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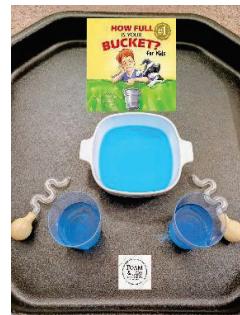
## Term 3 Newsletter – January / February / March / April 2026

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### What have the KingsWellies Gang been up to lately?

Welcome back to all our KingsWellies Families and a huge Wellies welcome to our new families joining us! We hope you all had a lovely festive break and are ready to get stuck back into all our fantastic learning opportunities. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge Thank you for all your very thoughtful gifts and collection from our families – this was a lovely surprise and very much appreciated!

All children have been really busy, learning about Robert Burns, learning Scottish Dancing, food tasting and participating in lots of Scottish Crafts! We have been busy revisiting our “How full is your bucket?” book. Remembering how we should be treating others and using our kind hands. We have been busy taking all our new friends for walks in our local community and showing them all our favourite spots to play in.



We have also been busy participating in lots of fun with Kids Rock ,Yoga, Gym Bunnies, Chef Lisa, Moo Music and Rugby Tots!

### Important Dates for your Diaries

#### National Story Telling Week – Week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> February

All children will be enjoying lots of story telling, puppets and music activities!

#### Valentines Disco – Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February

We will be celebrating LOVE all week with lots of craft, baking, and telling each other things we love about ourselves and one about one another, enforcing positive affirmations! Children are encouraged to wear an outfit they love and on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a small Valentines Disco!

#### Pancake Day - Tuesday 17th February

Children will be celebrating Pancake Day by making their own



homemade Pancakes with a variety of yummy toppings!

#### **Lunar New Year - Week of 16<sup>th</sup> February**

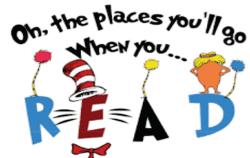
The Famous Wellies Wok-A-Way Take Away will be returning due to popular demand! The KingsWellies boys and Girls will be making their menus, advertising and cooking up a storm to serve to their friends! Keep your eyes peeled for their posters and Take Away Menus!

We will also be celebrating The Year of Horse with lots of crafts, fortune cookies, Chinese New Year traditions, making our own Red Envelopes (Hongbao). These traditionally contain money to pass on good fortunes and blessings.

#### **World Book Day – Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March**

All children are invited to dress up as their favourite story book character during the week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March.

We have booked the Scholastic Travelling Books Fair from the 10<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> of March. This will be set up in reception where you can view and purchase any books!



#### **Mother's Day – Week of 9<sup>th</sup> March**

All children will be busy in the craft area this week making little surprise for their Mummies / Grannies / Aunties or carer of thier choice!



#### **St Patrick's Day – Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> March**

All the children will be participating in a range of activities within their playrooms and they can also come to nursery wearing something Green, Orange or White!



#### **Easter – Week of the 30<sup>th</sup> of March**

We will be running our Easter Bonnet Competition for all of our playrooms from 30th March until 3rd April where we will vote for our favourite bonnet from each room. We can't wait to see the creative designs that you come up with this year!



#### **Stay and Play**

Our next stay and play dates are listed below. We would love to invite all Parents / carers / grandparents / friends to come along to see their children in nursery, play along with them and see what they get up to! We kindly ask that there is a minimum of 2 adults per child. This will be held between 3pm – 4:30pm. Please see below dates for each room:

- **Babies** – 3pm-4:30pm – Wednesday 11th March 26
- **Tots** – 3pm-4:30pm – Tuesday 10th March 26
- **Beans** – 3pm-4:30pm – Thursday 12th March 26

- **Jellies** - 3pm-4:30pm – Monday 9th March 26

### **Staffing Update**

We would like to say a huge KingsWellies Welcome Back to Caroline Reid, who has returned as Registered Manager alongside Laura Barry. Caroline has been at West End Wellies covering their manager's maternity cover.

Also welcome back to Lauren Garden from maternity leave!

