



Welcome to our November 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

To enhance our safety arrangements all staff will now wear face masks when we collect and return children at the Centre doors. We are requesting adults to also wear a mask, if they can, when they are coming to the centre. Please pass belongings to your child or place on the ground to minimise contact with staff and any information should be passed by phone.



Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Should you or a family member become symptomatic please consult the national guidelines for advice and inform the Nursery.

If your child has to self-isolate please find plenty of activities and resources on our [Home Learning Page](#) on the blog. Thank you.

### Halloween Week

As well as fabulous costumes the children in all playrooms had a spooktacular time creating, exploring and problem solving. They took turns to dook for apples, used their imagination to make monster biscuits, spider pictures and created potions!



We also used our literacy skills and numeracy skills to learn about letter sounds for Halloween characters and counted legs and arms on our monsters.



## Passwords

Due to the dark nights which are now upon us and the weather making us wrap up with hoods as well as mask wearing, it can be difficult for staff to recognise parents and carers when they come to pick up the children.

It may not always be the same staff member who delivers your child to you every day due to work patterns, annual leave, self-isolating or sickness.

This is why it's so important for the safety of the children to provide all family members or carers who are likely to collect the children from nursery your password.

This ensures staff can confidently pass the children to the correct adult.

Thank you.

## Journals

Over the next few weeks your child will bring home their Nursery Journal. This is a record of your child's learning and their progress since starting with us. You will find information and photos which will allow you to talk to your child about their experiences at nursery.

Please feel free to add to this yourself and comment next to parts you find interesting or something your child has said while looking through the book.

Please return the Journal in the Nursery Bag provided by the end of the month.

## Parent Consultations

You will have received a letter informing you of the day and time for your parent consultation. This is a 10 minute call to inform you of your child's progress in Numeracy, Literacy and Health and Wellbeing.

If your child is starting school in August you may be asked which school you are considering, any placement requests or if you are considering deferring till next year. This helps us when we undertake our transitions to Primary School work.

Outdoor Learning - Get Involved

WE ARE HOPING TO SECURE FUNDING THAT WILL LET US DEVELOP THE AREA OUTSIDE OUR HALL

**BUT**

WE NEED YOUR HELP. . . .

WITH THE IMPACT OF COVID19 THE OUTDOORS IS NOW A SAFER PLACE BECAUSE FRESH AIR DILUTES THE VIRUS (independent 13/07/2020)

We want to give our families and the community a space, away from home, to exercise and relax in together.

We **NEED** help to develop a 'Working Garden'

Please use our twitter link to vote and watch for updates



WHAT 1 THING WOULD MAKE OUR GARDEN GREAT?

1. WORKSHOP SHED
2. VEGETABLE PATCHES
3. GARDENERS GROUP
4. WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

**VOTE NOW!**

## Important Information for Families



Social Security Scotland  
Teairinteachd Shòisealta Alba

# Scottish Child Payment



We're taking applications now!

This new benefit will open on Monday 15 February 2021. It's a payment for families on certain benefits or tax credits. Eligible families will get £40 every four weeks for each child under six.

Find out more at [mygov.scot/benefits](https://mygov.scot/benefits) or call us on 0800 182 2222.

**mygov.scot**

Scot Gov website link to Child Payment site:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/social-security/scottish-child-payment/#:~:text=The%20Scottish%20Child%20Payment%20will%20open%20for%20applications,original%20timetable%2C%20despite%20the%20significant%20impact%20of%20COVID-19.>

Blog Link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Arthurlie/?p=13326&preview=true>

## Intentional Learning for 3 to 5 years

This is a new addition to our blog and reflects the learning taking place in ZDD and ABB.

It gives lots of ideas on how to continue this learning at home with your children and shows the children that nursery is an extension of life at home.

**Literacy** - Story telling and characters

**Numeracy** - Time - Daily routines

**Health and Wellbeing** - Fine motor skills

## Dates for the Diary

**Diwali** - Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Stories and light festivals on 11 - 13<sup>th</sup> of November



**St Andrews** - 30 November - Scottish celebration.

Scottish culture during previous week.

Wear tartan on the 30<sup>th</sup>.



## **Fundraising Donations for Christmas Hampers**

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

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

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

11/12/20 - Draw Raffle tickets



## Christmas

Santa will virtually visit the children this year with a personal message!  
In their bubbles, they will receive their special gift!



During December the children will enjoy many different activities and you will be able to join them by opening our interactive Advent Calendar where you can see the children taking part in crafts, poems, stories, actions and lots more!  
Look out for this on our Blog and Twitter!



## 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.  
You can follow us by searching for [@ArthurlieN](#) on [Twitter](#)

