



# Kilbarchan Community Nursery

## March 2025



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contact us



Hello everyone,

We are slowly but surely saying goodbye to winter and nearing the end of another term and very much looking forward to the summer term when, we hope, we will have some nice weather to enjoy the garden and trips to the woods.

Can you please ensure that you have attended or have arranged to attend a stay and play opportunity to update your child's personal plan with their keyworker. It is a legal requirement of our service that these are reviewed regularly.

Thank you very much to everyone who has completed the questionnaire ahead of our HMIE inspection which will take place for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Your feedback is essential as we strive to offer you a service which meets with the needs of your family.

Please take note of the information contained in this newsletter as this is where we share any important information, including changes to our provision.

I'd like to wish a warm welcome to Siobhan Kincaid who will be joining our team as an Early Years Support Practitioner later on in the month. Siobhan will be helping during lunch times and at late session. The trustees are organising a date for our next Parent/Trustee meeting. I will send out an email when a date has been decided. We will be discussing ideas for our summer trip and our garden party. Please come along if you can 😊

Victoria

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



### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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 Victoria, Chloe 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.**

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

### Children's Sessions

Please adhere to the hours you have booked for your child unless you have made a particular arrangement for adjusted hours.

This helps us to manage the comings and goings to ensure security for the children.

It is also helpful for staff when planning activities.

THANK YOU!

Please

**DO NOT**

park in the staff  
car park  
between 8.30am  
and 4pm

### FAMILY ROOM

The family room is available for parents and carers to use at any time. Feel free to meet up with other parents or just enjoy a quiet moment. The cupboards are stocked with tea, coffee, juice, and snacks.

## WHATS GOING ON IN NURSERY THIS MONTH

If you have any unwanted clothing, shoes, handbags and jewellery, we would love it for our role play area. Amy, Steph and the children are working hard to create a fun and exciting space and we would love to add real fashion items to this 😊

thank you.

*We need junk for our junk modelling area. The children love to create fabulous models but we are running low on cardboard boxes etc. We are unable to take toilet roll tubes but happy to take most other things.*

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 encourage them to use their imagination.

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

6 MARCH 2025



Forest  
Kindergarten  
Learning through  
Landscapes

### Red Nose Day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



**Mucisland with Jo James**

Steph and Amy will be working with the children to create a "family tree" for the wall in the role play area and they will also be developing a shop and using money with the children to buy the items they use to bake.



**BOOKBUG**

### PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT	WHEN
Forest Kindergarten	Indicate your availability on the list in the cloakroom
Baking	Tuesday Mornings from 9.15am
Musicland with Jo	Wednesday 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Pre-School Physical Programme in the school gym hall	Wednesdays 9.15am - 10am Fridays 10.45am - 11.30am
Friday Bookbug	1.30pm - 2pm

If you are interested in joining us for any of the above sessions, please inform a member of staff.



Morag will be busy following the children's interests in early spring. We will be learning about the buds and flowers appearing, especially the ones in our garden and planting vegetable and herbs. Morag and the children will also be busy creating an Outdoor Message Centre to allow the children easy access to all kinds of mark making materials!



### Outdoors

*The children are developing a cafe in the mud kitchen, making up recipes to cook and serve in their cafe.*

*The children will also be taking part in treasure hunts and making their own treasure maps to follow.*

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

Danielle will be introducing talk for writing jotters for the children to create their own stories and providing lots of different resources for mark making.

Can you help with trips to the woods?

We are always looking for volunteers to accompany a small group of children. Speak to staff for more details.



In the home corner the children have been exploring various sensory materials when making play dough, exploring the rice, pasta and shaving foam incorporating this into role play when making food in the kitchen. They have shown great independence skills when pouring and mixing ingredients using various utensils. They have also shown great imaginative play getting very creative with various cakes and treats they make with each other which has expanded their social and language skills.

The children have shown an interest in the story book "Mr Wolf's Pancakes" and after some discussion the children have come up with various activities that they wanted to do within the home corner and shown great ideas to turn the home corner into Mr Wolf's house. Amy

We signed up for The Ruby Robin Award, which is a free, fun challenge for children. It gives children the opportunity to learn about the birds they see and to encourage them to take positive action for nature and help them over the winter!



We had to complete 1 activity from 4 types of challenges which we did and received our Ruby Robin Award. The children made Mosaic Bird Feeders which we hung up in our garden. We identified the birds that came to our garden using binoculars and books to identify them. We studied fact sheets to learn more about them and listened to birdsong to hear their singing voices. We also made an outdoor display wall to track our journey and revisit our learning.

Morag



Within the literacy area, we will be concentrating on Mr. Wolf's Pancakes for our next talk for writing focus. In addition to creating various scenarios and stories using the characters from the books, the children will be able to mark, create, listen to, and recall stories. With opportunities for imaginative play, writing, counting, and number recognition, we will have fun reenacting the story.

Danielle

Jan Fearnley



### Our next Parent/Trustee meeting Date TBC

The main items on the agenda will be our next fundraiser and the location of our Summer Trip!

It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible, the kettle will be on and there may even be a wee chocolate biscuit!!

Please  
remember to  
write your  
child's name  
on all clothing  
and footwear

### LOST PROPERTY

There is a significant build-up of unclaimed clothing in the lost property box. Anything left unclaimed by the end of term will be put in the Rag Bag recycling container.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS CLEARLY MARKED ON ALL OF THEIR BELONGINGS!**

Please avoid sending toys to nursery with your child as they generally end up lost or broken.

**THANK YOU!**

## FUNDRAISING

### RAG BAG

Please remember to support our rag bag recycling programme when you are having a clear out.

Keep an eye on your emails and newsletters to find out what fundraising events are coming up.

If you have any new ideas for fundraising, please let us know or speak to one of our trustees.

### BOUNCE BINGO!



Keep an eye out for more details.

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 4 <sup>TH</sup> March	Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
	Trustee Meeting at 7.30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday
	LAST DAY of TERM
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	SERVICE CLOSES at 2.30pm (No after school care service)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Spring Holiday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Primary 1 Induction Day (Kilbarchan)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Staff in-service day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary 1 Induction Day (Kilbarchan)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Term Parties (Last day for returning children)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Last Day of Term Pre-School Presentations NURERY CLOSES at 1pm (No after school service)