Rachel Cross, our Depute Manager will be leaving us in March as she packs up to move to Australia. We all wish Rachel and her family the best and we will miss her so much!

Please see our regular staffing updates on our Facebook pages. We also have staff photo boards outside each room and in each reception.

Children are also becoming more involved in the recruitment process as we ask candidates to read them a story or complete an activity with them. We then ask our children and candidates for their feedback. This is working well.

### **Wellies Nurseries Policies of the Month**

KingsWellies Policy of the month is Medication. Please can I ask you take time to read the attached policy and please ensure that if you are bringing any medication into the setting, you are following the correct procedure. We really appreciate your cooperation and support in this matter.

### **Parental Consultation**

Please give us your feedback – good and bad. It means a lot to us! We only want to keep improving in order to provide the BEST service possible. Please make us your first port of call if you have any comments or concerns. If we work together, we will be able to achieve the very best for all of our children. Many thanks.

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# QueensWellies Nursery



## Newsletter – January/February/March 2026 – Term 3 “Together we make a family!”

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### Happy New Year and a BIG Thankyou!!

Happy new year to all of our children, parents, friends and staff. We really hope that you enjoyed a lovely festive break. We are glad to be back at nursery after a very snowy start to the year!!! We have a busy term planned ahead of us.



We would like to say thankyou to all of our parents, children and families for your generosity over Xmas. We received lots of lovely gifts which were shared with all staff. Everyone got a present to take home.

Many thanks also for your kind donations towards Mission Christmas. We managed to fill a few boxes to donate.



### December Highlights!!

We were so busy throughout December with many different Christmas/winter themed activities and trips. Some of our highlights included visiting the Christmas market, our many sing a longs, our Christmas parties (where we had a special visit from Santa), a party with our friends from “Creates Friday Friends”, visit from our friendly service dog Cassie and visits to both Angusfield Nursing Home and Denseat sheltered housing. We got up to SO much in December.

Big thank you to Entier for our YUMMY Christmas lunch!



## Extra-Curricular Activities:



Here at QueensWellies we have a range of different extra-curricular activities that go on every week!

Please see our classes below, for your information.

- French Tues AM
- Kids Rock Tues PM
- Rugby Tots Wed PM
- Chef Lisa Wed AM
- Gym Bunnies Fri AM
- Moo Music Thurs AM

We are very pleased to welcome back our specialists for 2026

French, Kids Rock, Moo Music, Gym Bunnies and Chef Lisa are all provided by us as part of your fees at QueensWellies.

The other classes are provided at an additional cost. In order to make these work, we do require enough children to sign up to them. Please contact WEW Admin for additional information and also to express your interest.

**Would you like to see anything else added to our timetable? Please let us know.**



## Celebrations this term:

**Over the following weeks we will be celebrating with our children. More info will be posted on our FaceBook Page nearer the date:**

**Robert Burns WC 26<sup>th</sup> January**- All children are welcome to wear tartan all week. They will be tasting Haggis, Neeps and Tatties, making shortbread and taking part in some Scottish Dancing!!

**Valentines Day WC 16<sup>th</sup> February**- All children are welcome to wear something Pink or Red all week. We will be holding our Valentines Stay and Play. See dates and times below.

**Chinese New Year 16<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March**- We will be celebrating Chinese New Year. We will be learning all about the celebrations in China and also hold our very own Chinese Take Away!!!

**Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**- All children will take part in making their own pancakes and help Neringa cook them in the kitchen!!

**World Book Day 5<sup>th</sup> March**- See details below of our book fair and activities.

**Mothers Day 15<sup>th</sup> March**- All children will take part in making something for their Mummies or special people in their lives.

**St Patricks Day 17<sup>th</sup> March**- All children welcome to wear something green all week.

**Down Syndrome Day 21<sup>st</sup> March**- All children welcome to wear their odd socks all week and make a donation to Down Syndrome Scotland .

## Fundraising:

Throughout the year we will be doing a variety of fundraising activities to raise money for our chosen 2 charities who we are supporting this year. The charities we have chosen have been a great support to families within our setting.

### We will be supporting:

Downs Syndrome Scotland  
ARC Hippotherapy



More information to follow in due course.

