



Welcome to our June newsletter! As we come into the summer and near the end of term we have to prepare to say good bye to many of our pre-school children as they embark on their new adventure into Primary 1. An exciting time!

**!** Remember for all children who will be attending over the Summer to take some time off to enjoy family time and let the nursery know when you intend to take it. Thank you.

### Covid 19

As restrictions begin to ease, please be mindful of continuing to socially distance, wear a facemask at drop off and pick up times. Please, should you or a family member become symptomatic please consult the national guidelines for advice and inform the Nursery. Thank you.



### Transitions to P1

Our children have been enjoying their time meeting friends during our playtime school groups and their P1 teachers from their school. This builds confidence and is reassuring for the children when they visit their schools and are familiar with staff members. Visit our blog for more information.



The school visits have been a great success and our children have enjoyed seeing their classrooms and the outdoor space at their new schools, as well as meeting new friends and their P1 teachers. We hope that as parents you have had the opportunity to talk to your children about starting school and listen to their accounts of the visits.

You will all be looking forward to starting school in August.

Our moving on ceremonies have been super the children have enjoyed gathering in the hall, playing games having their photo taken and receiving their certificate. We will miss them all and hope to see them in their uniform when they come to visit us!



It's **National Smile Month** and we like to remind everyone that although we are not brushing our teeth in nursery at the moment we hope to get back to it soon. Meanwhile take a look at the links below to see some helpful ideas to encourage oral health.

At home make sure you keeeeeep brushing!



Dental Buddy

[www.dentalbuddy.org](http://www.dentalbuddy.org)

FREE downloadable Dental Health Education Resource

Go to this Sway



Click [here](#) to find out if you are entitled to Best Start Grant School Age Payment

**Find help to balance your budget**

If you get tax credits or certain benefits, you could be entitled to Best Start Grant School Age Payment.

**Apply now!**

Social Security Scotland  
Teairinnteachd Sìocisealta Alba

The advertisement features a blue background with white and pink text. It includes illustrations of a man holding a stack of money, a woman with a child, and a school bag. A pink circular button with the text 'Apply now!' is prominent.

## Community Garden

Our budding gardeners have been using their green fingers to keep improving the Nursery Grounds. We will be able to clear the ground at the side of the building very soon to create our Wild Flower Garden. We hope to encourage many varieties of insects to join us with all our beautiful plants as we welcome the summer weather and enjoy exploring outdoors.



Always remember to wear sun cream and bring a hat to nursery on a hot day.



## \*\* Urgent - Spare clothes

Please remember to provide a bag of spare clothes, including underwear and extra 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,

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



### End of term

During the summer our children in the 3-5 year old playrooms can continue to attend their normal sessions. Many families are planning to spend time at home with their children or have holidays planned. Could you please let us know when your child will not be attending.

For pre-school children:

Could you please let us know your intended finishing date so that we can have your child's journal and all their belongings ready to return to you.

### End of Term Gifts

We know that you value our staff and often gifts are handed in for keyworkers. Just to mention that when the chocolate has been eaten, the candle burned low and the toiletries used it's the handmade card or drawing that we love to keep as a memory of the amazing children we have the privilege of having in our care.



### 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.

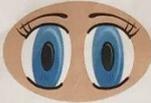
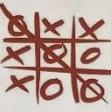
If you've not used Twitter before, this is a great place to keep up to date with the life and work of the Family Centre. You do not need to post anything and you can create an account with no photos or personal information, which allows you to read the Twitter pages.

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



## Enjoy our SUMMER Challenge - Pre-school children

Have a go at some or all of these activities over the Summer months. These will increase independence and build confidence for your child. We will give you a copy in the following weeks!

<p>Practice putting your jacket on without help from an adult. Can you fasten the buttons? Can you zip it up? Can you sort the sleeves if they are inside out?</p> 	<p>Practise letter sounds by playing I-Spy-With-My-Little-Eye, e.g. something beginning with the sound c - car, d - dog. Can you do this with lots of different sounds?</p> 	<p>Practise cutting out letters from newspapers and magazines. Can you spell out your first and second name with them? Remember to put a capital letter at the start of each name.</p> 
<p>Can you find someone older, a friend or adult to play noughts and crosses with?</p> 	<p>Can you practise sorting and matching out coins including £1.00, 50p, 20p, 10p, 5p, 2p and 1p?</p> 	<p>Do you know what day it is today? What date and month is it? What day was it yesterday? What day will it be tomorrow?</p> 
<p>Can you practise walking forward for three steps? Can you walk backwards for four steps? Can you change direction? Can you go to the side for six steps? Mix it up and try lots of different ideas!</p> 	<p>Use a notepad and pen, write down how many different numbers you can see whilst out walking. Look at road signs, door numbers and buses.</p> 	<p>Can you talk about your day today? What did you do? What made you happy? Who did you talk to or play with?</p> 
<p>Take turns when playing a board game e.g. Snakes &amp; Ladders, Frustration, The Shopping Game.</p> 	<p>Recognising environmental print e.g. food labels, familiar shops.</p> 	<p>Can you count as high as you can with no help? Can you count backwards 10 to 0? Can you start at 2 and stop at 6? Don't forget about zero!</p> 
<p>Draw a friend or family member e.g. head, body, legs, arms, features i.e. eyes, nose and ears.</p> 	<p>Practise putting on my own 'outdoor' clothes independently e.g. shoes, hat, gloves.</p> 	<p>Get 2 different coloured pens/pencils. Can you draw a pattern - ○○ Can you do it with three colours - ○○○ Can you now try it with four colours - ○○○○</p> 
<p>Take responsibility at home for tidying up toys, set the table and make a lunch box.</p> 	<p>Can you practise saying lots of different nursery rhymes? Can you find the rhyming words in them? e.g. Humpty Dumpty - wall and fall. Twinkle Twinkle - star and are.</p> 	<p>To follow a child friendly recipe e.g. icing biscuits, make a sandwich, krispie cakes.</p> 

## Staff News

From August many of our children and staff will have new patterns of attendance. Due to this there have been some changes of staff in the playrooms however the children will always be with a familiar adult to ensure they are happy and able to reach their full potential.

### Ally Bally Bee

Elaine Rowland  
Louise Fisher  
Gill Egan  
Sana Iqbal  
Jennifer Adams  
Alison McGinley  
Ann McGuire  
Michael McCann  
Laura McAleer  
Stewart Watson

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Sophie Collatin  
Gail Clark  
Karen Lindsay  
Jodie Turner

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Angela Wilson  
Laura Moffat  
Victoria Fernan  
Sara Duffy  
Heather Archibald  
Deborah Christie  
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Kerry McCann  
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