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I am Mitch Fraser and I am currently supporting Rothes Nursery whilst Eve is on maternity leave. I also manage Mortlach Nursery and Tomintoul Nursery. I aim to be in Rothes most Monday and Thursday mornings and a Tuesday afternoon and I am happy to be contacted by email or phone at any time.

We have welcomed one more family into the nursery this term and we are currently sitting with a role or 17 children. We are currently seeking to employ two part time PSA to add to the team at Rothes.

We would like to thank the RSA for paying for the clown, Mr Bubble, to come to entertain us at our party. The children very much enjoyed it and it was lovely to have our parents at the end of the party to see their children receive their gifts, which were also donated by the RSA.

December was a busy month with the children enjoying a range of activities which included have family member in for three Christmas craft mornings to make decorations. We very much enjoy having mums, dads and grandparents in nursey again after such a long time.

We had a lovely trip to the café to see Jan, who used to be the nursery catering assistant, and enjoyed a nice cup of juice and cake. It is good for the children to experience real life skills and socialising in our community.

On the last day of term, the children shared some of the songs that they learnt for Christmas and had a wee sing song.

Another highlight was our visit from Keith who brought in a wide range of wooden toys to show the children. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing how the toys worked and were delighted with the little spinners that he had made for them.

We are waiting to hear which of the refurb model will be taking place this summer. At a very minimum, a new kitchen, incorporate a serving area which will be at children's height will be installed and a new changing room, with facilities that will help to respect the children's dignity and meet the Care Inspectorate expectations. Hopefully we will have more news soon regarding the knock through extension. An extension to the amount of floor space in the nursery would have a considerable impact to all the children and staff, so fingers crossed we hear something soon!

The children in nursery have expressed an interest in babies and being nurturing and would like to replace the pram and baby resources we have, they are looking shabby and are past their best. Would it be possible for the RSA to help us by providing some funding towards this equipment?

I want to thank the children, staff and parents for making me feel welcome and I would ask you all to bear with me whilst I get to know you all.