## Stay and Plays:

We will be celebrating Valentines Day together during our February Stay and Plays! The Bees and Bumbles are inviting 2 of their family members to come along for a stay and play and to take part in many Valentines themed activities. Please let us know who will be coming along.

**Bumbles: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2.30 to 4.00pm**

**Bees: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2.30 to 4.00pm**

## Outdoor Education:

Our Outdoor Committee will be working hard with David and AJ to improve our outdoor education areas. This is an ongoing project. Managers in each setting, have lots of exciting ideas for our outdoor areas so will be working hard to ensure that they are awash with lots of literacy, numeracy and health activities. Please give us your feedback on how we can continue to improve these very important areas. If any parents, grandparents or friends would like to support us with our Spring / Summer planting projects, please let us know.

Please ensure your child comes to nursery each day with waterproof suit/jacket, wellies, hat, scarf and gloves labelled with their name, thank you.

## World Book Day:

Jasmine from Book Mama will be back again this year with the Wonder Wing Books Fair for our families to browse and purchase any books. QueensWellies will receive 20% store credit from all sales to purchase books for the nursery.

The book fair will be open on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30 to 9.00am and again from 4.00 to 6.00pm.

The children will be taking part in World Book Day the week of 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The children can come dressed as their favourite story character and bring their favourite story book too.

We would like to invite our parents or grandparents in to read a story to our children throughout the week. If you would be interested in taking part, then please email WEW admin to book in a time.

## **Staffing Update:**

Congratulations to Faith and her family on the birth of their 2<sup>nd</sup> baby Ivy who was born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December.



## **Children as Active Learners: Books for bereavement and personal boundaries.**

We have lots of different books available in our nurseries. Please just see a member of staff if you would like to borrow any of them. We also have child lending libraries, parent lending libraries, bucket filler bags, literacy bags and numeracy bags, which can all be borrowed and used at home to further develop your child's learning and engagement. Please just ask a member of staff who will be more than happy to help.

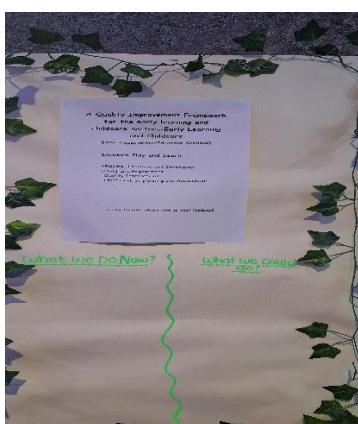
## **Spaces Available:**

We currently have some spaces available at QueensWellies. If you are pregnant, it is really important that you get in touch with us as quickly as possible. Don't wait until your baby is born! Please contact the office for additional information on 01224 741175 or [admin@kingswelliesnursery.com](mailto:admin@kingswelliesnursery.com)

## **Parental Consultations**

### **Question of the month February 2026**

Each month we strive to self-evaluate our practice because we want to be a better nursery. We also need our parents to give us feedback. Please take five minutes to add to our self-evaluation boards in our receptions. Many thanks – we very much value your feedback.



## **Parent/Carers Questionnaire**

Please return your Questionnaires to us so that we can see how we are doing. We appreciate all of your feedback, good and bad, so we can continue to improve our nursery.

Questionnaires have been emailed out and we also have copies in our reception area.

## **Wellies Nurseries Policies of the Month**

This month we would like to provide you with the opportunity to review and consult on our Vision, Values and Aims. We hope that you find this information useful. Please provide us with feedback. We have already emailed these out to you.

## **Parent Tips, Ideas and Suggestions**

This is a space for parents to communicate with each other. If you have any suggestions, please email us with your ideas so that we can include them in this section of the newsletter. We will also display them on our You Said, We Did ..... Boards.

*Wellies suggestion: Can you do a good deed every day in order to spread kindness and be a good bucket filler? Make use of our lending bags and libraries to have some fun with your children at home.*

## **Drive Carefully**

Please always drive carefully and reverse park when in our car park. The speed limit is 5 miles per hour at all times. Please avoid parking on the street outside the nursery as this is a hazard for cars turning from the main road.

