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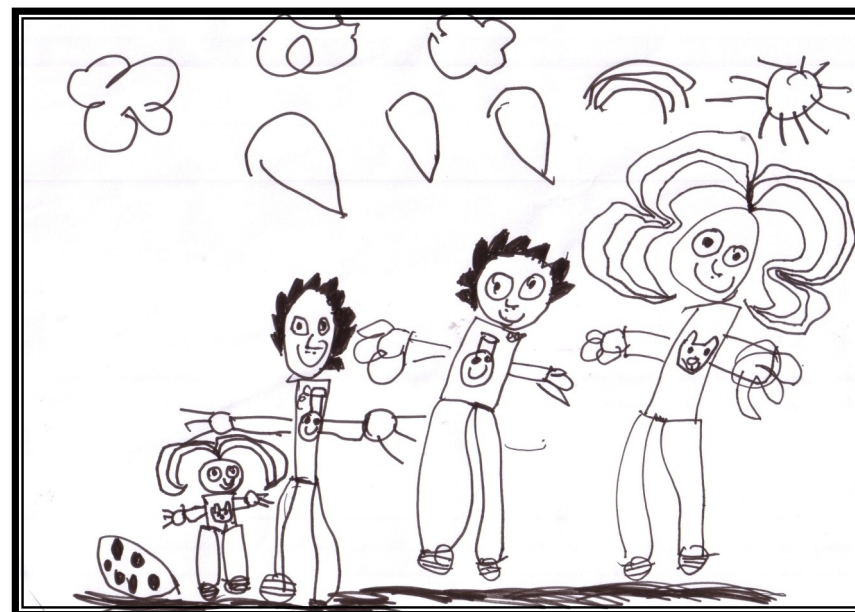
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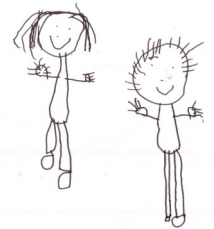
Welcome Pack



Home/ Nursery Communication

Each child has a Learning Journey which contains evidence of their learning. This is used to inform parents and to suggest ways in which parents can support their child's learning. Parents can also inform us of achievements outwith nursery.

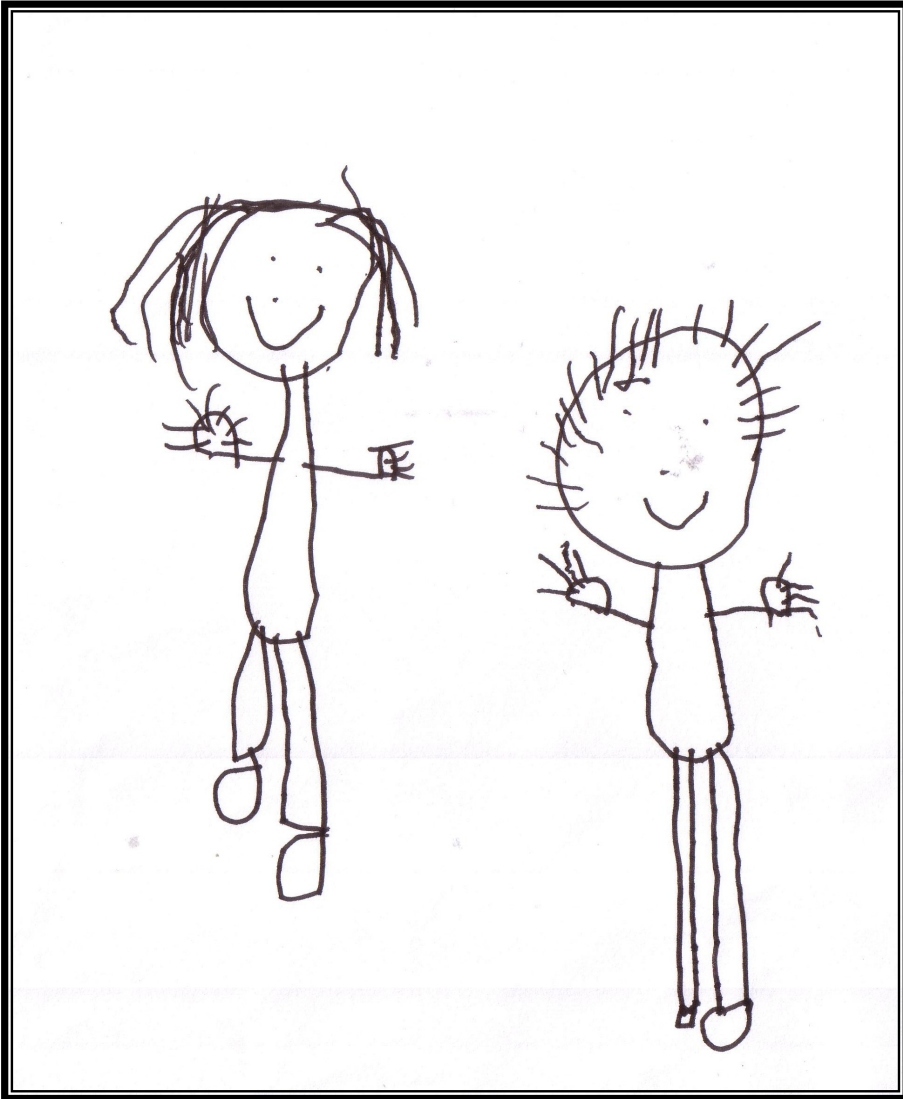
Staff use the whiteboard outside nursery to write daily messages to parents, including an overview of the day, information about forthcoming events and requests for help.



