

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,

What a busy term we have ahead of us!

The children, staff and parent helpers are already working on the decorations for the float for Liliias day.

The children are creating fabulous finger paintings for Kilbarchan Show and the school children will be decorating stones to enter. Please come along to this event as there are lots of fun activities planned as well as getting the opportunity to see a range of farm animals and horse events too.

The nursery trip is booked, so look out for a letter with details coming out soon. The school children who attend after school sessions will have a wee trip out too, so look out for details.

The pre-school children are already working on their end of term presentation for parents. This will be a real tear-jerker as we say our farewells to the children starting school in August. We are already planning ahead for new starts and are looking forward to meeting their parents at our welcome evenings, and enrolment and induction sessions will get underway before the end of term.

The big event of the term will be our 40th Anniversary Garden Party. This is open to anyone who wants to come along, so spread the word. It would be particularly great to see former children and staff of the nursery.

Make sure you keep a close eye on emails this term. We wouldn't want anyone missing out on anything.

Thank you for your continued support.

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**

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You can join our 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!

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.

OUR SUMMER TRIP IS BOOKED

For
Wednesday 5th June
Monty's Farm Park



Our trip is for parents and children, there will be a limited number of unaccompanied child places. more details to follow.

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.

40th Anniversary Garden party

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The nursery celebrates its 40th anniversary in September and we moved into this building 25 years ago, on the 2nd June 1999.

We really feel that this is worth celebrating and plan to have an extra special garden party at the end of term. We would love to hear your ideas for the day and if you can help in any way, please let us know.

Lilias Day! Saturday 1st June

Preparations are now underway for the float with the direction of Marion, our creative director. 😊

The team will require additional help on the Friday night to decorate the float. If you can help with this, please let us know.

Look out for information to follow regarding what children and adults should wear. 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.

Parents can arrange a ratio of up to one adult to two children if they wish. Please add your child's name to the list in the cloakroom if you wish them to be on the float.

We also require the name of the accompanying adult.

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.

Parent / Keyworker Meetings

These will take place **week beginning 20th 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.

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. Some weeding and power washing is all that is required.

No gardening skills needed and all tools will be provided.

Children welcome.



Hopefully the sun will start shining soon and the children can get to work planting lots of exciting and delicious vegetables. The children shared their ideas of what they would like to plant at their Eco Schools meeting last month.

We will be very busy making lots of fabulous creations for our Lilias Day float this year. We've had some wonderful ideas from the children, and we are very excited to see the project evolve.

The children are also busy creating their entries for Kilbarchan Agricultural Show which takes place on Saturday 15th June.

BOOK BUG WEEK

Week beginning 13th May

Parents, carers, and grandparents are invited to join us for a Book Bug session this week.

Sessions will take place each day between 1 and 1.30pm.

Please sign up on the sheet on the notice board.



After School Care

We are hoping for lovely weather this 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.

School Induction Information

Kilbarchan Primary School are looking forward to welcoming you to the Induction Days on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th June. The sessions are as follows:

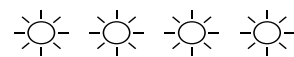
Wednesday 12th June (Time TBC)

- Your child will spend time in class with their future classmates and teacher.
- Parents and carers are invited to an information session with the Head Teacher.

Thursday 13th June (Time TBC)

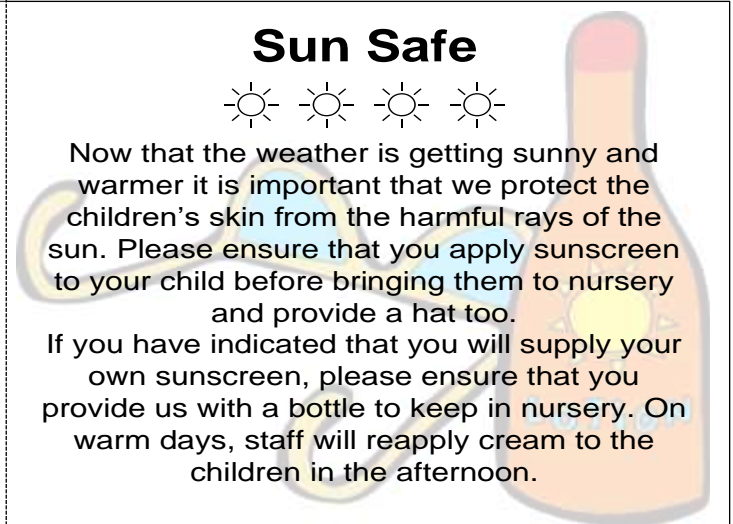
- Again, your child will spend time in class with their future classmates and teacher.
- Parents and carers are invited to hear about our nurturing approaches from the Principal Teacher, hear from the Chair of the Parent Council, listen to the pupils in the Pupil Council and hear other pupils talk about their experiences in school.

Sun Safe



Now that the weather is getting sunny and warmer it is 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.

If you have indicated that you will supply your own sunscreen, please ensure that you provide us with a bottle to keep in nursery. On warm days, staff will reapply cream to the children in the afternoon.



Happy 40th Birthday!

Kilbarchan Community Nursery

40th Anniversary

Garden Party

Sunday 23rd June

1pm - 4pm



The fun includes:

Bouncy Castle Fun Games and Prizes Food, Ice Cream
Strawberries and Cream And lots more!!!!



DIARY DATES

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Thursday 2 nd May	Nursery Closed for Children - STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY
Monday 6 th May	Nursery Closed - BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 9 th May & Tuesday 14 th May	Welcome Evening
W/B 20 th May	PARENT / KEYWORKER MEETINGS
Wednesday 22 nd May 6 – 8PM	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
Wednesday 12 th & Thursday 13 th June	Kilbarchan Primary 1 Induction Days
Saturday 15 th June	Kilbarchan Agricultural Show
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 There will be no after school service this day