## **Absences**

Please call the nursery by 10am to inform us if your child won't be in that day. This is in line with our Child Protection and Health and Safety Policies. Please ALWAYS sign your child(ren) in and out. Registers are outside each room.

## **Partnership Working**

We are delighted to continue to work in very close partnership with Aberdeen City and Shire Councils, NESCOL and Aberlour Furtures. Through these organisations we are able to provide employment opportunities for young people throughout the North East.

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## **What have the West End Wellies Gang been up to lately?**

Welcome back to all our families old, and new. We hope you had a wonderful festive period! We would like to thank you all for the participation in our Sing-A-Longs and Parties which took place in December.



We are all very happy to be back at nursery and have been very busy since returning with all of our extra-curricular teachers; Moo Music, Chef Lisa, Kids Rock, Gym Bunnies and Baby Bunnies.

## **Dates for your Diary**

We have put together some dates for the first quarter of the year for your diary. We will post reminders on Facebook as well as emails.

### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

Burns Day – All children are welcome to dress up in something Tartan all week. They will also enjoy tasting some Haggis, Neeps and Tatties



## Valentines Stay and Play

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Wellie Cubs will be holding a Valentines Day stay and play, where we ask for a maximum of 2 adults per child. If your child doesn't usually attend a Thursday, they are more than welcome to come along. Just drop an email to our admin team [wew@kingswelliesnursery.com](mailto:wew@kingswelliesnursery.com)



### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Wellie Badgers will be holding a Valentines Day stay and play, where we ask for a maximum of 2 adults per child. If your child doesn't usually attend a Friday, they are more than welcome to come along. Just drop an email to our admin team [wew@kingswelliesnursery.com](mailto:wew@kingswelliesnursery.com)



### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Chinese New Year – All at WestEnd will be celebrating Chinese New Year by carrying out a Chinese Buffet. We will be doing some food tasting and looking at the culture using out ITC resources.

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Pancake Day – All children will be celebrating Pancake Day by making their own homemade Pancakes.



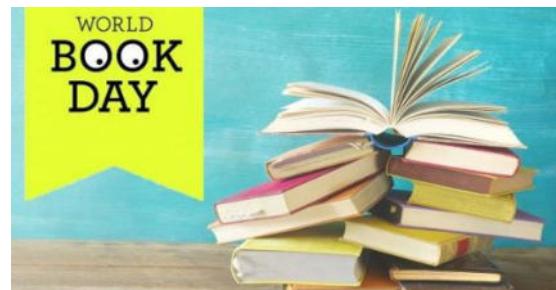
### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

All staff at West End Wellies will be carrying out a sponsored Cycle to help raise money for the Ronald McDonald Charity which has helped to support one of our families. Their story will be shared on our Facebook page along with further information on how to sponsor us in due course.

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

All children will be celebrating World Book Day.

Our book stall will commence from **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** until **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. All children are welcome to dress up in their favourite book character outfit, all week.



### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Mother's Day – All the children will be carrying out activities throughout the week so keep an eye on our Facebook Page.



### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

St Patrick's Day – All the children will be participating in a range of activities within their playrooms and they can also come to nursery wearing something Green.

### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Easter – We will be running our Easter Bonnet Competition for both playrooms from 30<sup>th</sup> March until 3<sup>rd</sup> April where we will vote for our favourite bonnet from each room. We can't wait to see your creative designs.



### **Staffing Update**

We welcome back Natalie and Emma from maternity leave who will continue to lead our management team. The whole team at West End wish Caroline all the very best as she returns to KingsWellies. We will miss Caroline immensely, but look forward to having her back across the year.

### **Children's Attendance and Registers**

Please let us know by 10am if your child will not be attending nursery on that day. Staff will contact parents after 10am to ascertain the whereabouts of your child. This is in line with our Child Protection and Health and Safety Policies.

Please also let us know if you have any holidays booked and your child will be absent. This saves us from bothering you when sunbathing by the pool! Many thanks.