We operate an 'open door' policy at Cults so parents are able to talk to staff when they drop off and pick their children up. If you need to talk with staff for a longer period or in private, please arrange a meeting with the appropriate member of staff. We encourage parents to share any concerns with us as early as possible so we can work to resolve matters and/or offer support.

Parents have an opportunity to meet with nursery staff twice a year to discuss their child's progress. In the final term you will receive a written report.

If your child is unwell, please telephone the school office first thing in the morning on the day of your child's absence informing us that they will not be at nursery and their expected date of return. Children who have diarrhoea / vomiting must stay at home until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.



Being collected by Mummy.

Admission

Admission to Cults Nursery follows the policy set by Aberdeen City Council. We have two nursery classes; each class has 20 places for morning and afternoon sessions. Children normally attend 5 sessions a week.

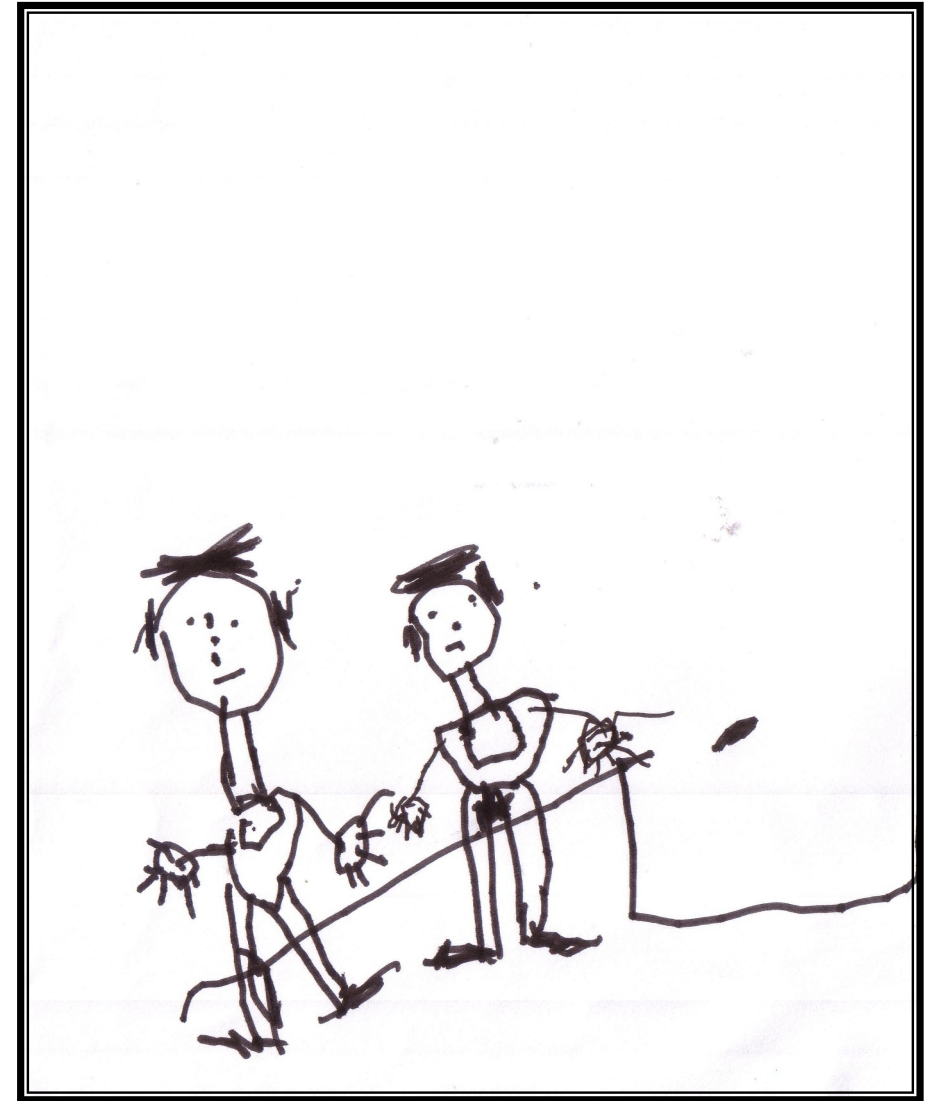
Morning Session - 8.30 - 11.40am

Afternoon Session - 12.25 - 3.35pm

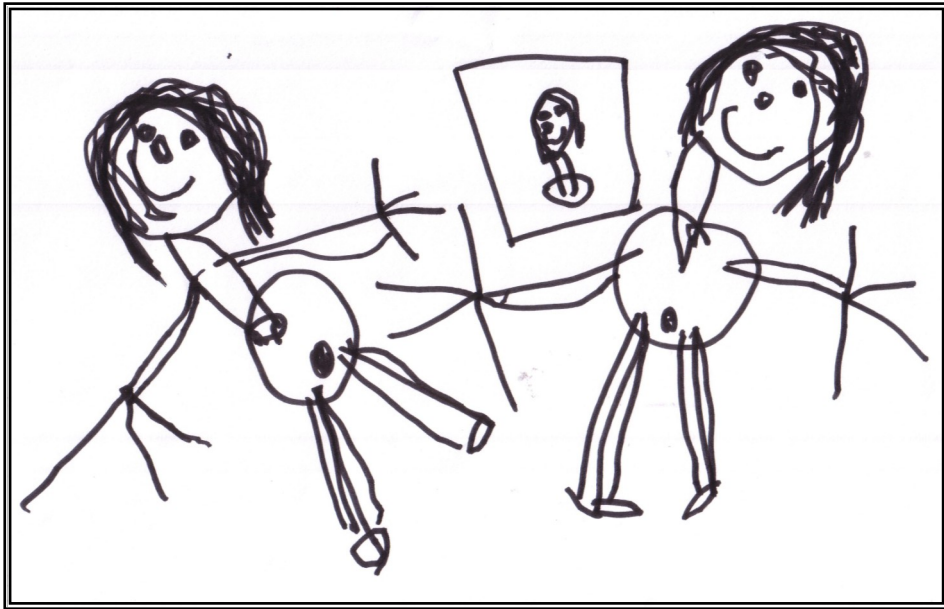
Starting nursery is a new and exciting experience. However, both parents and children can sometimes feel apprehensive about the changes ahead. At Cults, we aim to make this transition as smooth and as positive as possible. Below are some of the things we do to support your child's move into nursery and some suggestions of what you might like to do as parents.

Induction Activities

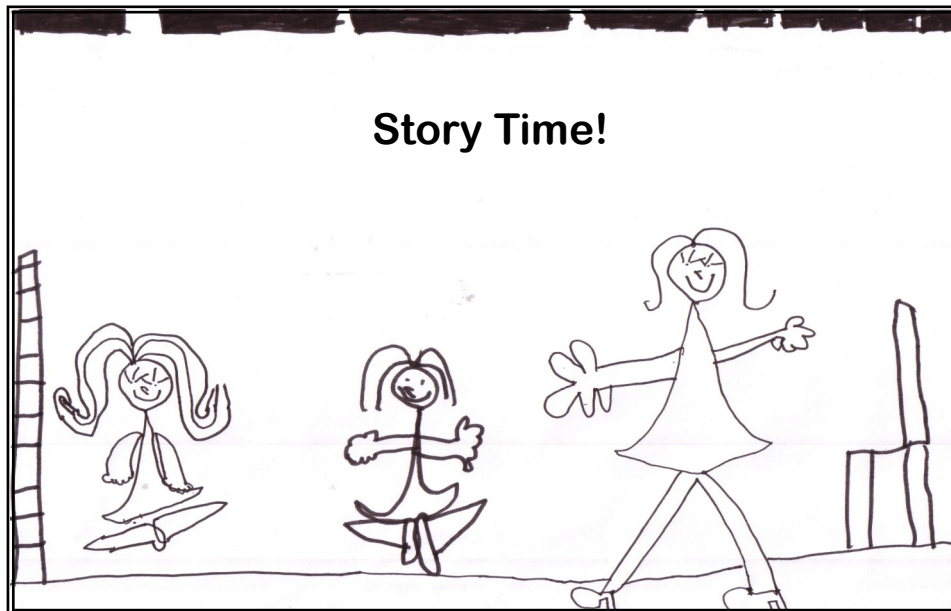
Before your child starts at nursery, we will invite you, your child (and teddy) along to a nursery picnic just for parents and children new to our nursery. You and your child will also be invited to a Forest session to help your child become familiar with the local woods, which are used regularly in nursery.



