



# October Newsletter



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. All our playrooms have been getting to know the children and helping to settle them into their new routines and becoming familiar with the surroundings both indoors and out.

## Litter Picking

Our Learning for Sustainability Group have been busy Tidying up our wilderness garden. We found glass bottles Plastic bottles, cans, crisp bags and even a burst balloon!

We have been working hard to recycle our rubbish and limit the use of plastic in nursery.



## Reminder - Drop off and Pick Up Times

It is important to arrive on time at drop off and pick up times for the children as we have staff who have different work patterns and this can put added pressure on the playrooms. Should you be late to pick up your child please come to the main entrance as your child will be there with a member of staff.





As the darker nights are upon us please be aware of the car park which remains very busy up to 6pm. Keep hold of your child's hand at all times for safety reasons.

Maths is in the world around us, and there are plenty of ways for you and your family to have fun with maths at home, and out and about. Turn any day into a maths adventure. There are lots of activities on the Parent Club website too!



### Maths Week Scotland - 27<sup>th</sup> Sept to 1 October

We have been enjoying lots of problem solving, pattern making, counting, identifying shape, playing hopscotch and singing number songs and rhymes!



We also have a [Thing link](#) on our website where you might see some familiar faces taking part in maths activities!



### Journals

We will be piloting online journals for a group of children using SeeSaw. If you have received the consent form for this it must be returned before we can start your child's SeeSaw profile. Our usual paper journals will be used alongside this and will contain information about the progress of your child, their Social, Emotional, Physical and Cognitive development as well as the child's voice, their interests, likes and dislikes.

We know that these are a great way of reporting to our families and as they are working documents we would ask that when they are sent home that they are returned to Nursery.

### 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,



### 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.**





## Eco Week

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October

ZDD - Monday and Wednesday 10am and 2.30pm

ABB - Tuesday and Thursday 10am and 2.30 pm

BB and AD - Tuesday and Thursday 10am

### Recycled Fashion Show

The children will create an outfit using recycled materials which they will show off on the catwalk.

Please come along and support the children as they work together to present their creativity. You are invited to join us in the Caterpillar Garden where you will also see our

amazing vegetables!



### Pick your own Pumpkin

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October



Come along to buy your pumpkin in time for Halloween, pick up a recipe book and see our Scarecrows!

Enjoy some Hot Chocolate and a Biscuit!

All for Only £3.50 ?



## In the Spotlight – Interview with a Staff Member!

Our group of budding journalists have been hard at work this month. They have created questions and carried out interviews with members of the Senior Management Team.

They asked Vicky, Leeanne and Mandi the following questions:

1. What is your favourite colour?
2. What is your favourite dinosaur?
3. What is your favourite food?
4. Do you have any pets?
5. What are you going to dress up as for Halloween?
6. Do you get tired sometimes?
7. Do you have a car?
8. Do you like chocolate buttons?
9. How does night time happen?
10. How tall are you?

### Vicky



1. Purple
2. Triceratops
3. Steak
4. I have a boxer dog called Nala and two cats - Milo and Zuri.
5. A princess
6. I get tired after nursery.
7. I do, a silver car.
8. I like them but I can only eat gluten free ones.
9. When it gets dark.
10. I am as tall as two Coles!

### Leeanne

1. Green
2. Brontosaurus
3. Macaroni
4. I have a dog called Bailey. She has a curly tail.
5. A witch
6. Very tired
7. Yes, a blue car.
8. I love chocolate buttons.
9. When the sun goes down to sleep.
10. 5 ft. 5 in.



## Mandi



1. Blue
2. Pterodactyl
3. Pizza
4. I have a little dog called Tobi and Sydney the snake.
5. A witch
6. I do, sometimes I fall asleep watching a film.
7. Yes, purple and white one
8. Yes
9. When the sun goes to bed and the moon comes out to play.
10. Not tall enough, 5 ft. 4 in. I think.

## Dates for your diary

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>

October Holiday

25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October

Eco Week

Recycled Fashion Show, Pumpkins, Scarecrows

29<sup>th</sup> October

Halloween - Come dressed up to Nursery for some fun!



