiding the squeezing action and providing cardboard,

cooked spaghetti or paper for snipping and cutting along straight or wavy lines. If your child needs a challenge they could try cutting out pictures from a newspaper or magazine. (HWB 0-22a)

We would love it if you can share your pictures on Learning Journals.

Songs and Rhymes of the month







We have chosen **Owl Babies** by Martin Wadell and **Fill a Bucket** by Carol McCloud as our books of the month. The story of Owl Babies offer children a chance to talk about who is important to them and about people in their family.

*LIT0-01c I enjoy exploring and choosing stories and other texts to watch, read or listen to and can share my likes and dislikes.*

We have been learning and singing our Welcome Everyone song and the Bucket Filling song, please ask your child to sing these to you at home and you can join in too. Happy singing!

Each month we introduce a Makaton sign. This month we are learning the sign for Hello, Thank you and Snack.


Please ask your child to show you what signs they have learned.

If you would like further information on Makaton then please visit this website [Home \(makaton.org\)](http://Home(makaton.org))

Please click on this link to access the [Tiny Little People](http://Tiny Little People) website.

Here you will find ways to support your child's communication and development and there are lots of great videos with nursery rhymes and songs. Happy singing!

Welcome everyone!  
Let's learn and play and have some fun.  
We would like to say!  
We're happy that you're here today  
Let's begin the day...  
Here at Canberra!  
(Clap...Clap)  
Here at Canberra!  
(Clap...Clap)  
Here at Canberra!  
(Clap...Clap)



1 - Our welcome song was written by a Canberra Primary pupil and it is sung to the Fraggles theme tune.

# Bucket Filling and PATHS





*2 - Meet the PATHS puppets.*

At Canberra we are Bucket Fillers. Being a Bucket Filler means that we are kind, caring and helpful to others. Why don't you try to fill as many buckets as you can! To help you do this you can get ideas from the [A-Z Bucket Filling sheet](#), or you could make up your own. **Please remember to share all your Bucket Filling with us!!** Lit-09a

To develop this further the school is introducing a programme named PATHS. The goal of the PATHS (Promoting Alternative THinking Strategies) is to lay the foundation for lifelong social-emotional understanding. It aims to prevent emotional issues in young children and supports them in identifying and understanding their emotions and feelings. It is designed to help children to develop self control, positive self-esteem, emotional awareness and problem solving skills. This will be done through stories and puppets. We look forward to sharing our PATHS journey with you.

## What I need in Nursery



If the weather is going to be bright and dry, we would appreciate if you could apply sun cream before bringing your child to nursery in the morning. Please ensure that they have a labelled bottle of sun cream in their nursery bag. We will reapply their sun cream after lunch. Children will only be

able to play outdoors in sunny weather if they have a sun hat. We can label and keep these items in nursery if you prefer.

Your child also needs:

An indoor pair of shoes (with name on).

A change of clothes (pants, socks, top and trousers).

If you can put your child's name or initials on their tops and jumper, this would really help us as a lot of children have similar clothes.

Thank you.

## Froebel



Our practice in Canberra is very much influenced by Friedrich Froebel. Froebel was born in Germany in 1772 and his work and pedagogy has shaped and influenced much of early years practice. Froebel's key principles are Respect, Community, Connectedness, Learning and Development, Creativity, Environment and well qualified practitioners.

Froebel believed in the importance of first hand experiences and connecting with nature. We have developed several Froebel approaches, including block play, loose parts and outdoor play. We will continue to share with you in each of our newsletters how these approaches help support the learning and development of your child.

## Learning Journals



We use Learning Journals to share your child's learning and development. We do this through significant observations and stories, which are linked to the curriculum. We aim to share at least one observation and one story with you each week, which will also have suggestions on how you can support this learning at home too.

We would love for you to share your child's learning with us on Learning Journals. Please click the link below if you need any information on how to do this.

<https://youtu.be/JZhyAXa7YBQ>

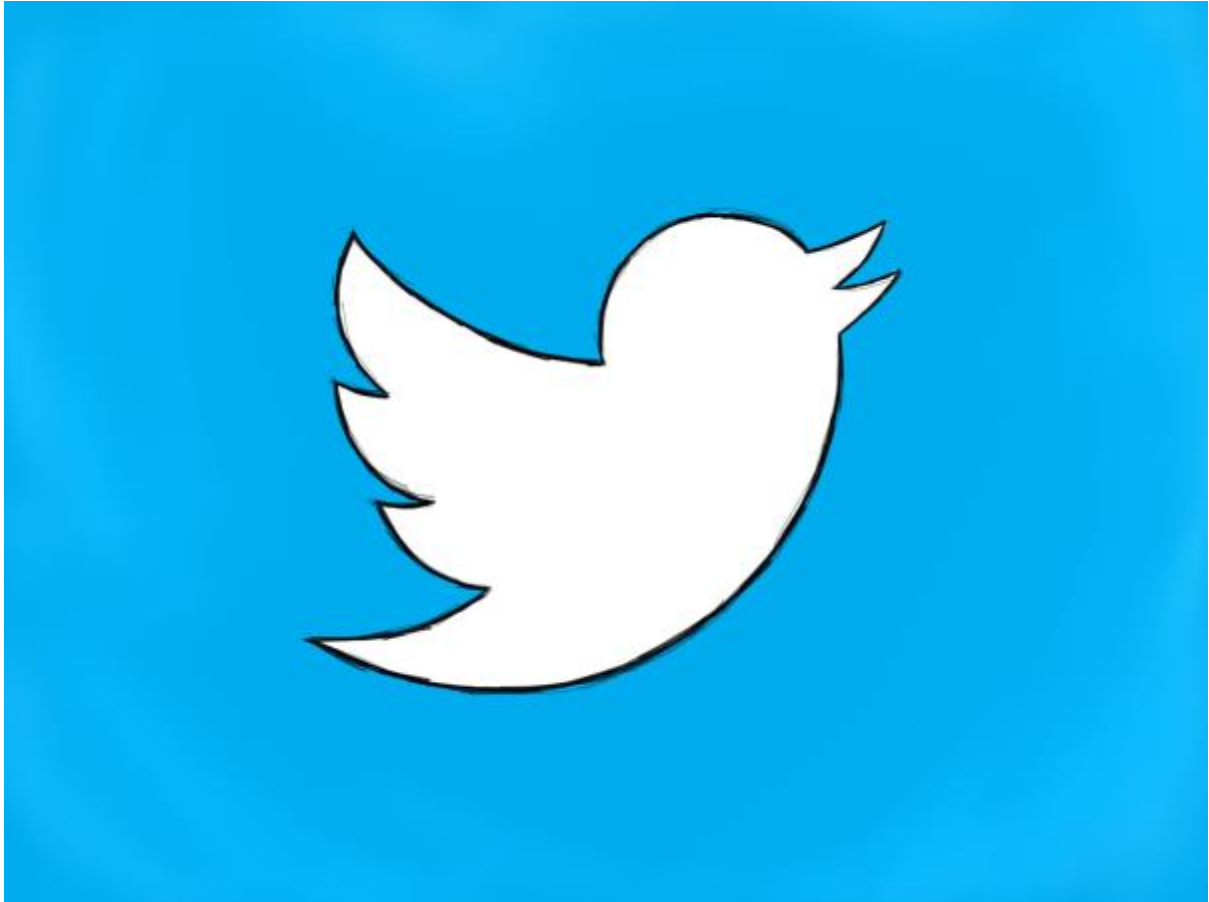
If you are having any difficulty with an aspect of the Learning Journals, then please speak to your child's keyworker, Mrs McNulty or email us and we will be happy to help.



Other ways we share learning is through our monthly Sway newsletter, keyworker feedback at pick up time, daily Twitter posts and each child will have an individual target in Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing.

If you would like any information or further communication then please arrange this with your child's keyworker or email us at [GW20nurserycanberraps@glow.sch.uk](mailto:GW20nurserycanberraps@glow.sch.uk)

## Twitter



We add to our Twitter page daily. Our Tweets give a small snap shot of some of the experiences your child can take part in and can give you an opportunity to talk to your child about the nursery day.

Please follow us @CanberraNursery

Fit in 5!



Every month Mrs Kaczan and our children will be completing a Fit in 5!

Please join in at home and get fit in 5!

*HWB 0-22a I am developing my movement skills through practice and energetic play.*

Learning together



Each month in this section we will share some ideas on how you can learn together.

This month we would love for you to go on a number hunt. As you know numbers are all around us. We would like you to go out on a walk and find as many numbers as you can. We would then like you to share with us:

- Where did you find numbers on your number hunt?
- What numbers can your child identify?
- Where was the most surprising place you found number?

To help make this even more fun, you can make you own pair of binoculars to use by click the link below.

[How to make binoculars out of toilet rolls - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

Happy Hunting!

## Parent Council



Canberra Parent Council is made up of family members who represent the body of the school. If you would like to be involved or become a member you can contact them through their Twitter page by direct message.

Twitter Page: @CanberraPCin EK or contact the nursery or school and we can out you in touch.

Each month we will give you updates and information from the Parent council.

## Start & Finish Times



*3 - We have a soft start and finish times:*

***9:00-9:15am - 2:45-3:00pm***

## Dates for Your Diary



***4 - September:*** Stay and Play Pre-school children -15th(3:15-3:45pm)

*September Weekend- Friday 23rd and Monday 26th*

***October:*** October Week- Monday the 17th-Friday 21st.

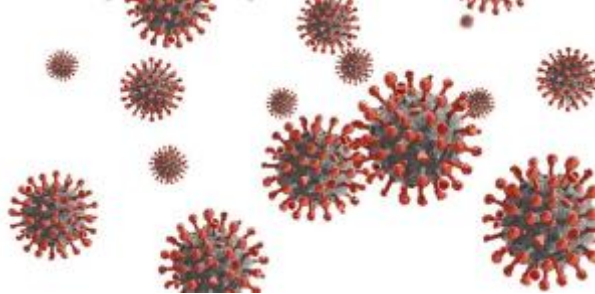
***November:*** In-service day- 14th

*Stay and Play week beginning 28th*

***December:*** Coffee morning- 9th

Please click on this link to view [School holidays](#)

## Coronavirus (Covid-19): Guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection



Click on link to [NHS inform](#) website for latest guidance.

\*\*\*If your child or any member of your household is awaiting coronavirus test results, you must self isolate.\*\*\*

## Contact Us



5 - Please get in touch on the nursery email address at [gw20nurserycanberraps@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw20nurserycanberraps@glow.sch.uk) or by calling the school office on 01355 224362 if you have any questions or concerns.