Playing with our cars.



We are playing the Dressing Game on the Smart TV.



Welcome!

We would like to start by welcoming you to Cults Nursery and hope your association with the school will be a long and enjoyable one.

Meet our Nursery Team



Miss Morven McKay
Depute Head



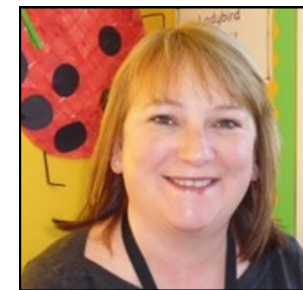
Mrs Jennie Duncan
Principal Teacher
Mon - Fri



Miss Fiona Galloway
Nursery Teacher
Mon - Fri



Mrs Gayle Bartlett
Nursery Nurse
Wed - Fri



Mrs Teresa Gordon
Nursery Nurse
Mon - Fri



Mrs Nicola Ogilvie
Nursery Nurse
Mon - Thurs

Learning and the Curriculum

Nursery follows the Early Level of Curriculum for Excellence. This is organised around the eight areas of learning:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Literacy and English
- Numeracy and Maths
- Expressive Arts
- Religious and Moral
- Sciences
- Social Studies
- Technologies

Each session is carefully planned, along with the children, taking into account their prior learning experiences, to encourage the development of skills, knowledge and understanding in all eight areas of learning.

These could include:

- sand and water play
- using construction toys
- creative activities
- role play
- listening to songs, music and rhyme
- using the computer
- playing with small world animals, vehicles or people
- completing puzzles and games
- tactile play with materials such as pasta and jelly



Learning and the Curriculum (cont'd)

The nursery has its own outdoor play area where children take part in activities to develop their physical skills and coordination.

As well as having access to a wide selection of picture and story books in the nursery, the children also use the school library.



Drinks and Snacks

Nursery children are entitled to free school milk as part of their snack. A healthy snack will be provided daily. Snack money is £2.50 per week. If possible, parents can pay by cheque, made payable to Cults Primary School, at the beginning of each term.

First Day

Nursery staff will agree a start day for your child at nursery. We stagger the entry of new children to nursery over a few days so staff can give them individual attention and help them to settle. As parents, you know your child best and we would encourage you to help settle your child on their first day. The first day at nursery consists of your child staying for one hour. At this time you will be asked to complete some extra paperwork about your child. The next day very much depends on how happy and confident your child feels but generally the time is increased. This arrangement is flexible and allows for discussion between nursery staff and parents to best meet the needs of each child.

An evening meeting for nursery parents is organised in September. The purpose of the evening is to explain more about the curriculum.

Clothing

Children in nursery do not wear school uniform. However, there is the opportunity to purchase a nursery polo shirt. While at nursery your child will take part in a range of messy and creative play activities both inside and outside. Therefore, we would ask you to send your child to school in comfortable and suitable clothes for such activities. Children are encouraged to manage their own coats and shoes (no Crocs please), so styles which are easy for children are encouraged. Children will need to bring a pair of wellies to leave at school. They will also need a bag of spare clothes which can be kept on their peg in case a change of clothes is needed.

Preparing Your Child

As parents you can help prepare your child for the move to nursery in the following ways.

If your child has not been apart from you before, try to arrange for him/her to spend some time with relatives/ friends so she/ he can get used to being with others.

Share books about starting nursery with your child and talk about how the characters are feeling about starting nursery. This will help your child to talk about any fears or concerns they may have and allow you to reassure them.

Help your child to become as independent as is possible by encouraging and helping them to:

- use the toilet and wash their hands
- put on and take off their coat
- use a tissue to wipe their nose
- share toys and take turns
- put their toys away

If your child is not yet toilet trained please inform the nursery staff. They are able to help children with their personal hygiene needs until they are able to do this independently and will work with parents to encourage this independence.