

Kilbarchan Community Nursery



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Hi Everyone,

This is our last newsletter of the session, and we are delighted to include all the arrangements for the end of term, which can now take place without restrictions.

We have quite a few changes taking place for the new term in August. Sadly, after 25 years of working in the nursery, Dorothy is retiring at the end of term. She has seen the nursery through so many changes in her time. From starting out as a part time staff member when the nursery was held in the church hall, to moving to the new building in 1999, taking on the post of Depute Manager in 2006 and now with the extension and increase in provision. Dorothy will be very much missed by us all. We wish her well on her new adventures and much-deserved rest.

However, as one door closes another opens. Victoria has just completed her B.A. in Childhood Practice and will graduate from the University of Glasgow on the 27th June. Victoria has successfully applied and interviewed for the position of Depute Manager starting in August. We are very proud of her achievement as Victoria started with us as a Student and has worked hard to get where she is today. I am very much looking forward to having her work alongside me as depute manager.

A knock-on effect to this is the requirement to fill Victoria's senior post. We are also recruiting an additional practitioner and support practitioner. We are interviewing for these posts on Monday and will let you know the news when we can.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support over the past year or two. Particularly to the parents of the pre-school children who have survived the covid years alongside us.

We are very proud of the children who are leaving us to start their primary school journey. They are the real survivors of covid and are a credit to you all as their parents and to our staff team who have nurtured them through the most difficult two years that we have ever encountered. We wish them and you well for the future.

For those of you with children returning in August and to the families joining us, I look forward to working with you in more 'normal' times.

Have a lovely summer whatever you do.

Take care,

Mairi

Summer Trip - Tuesday 14th June

We are all looking forward to our Summer trip to Heads of Ayr.

Fingers crossed for sunshine but remember to plan for all weathers.

We recommend you take your own packed lunch, however there is a café on site.

For more park information you can visit:

www.headsofayrfarmpark.co.uk

Board of Trustees 2021-2022

Position	Name
Chair	Lindsay Fraser
Vice Chair	Alison Tourish
Treasurer	Celine Clark
Secretary	Tracey Rushford
Social and Fundraising	Andrea Hields
	Eilidh McLean
	Karen Murphy

We will shortly be looking for new trustees for next session. If you are interested in a position or would like more information, please speak to Mairi.

COVID Guidance Update

- Individual establishments can now carry out their own risk assessments around the requirement to wear face coverings. Through discussion with the staff team, we have agreed that face coverings will no longer be mandatory within the setting. However, if individuals choose to continue wearing face coverings, they will be supported to do so. This change will be monitored. If we have an outbreak of covid cases within the setting (2 or more linked cases), we will review this decision.
- Hand Hygiene remains a priority for both staff and children.
- Ventilation continues to be a priority and CO2 monitors are used throughout the setting to monitor this.
- Anyone, staff or children, displaying covid symptoms should not attend the setting until they are well.
- Testing is now not a requirement for the general public. However, staff have surplus testing kits and will use these if they have symptoms as a precaution for now.

<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Keyworker Groups and Contact Details

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If your child is going to be absent for any reason, you must let us know by contacting the office, rather than their keyworker. Please telephone or email Sarah or Mairi before 09.30. Thank you.

STAFF CAR PARK

Please **DO NOT** use the staff car park!! The only exception to this is if you are dropping off your child **before 8.30am or picking up after 4pm.**

Lateness/Absence

Can we also request that you try keep to your child's session times as much as possible. If your child is going to be late or absent from nursery, can you please call the office on 01505 704839 or email admin@kilbarchancn.com. Before 09.30.

Thank you.

Sun Safe

Now that the weather is sunny and warmer it is really important that we protect the children's skin from the harmful rays of the sun. Please ensure that you apply sunscreen to your child before bringing them to nursery and provide a hat too. We have some nursery hats at a cost of £5 if you wish to purchase one. If you have indicated that you will supply your own sunscreen, please ensure that you provide us with a bottle, clearly labelled with your child's name, to keep in nursery. On warm days, staff will reapply cream to the children in the afternoon.

End of Term Presentations

Tuesday 28th June 12.15 P.M.

After two long years we can now have a proper event to bid farewell to our pre-school children. On the last day of term, the pre-school children only, will attend nursery. They will have time to play before having an early, picnic lunch. Parents are then invited to attend the presentation, which will start at **12.15** and last no longer than half an hour. This will allow parents with school children time to get across to school for the early finish at 1PM.

FUNDRAISING

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Garden Party

The nursery trustees would like to invite you to our family garden party in the nursery on:

Sunday 26th June 2022

2pm to 4pm

Free entry

The fun includes:

Bouncy castle

Strawberries and cream

Home baking

Raffle

Games and much more!!!

We look forward to seeing you there!



The Queens Lost Coins

Remember to collect your form at the office. £5.00 per sheet and every child will receive a prize when the form is returned and entered into a prize draw.

Children that did not get a proper send off to school due to covid will all receive an invite to our garden party.

We hope they can all make it, and we look forward to seeing them then.

WHATS GOING ON IN NURSERY THIS MONTH

We will be learning about the growing cycle as we watch and care for our seeds as they grow.

We will be using our magnifying glasses and books to learn about insects as we hunt for bugs in the garden.

As part of our physical programme the children will be participating in races, skipping, egg and spoon races, and hopscotch in the garden and at the basketball court.

We have been getting very creative and crafty for our Jubilee Party. The children have been enjoying learning about the Queen in preparation for our celebrations.

We will be using resources such as plastic tweezers with pom poms to develop fine motor skills, which are essential for developing pencil control.

In maths and numeracy, we will explore positional language, learning to describe directions using a variety of games and toys.

The pre-school children are working hard preparing for our end of term presentation, they have been working hard to come up with different ideas and songs that we are looking forward to performing for you all.

ECO NEWS

We are continuing with our weekly book sale on Thursdays as part of our Eco Schools programme. The books are donated and then re-sold to the children. Taking part in this enables children to contribute as Responsible citizens by reducing and recycling.

The children themselves organise the sale by arranging the books and taking on the roles of shopkeeper and customers. Using the till encourages the children to develop an awareness of how money is used and to recognise a range of coins. The price of each book is 20p and to allow as many children as possible to take part, the day of the sale varies weekly. While all children can 'buy' a book without money, it is a good idea to give your child a small purse to keep in their bag with a few coins so that they can buy their book independently.

We are also continuing with our litter picking and trip to the woods.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
2 nd & 3 rd June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Holiday
Tuesday 7 th June and Thursday 9 th June	Welcome Evening for parents of children due to start next session
Saturday 11 th June	Party in the park (Lilias Day)
Tuesday 14 th June	Summer Trip to Heads of Ayr Farm Park
Wednesday 15 th and Thursday 16 th June	Kilbarchan Primary School Induction Days
Sunday 26 th June	Garden Party
Monday 27 th June	Last Day for Returning Children and end of term party for all children
Tuesday 28 th June	Last Day of Term – Pre-School Presentations Nursery Closes at 1pm

Please note the changes to holidays due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee