



Welcome to our October newsletter. We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all our new children and families who have recently started with us and we hope you will be very happy at Arthurlie Family Centre.

Covid 19

Thank you to all our families who are continuing to adhere to the staggered start and finish times and keeping socially distanced. Should you or a family member become symptomatic please consult the national guidelines for advice and inform the Nursery. Thank you.



News from the Playrooms

The majority of the children have now started and are settling well into the new routines. Our numbers will continue to rise as more children reach their third birthday and join the Arthurlie family.

The children are coping extremely well with playing in their bubbles.

The staff have been busy planning lots of fun learning experiences, with an emphasis on outdoor learning.

The children are benefitting from walks in the local community, including the fabulous Big Barrhead Scarecrow Festival. Arthurlie had its very own entry!



The children have been very enthusiastic about building dens; learning about nature; designing their own obstacle courses; making shaving foam ice cream cones; practising sorting/grouping/counting/matching with lots of small natural resources; exploring woodwork; creating beautiful transient artwork; splashing in the puddles; mixing up lots of treats in the mud kitchen; listening to stories and singing favourite songs.



Indoors the children have enjoyed yoga sessions; developed number skills on the large touch screen computer; made their own music; joined in with singing and dancing; developed their writing skills; learned about healthy food choices and the importance of hand washing ; investigated shape, designed and built a variety of models at the block play area; mixed their own playdough and used this to make a variety of models. Many children have been baking bread and muffins and enjoying mixing their own ingredients.

Every day is a learning day and the children participate enthusiastically in the wide range of experiences on offer.



Maths Week

Maths week was a great success and the children were investigating shape and pattern with loose parts, learning about the value of money, subatising, singing number songs and rhymes, measuring, playing with dice and beginning to order and identify numerals.



Tesco Food Share

We continue to encourage our families to pick up something tasty from our food table which is now situated in the pram shed.



Extreme Weather

Please ensure that your child is always dressed appropriately for the weather. The children play outside in all weathers and need their wellingtons every day as our garden can be very muddy. On wet days, please provide a waterproof suit or jacket and trousers. During the colder months, they also need a hat and waterproof gloves or mittens. Due to the Coronavirus, the children are unable to share items of clothing, but we do have some items we can lend if your child does not have their own. Parents will be responsible for cleaning and maintaining any items borrowed.

In sunny weather, please apply sun cream before coming to the family centre. If your child is staying for the full day, please provide sun cream labelled with your child's name. With your permission, we will top up as required.

Please remember to label all your child's belongings with their name.



Spare clothes

Please remember to provide a bag of spare clothes, including underwear and socks, for your child each day. In addition to little accidents, the children play outside in all weathers and they are likely to get wet, muddy or paint on these when learning and having fun so please be mindful of this when dressing your children for nursery. The children currently are unable to share aprons due to the virus, and although we do take as many precautions as possible we can't take any responsibility for damaged clothing.

Medical Information

It is very important that full details of your child's medical history are provided when completing enrolment forms. This includes information about any allergies, medication or health needs. Providing this information ensures that staff are as well prepared as possible for any health emergency which may arise. We will seek medical advice and additional training as required. Please speak with office staff if your child requires **prescribed medication** during nursery hours. You will be asked to complete paperwork and provide medication, as required.

Please let staff in the office know as soon as possible if there are any changes, so that we can keep your child safe and healthy.

Halloween fun week.
26th to 30th October



The children will be enjoying lots of fun traditional games, songs and stories during the week and can choose to wear fancy dress costumes on the day that they wish, but please no masks, scary costumes, accessories or toy weapons. Children will be going outside so their outfit must be able to fit under suit or to be removed.

Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name.

Dates for the Diary

Diwali - Saturday November 14th.

Stories and light festivals on 11 - 13th of November



St Andrews - 30 November - Scottish celebration.

Scottish culture during previous week.

Wear tartan on the 30th.



Fundraising Donations for Christmas Hampers

2/12/20 - Odd sock day - Bring a tin

18/11/20 - Crazy Hair day - Bring a bottle

26/11/20 - Look like a rainbow - Bring a packet

11/12/20 - Draw Raffle tickets

Christmas

Term ends on 18th December



Staff News

Michelle Collins has left us on secondment to Glenwood Family Center, we wish her every success in her new post.

Sarah O'Neill has moved to Ally Bally Bee playroom and is getting to know all the children there.

Seona Lawless had joined Aitken Drum and working as part of that team.

Amanda Mullholland has begun her new post in the private sector as a manager.

News Updates



We share photos and the latest news about the Family Centre via [Twitter](#). Our Twitter page is regularly updated with useful information and ideas to support your child's learning and development at home and in the community.

If you've not used Twitter before, this is a great place to keep up to date with the life and work of the Family Centre. You do not need to post anything and you can create an account with no photos or personal information, which allows you to read the Twitter pages.

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