

Kilbarchan Community Nursery



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If you wish to speak to your child's keyworker you can ask to see them at your child's, drop off or collection time, contact them by email (see above), or by telephoning the nursery.

Keyworkers will aim to keep you up to date with your child's progress, particularly during the first few weeks while settling. More formal arrangements will take place throughout the year.

For general enquiries, you can speak to Mairi, Victoria or Sarah at any time using the contact details above.

All absences must be reported to the office rather than the keyworker.

Please telephone the office or email enquiries or admin.

Hello Everyone,

Another very quick term has passed, and we are looking forward to the summer term and, fingers crossed, some nice weather. If the sun eventually shines, can you ensure that you swap your child's winter woollies for sun hats and, if necessary, ensure you apply sunscreen before bringing them to nursery.

We will also be looking for volunteers to accompany the staff and children to the woods to carry out our Forest Kindergarten programme. Please sign up on the list and check out all the information on the parents' notice board in the cloakroom.

Marion, our green fingered parent, will be looking for some help to tidy the garden. Look out for emails and Face Book posts indicating when she will be in nursery. You don't have to be a gardener; Marion will keep you right.

Marion, with her many talents, will also be looking for help with the Lillias float. So come along and get involved in all the fun things going on next term.

Mairi

STAFF CAR PARK

Please **DO NOT** use the staff car park between the hours of **08.30 and 16.00**. This is for the safety of your children and is a Renfrewshire Council policy.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU CLOSE THE INTERNAL DOOR WHEN LEAVING THE BUILDING!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SESSION 2023 – 2024

Chair: Catherine Macklon

Vice Chair: Jill Humphries

Treasurer: Loren Burleigh

Social and Fundraising: Karen Dickson

The trustees will be organising a range of social and fundraising events throughout the session. Please support them however you can.

The trustees chair regular meetings for all parents. Please attend if you can as your input is essential to the smooth running of your community nursery.

The next meeting will take place in the nursery on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30 PM.

You can join our new private FACEBOOK group by scanning the QR code.



IMPORTANT!
Please inform the nursery if your child will not be attending their session.
This is also important for school children attending breakfast and after school!

Parent and Carer Feedback

We regularly offer you opportunities to feedback on our service. I would like to thank those of you who completed the nursery feedback form in January and the out of school care form in February.

We do take on board your feedback and as a result of parents looking for more effective methods of communication, we are looking into purchasing an app, which can be used for sharing information about the service and individual children's progress.

A further questionnaire can be found by following the link below or by scanning the Q.R. code on the notice on the front door. This will only take a couple of minutes to complete, and we would really appreciate you taking the time to do so.

<https://forms.office.com/e/sBLZmj2a4G>

THANK YOU!

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT	WHEN
Forest Kindergarten	Indicate your availability on the list in the cloakroom
Baking	Wednesday Mornings
Musicland with Jo	Wednesday 1.30-2.30PM
Pre-School Physical Programme in the school gym hall	Mondays 1.15 – 2.00 Fridays 9.30 – 10.30
Bookbug	Daily 12.30 – 1.00PM

If you are interested in joining us for any of the above sessions, please add your name to the lists on the notice board in the cloakroom.

SWING SET

We were recently donated a wooden swing set for the garden. We have now decided that we don't have a suitable space for it and would like to offer it to anyone who could use it. It is dismantled in the garden and can be uplifted anytime. Please get in touch if you are interested.

Parent / Keyworker Meetings

These will take place **week beginning 13th May**. Keyworkers will speak to you individually to arrange appointments. Transfer of information documents will be available for parents of pre-school children to read and sign off. You will have the opportunity to contribute any information you wish to share with the school.

CHANGE TO LUNCH PROVISION

We have reviewed our lunch provision as we are finding that we are having a lot of waste, and more and more children are bringing packed lunches.

We have made the following changes in an attempt to better meet children's preferences.

- **We will order 1 hot lunch option each day.**
- **We will make a choice of sandwiches, wraps, rolls or pitta with two different fillings.**
- **We ask that you inform us by email before the Wednesday of the week before to inform us of the days your child will bring a packed lunch.**

The children will be involved in selecting their favourite sandwich fillings to ensure that we cater for everyone. Children with particular dietary requirements or allergies will continue to be catered for as before.

Lilias Day!

Saturday 1st June

We are really looking forward to taking part in the Lilias Day celebrations again this year and will be decorating a float for the parade.

The theme has still to be decided, but we would like to get a working group of parents and staff organised in plenty of time. We would hope to involve the children as much as possible, getting them working on decorations and props. Unfortunately, due to restrictions on the numbers allowed on the float on the day, we are restricting the participants to pre-school children or those of parents involved in the working group. Children will be required to be accompanied by an adult while on the float. A list will be put up on the notice board for you to add your name to you are interested in being on the working group.

Welcome Evenings

We are holding 2 welcome evenings for parents and carers of children due to start nursery next session. These will take place from 7pm to 9pm on **Thursday 9th May** & **Tuesday 14th May**. Parents of children already attending are welcome to come along. There will be a short presentation about the nursery followed by an opportunity to chat with staff. Refreshments will be provided.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN NURSERY THIS MONTH

We would like volunteers to help us with a little garden maintenance when we return after the Easter break. Some weeding and power washing is all that is required.

No gardening skills needed and all tools will be provided.

Children welcome.



Andy Stark from

STARK IMAGES

will be in the nursery on Tuesday 23rd April to take group photographs of the children.

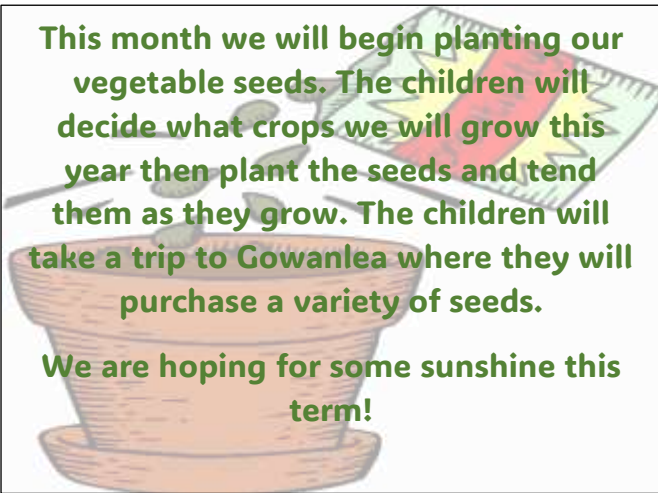
After School Care

We are hoping for lovely weather next term and the children can enjoy their afternoons in the sun after a long day at school. As you know, the garden can get particularly wet and muddy at times. Please can you put a change of clothes in your child's bag which they can put on when they arrive at after school to save their uniform from getting messy. A pair of wellies would also be ideal. These can be stored in the nursery.

Please make sure your child's name is clearly labelled on them.

This month we will begin planting our vegetable seeds. The children will decide what crops we will grow this year then plant the seeds and tend them as they grow. The children will take a trip to Gowanlea where they will purchase a variety of seeds.

We are hoping for some sunshine this term!



We are in the process of planning a trip to Hays Travel agents in Johnstone and a trip to the airport as part of the children's ongoing interest of aeroplanes. We have very excited plans to add an airport to our role play area.

If you have any travel brochures, passport covers, old boarding passes, suitcases etc, we would love to have them.



FUNDRAISING

We need your help

Would you like to get to know other parents and be part of a fun team, all while supporting your child's community nursery??

If the answer is yes, then we are looking for parent volunteers to get together and form a group solely for fundraising.

You don't need any special skills or talents just enthusiasm and can spare few hours here and there.

Fundraising is so important to our community nursery and we depend on the support of all our families.

All new ideas welcome.

Treasure Hunt

Take your family around our village and spot the baby animals.

All children will be given details before we stop for the easter holidays.

Garden Party

Sunday 23rd June!

Strawberries and cream, home baking, games, bouncy castle and more!

DIARY DATES

<u>TERM 3</u>	
Thursday 28 th March	NURSERY CLOSSES AT 2.30PM <i>There will be no after school service this day</i>
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	Nursery Closed - SPRING HOLIDAY
<u>TERM 4</u>	
Monday 15 th April	Staff and Children Return
Tuesday 23 rd April	Stark Images – Group Photographs
Thursday 2 nd May	Nursery Closed for Children - STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY
Monday 6 th May	Nursery Closed - BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 8 th May at 7.30pm	Parents/Trustee Meeting
Thursday 9 th May & Tuesday 14 th May	Welcome Evening
W/B 13 th May	PARENT / KEYWORKER MEETINGS
Wednesday 22 nd May	School Sports Day
Friday 24 th and Monday 27 th May	Nursery Closed - MID-TERM HOLIDAY
Saturday 1 st June	Lilias Day
Monday 10 th June at 7.30pm	Parent/Trustee Meeting
Wednesday 12 th & Thursday 13 th June	Primary 1 Induction Days
Sunday 23 rd June	Garden Party
Wednesday 26 th June	End of Term Party Last Day of Term for Returning Children
Thursday 27 th June	Pre-School Presentations Last Day of Term - Nursery Closes at 1PM <i>There will be no after school service this day</i>