### **Messy Children are Happy Children**

Please remember that our children are outside every day in all weathers, so please ensure that appropriate clothing is available for them to wear.

### **Visions, Values & Aims**

We recently sent all parents and carers a copy of our Visions, Values and Aims as we are currently reviewing these. We would like to know whether we are getting them right. We would like your feedback. Is there anything you think we could add or amend? What are we doing well on and what could we do better? Please help us to continue to improve.



### Parent Tips, Ideas and Suggestions

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### Question of the Month – January 2026

Please take five minutes to add to our self-evaluation board in our reception. Our question of the month is, “how well do we plan and manage transitions throughout a child’s day?”

We also have consultation walls. Please help yourselves to any of our consultations. Many thanks.



### Comments, Compliments and Concerns

Please give us your feedback – good and bad. It means a lot to us! We only want to keep improving in order to provide the BEST service possible. PLEASE make us your first port of call if you have any comments or concerns. If we work together, we will be able to achieve the very best for all of our children. Many thanks.

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# Vision, Values, Aims and Mission

**“Together we make a family!”**

## **Our Mission**

To transform the lives of the children and families we work with, through creating a nursery which feels like home with an extended and supportive family environment.

## **Our Vision**

Positive, caring relationships based on trust and respect, are at the heart of our philosophy.

We have a clear vision of what we want to achieve at Wellies Nurseries:

- to provide a safe, happy, caring, secure and stimulating environment for your child
- to enable all children to develop their capabilities as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors to society.
- to help all children to prepare for the future.

A Wellies Nursery: a place to learn, develop and grow 'happy healthy children'

## Our Values

We have a clear understanding of our values at Wellies Nurseries:

- **HAPPINESS AND WELLBEING** – showing kindness
- **ENGAGEMENT** – being involved, responsive, interested and interesting
- **RESPECT** – promoting a culture of tolerance, inclusion, diversity, equality, fairness and opportunity
- **COMMUNICATION** – being genuine, open, honest and sincere
- **ACHIEVEMENT** – highest quality, high expectations, aiming high
- **INTEGRITY** – means doing the right thing, even when no one else is watching
- **PARTNERSHIP AND CARE** – being reflective and learning from parents as partners, developing strong nurturing relationships
- **CHALLENGING** – testing ourselves and those around us, not accepting the status quo
- **COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE** – developing skills for learning, life and work

## Our Aims

At Wellies Nurseries, we believe that every day is a learning day and that learning is all around us. As well as being a place of learning, we pride ourselves on ensuring that all children are coming in to a loving, caring environment where they are valued and listened to. We also involve children and parents in trying to continually improve.

At Wellies Nurseries, we aim:

- to provide a safe, happy, caring, stimulating and secure environment for our children where everyone feels valued, included and respected
- to engage our children in the highest-quality teaching and learning and to maximise success for all
- to create a nursery which feels like home and to provide an extended family environment
- to develop a shared vision for the future of Wellies Nurseries
- to foster high-quality leadership at all levels
- to work in partnership with other agencies and our communities to promote the welfare of our children
- to work together with parents as partners to improve learning and care

- to reflect on our work and fulfil our learning potential
- to value and empower our children and staff by recognising and celebrating successes and achievements
- to promote well-being and respect
- to develop a culture of ambition and achievement
- to equip our children with skills for learning, life and work, ready to actively grasp and follow their dreams in the future.

Wellies Nurseries aims are based around Realising the Ambition: Being Me by the Scottish Government. These aims reflect our high aspirations and our commitment to excellence. Through effective teamwork, open lines of communication and in partnership with our parents, we will work towards the realisation of our vision, values, aims and mission statements.

## Our guarantee to you

At Wellies Nurseries, you can be confident that:

- Staff will actively promote our vision, values aims and mission statements
- We have clear policies, procedures and codes of behaviour, which are consistently applied by staff, parents, carers and children
- You and your child will be consulted about the service provided and your views and ideas valued
- All children are happy, confident, safe and secure
- All children will be in an environment where they are inspired, motivated, challenged and confident in achieving their full potential.

