

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.

Hi Everyone,

This is a very busy term. In nursery we have our Stay and Play month, which we would encourage all parents to engage in. We are also hoping that the weather will allow us to get out and about for walks and trips to the woods. If you can help in any way, please sign up on the calendar in the cloakroom.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have joined in with Bookbug or cooking sessions. These have been very popular, and the children have loved having your company. There are still spaces left if you would like to join us.

We have received grant funding to purchase trees for our orchard project. The fruit trees and bushes are ordered, and we hope, with your help, to get them planted very soon.

We have also secured funding for outdoor clothing, courtesy of SCOTPLAY and SPORTS, for both children and adults. This will ensure that we can make the most of outdoor learning opportunities whatever the weather.

The trustees have also been busy organising events and fundraisers. Please see details in this newsletter. It would be great to see as many of you supporting their efforts as possible and enjoying some social time after the restraints of lockdown.

Mairi



HELP!

We are looking for help to take some things to the recycle centre.

We would like some noticeboards put up in the playroom. If you are handy with a drill and have some time to spare, please let us know. Thank you.

Staff Leaving

We are sorry to inform you that Carol will be leaving us at the mid-term holiday. She is leaving to focus on her Craft and Highland Hustle dance classes. We will miss her but wish her well in her ventures.

STOP!!

Please make sure the internal door of the nursery is closed when coming into the nursery and before you leave the building.

MEET OUR TRUSTEES: Year 2022/2023

Chair: Alison Tourish (Iona's Mum)

Vice Chair: Jill Humphries (Hope's Mum)

Secretary: Catherine Macklon (Michael's Mum)

Treasurer: Claire Hunter (Cali & Rowan's Mum)

Social and Fundraising: Kira Keaney (Noah's Mum),

Andrea Hields (Alexander's Mum),

Anne Anderson (Scott's Mum)

WHAT'S GOING ON IN NURSERY THIS MONTH

Let's Connect

Sponsored Event

Monday 6th to Friday 10th February is children's mental health week. During this week the children are going to take part in a variety of activities that will encourage them to get moving and be active.

The children will receive a record card, which staff will record the activities they engage in at nursery next week. They will then bring it home for you to continue with during the holiday weekend.

A sponsor sheet will be issued along with a link to a Just Giving page.

We hope to raise money to develop and create more of our home link resources.

Wellbeing week 6th February - 10th February

Children will be focusing on what makes them happy and will be discussing ideas for snack, physical activities, and stories to enhance wellbeing. Children will have the opportunity to take part in Musicland with Jo James and Highland Hustle with Carol.

Throughout the week, children can dress up or wear pyjamas to nursery. Depending on the weather, we hope to get the children out for a walk to the park or down to the woods. If you can help with adult ratios for these activities, please let us know.

Also, if you have a skill that you would like to share with the children or would just like to come in and read stories, please speak to a member of staff.

Children will be making valentines cards and crafts using a variety of exciting materials. You can look out for these coming home in your child's bag.

After School

The afterschool children have been busy taking part in a variety of physical activities. Zumba and just dance have been a hit. We are in the process of setting up profiles, including new personal plans, for children attending out of school care sessions. Maggie and Lydia are looking for small glass jars with lids for a project that the children are going to be doing. If you have any spare jars, we would greatly appreciate them.



Parenting Support Coffee and Chat

Janice will be starting a parent support drop-in session on Thursday mornings from 2nd March. She will have the kettle on in the family room from 9A.M. Pop in to have a chat about anything that is on your mind. It is also an opportunity to catch up with other parents and share your experiences.

STAY and PLAY



This is your opportunity to join your child in nursery, see what they do and share their progress with their keyworker. It is important that you take part. A sign-up sheet is available on the whiteboard in the cloakroom. If the dates don't suit you, please speak to your child's keyworker to arrange another date.

Children's Profiles

You will have the opportunity to take your child's profile home to allow you to spend more time looking at it with your child. We would encourage you to contribute learning or experiences from home. However, it is very important that you take care of this file and return it in good condition by the day requested. **THANK YOU!**

OUT of SCHOOL CARE

We will soon be allocating places for out of school care provision for next session. A form will be issued to all children starting school in August.

Sessions are £5 per hour and are available for breakfast club from 08.00 – 09.00 and after school from 15.00 – 18.00. Breakfast is provided for children attending before 08.30. A snack is provided for children attending after school sessions. For more information contact the nursery.



BOOKS

We are looking for books for our weekly nursery book sale, also books for our after-school children.

Please hand in any donation at pick up or drop off time.

Nursery Sessions

2023 – 2024

We will be allocation places for next session very soon. If your child is returning next year, look out for a letter to confirm your required hours.



If you know of anyone with a child who will be 2 by the end of February, please let them know that they must apply for their nursery place now.

ORCHARD PROJECT

The grant funding has arrived for our orchard project and the trees and bushes are ordered. We are looking for interested parents who can help with planting when they arrive. If you would like more information, please get in touch. Thank you.

HOME LINK RESOURCES

We are hoping to raise money to produce more story and maths bags for the children to take home. These resources are intended to further extend children's learning and offer a fun opportunity for parents to support children at home. We ask that when these resources are issued, you take good care of them. They should only be used under the supervision of an adult and returned to nursery complete on the day requested. THANK YOU!

We are looking for recycling for junk modelling. Anything from cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes, egg boxes, plastic fruit containers, yogurt pots, material scraps, ribbons, buttons etc.

Children receive a stamp on their eco-card whenever they bring something in.

Forest Kindergarten

If you are available to help with trips to the woods, can you please pop your name on the calendar on the whiteboard or speak to a member of staff. We hope to get these trips up and running again as soon as we get some better weather.

THANK YOU!

FUNDRAISING

All funds raised at these events will go towards making our quiet room more inviting and interesting for the children to relax and enjoy a quiet place to spend time with books and stories.



PRELOVED PARTY

Wed 22nd Feb 7-9pm
Kilbarchan Community Nursery

Adult & kids clothing, accessories & toys from as little as £1

BYOB.
Free glass of fizz on arrival & nibbles.



For more info or to donate please contact
01505704839



Wellbeing Night

Friday 17th March at Kilbarchan Church Hall

Zumba, Highland Hustle and lots more!

Tickets will be available soon and are priced at £5 each.

The Committee are hosting a Cinema Day on Sunday 26th March.

This will be held in the nursery and snacks and drinks will be available to purchase. The film is still to be decided so if you have any suggestions please get in touch or speak to a Trustee.

DIARY DATES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
February	Stay and Play Month
Monday 6 th to Friday 10 th February	Wellbeing Week – Lets Connect Sponsor
Monday 13 th and Tuesday 14 th February Wednesday 15 th February	Nursery Closed – February Weekend Nursery Closed for children – Staff in-service day
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 17 th March	Wellbeing Night
Sunday 26 th March	Cinema Day
Monday 3 rd to Friday 14 th April	Nursery Closed – Spring holiday
Tuesday 25 th April	Nursery Group Photos with Stark Images
Monday 1 st May	Nursery closed – May day holiday
Friday 26 th and Monday 29 th May Tuesday 30 th May	Nursery Closed – May bank holiday weekend Nursery Closed for children – Staff in-service day
Saturday 3 rd June	Lilias Day
Monday 26 th June	Last day for returning children
Tuesday 27 th June	Pre-school presentations, nursery closes at 1pm – no lunch, late session or afterschool