

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 collection or drop off 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.

STOP!!

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

Hi Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for stay and play, bookbug and cooking with children. It is great to welcome parents into the setting to see what we do. The children also love to welcome you into their environment and show you their work. Remember, it is essential that we review your child's personal plans with you, so if you have still to arrange this please speak to your child's keyworker. Parental engagement is a fundamental part of a community nursery. If there is any element of our service that you would like to help us with, please get in touch.

The trustees have been very busy organising fundraising events. Please support them however you can. Without this support we wouldn't be able to provide the resources essential to delivering a quality service.

Thank you, Mairi

New Welcome Procedure

We have introduced a short circle time welcome procedure in the morning to tighten up registration. The children gather in a circle at five past nine to complete registers and do the calendar. Staff use this time to inform the children of the activities taking place that day. We would welcome your assistance with this by ensuring that your child is here by 09.05. Children with a 9AM start time should arrive between 08.55 and 09.05.

Andy Stark from

STARK IMAGES

will be in the nursery on Tuesday 25th April to take group photographs of the children.

IMPORTANT!

Stay and Play

If you haven't yet arranged a stay and play session with your child, please speak to their keyworker to arrange a date.

The next parent / trustee meeting will take place in the nursery on TUESDAY 21st MARCH at 7.30PM.

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

WORLD BOOK DAY



On Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children can dress up as a character from their favourite book and will be encouraged to use their imagination to create their own stories.

The children will be using puppets to retell and invent stories. Playing with puppets helps to develop children's thinking skills and encourages them to use their imagination.

The children have been enjoying playing table games. The games promote a variety of skills including turn taking, sharing and following instructions.

We will be making Mother's Day and Easter cards and crafts. You can look forward to them coming home.



A big thank you to everyone who completed and returned our RSPB birdwatch survey.

If you haven't returned your survey, can you do so as soon as possible. The children would like to create a bar chart with the results. We are continuing to look for birds and other wildlife in our garden.

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.

Bookbug Sessions

Thank you to everyone who has joined our Bookbug sessions so far. These sessions have been very popular, so we would like to extend this opportunity and invite anyone, parent, carer, or grandparent, to come and join a session any day at 1.30PM. Younger siblings are also welcome.

Just add your name to the calendar on the whiteboard in the cloakroom to let us know you are coming.



Lilias Day!

Saturday 3rd June

We are really looking forward to taking part in the Lilias Day celebrations again this year, after the interruption of the last few years. We have decided to decorate 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 nearer the time for you to add your name to. If you are interested in being on the working group, please get in touch.



If your child brings their own lunch to nursery, please do not put nut products of any kind in your child's lunch box as we have children with nut allergies.

Nursery Sessions

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We are now allocating places for next session.

If your child is returning next year, please ensure that you respond to the email issued last week, to confirm your required hours.



If you know of anyone with a child who is 2 years old, please let them know that they must apply for their nursery place now.

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Ready, Steady, Cook



Are you free on a Wednesday morning?

Do you enjoy cooking or baking?

Would you like to learn how to cook or bake with your child?

Come and join us in nursery and take part in cooking activities with the children.

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!

ORCHARD PROJECT

NEWS FLASH!!

The trees have just arrived today and are required to be planted within a week. If you can spare an hour or so anytime over the next week to help us plant, please let us know.

THANK YOU!

Lending Library

We are revising our lending library procedures. Books will now be available in the Family Room for your child to select with your help. There are also books suitable for younger siblings so that they can have one too. The procedure is as follows:

- Help your child to choose a book from the shelf.
- Select a book bag.
- Record the number of the book bag on the record sheet along with your child's name and the date.
- Bring the book back within a week and record date of return on the sheet.
- Choose another book.



RED NOSE DAY

Friday 17th March

The children can wear something red or wear pyjamas if they would like to. We will be decorating red nose biscuits for the children to enjoy for their pudding. The children will have the opportunity to make a red nose.

After School

The children will be making their own sandwiches and wraps for snack using a variety of healthy fillings. The children will be creating spring arts and crafts to add to their wall display.



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.

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.

If you would be interested in joining our development group who are working on this project, please get in touch.

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.

A huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored the children for our Let's Connect sponsor. We have raised around £450 so far.

Our JustGiving page is still open for donations from our Let's Connect sponsor, just click the link below to donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kilbarchancn?invite=true>

If you would prefer to donate by cash, please hand into the office. Bank transfer is another option.

Wellbeing Night

Friday 17th March

Kilbarchan Church Hall

Zumba, Highland Hustle and lots more!

Tickets are available from the office or you can pay at the door

£5 each.

Pre-Loved Party

Thank you to those of you who supported our pre-loved party. The total of £93 was raised at the event.

DIARY DATES

Date	Event
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day
Friday 17 th March	Wellbeing Night
Tuesday 21 st March 7.30PM	Trustee / Parents Meeting
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