



We wish you all a wonderful 2023 and look forward to having more events where we can get together as a community and celebrate the work of our young people.

It has been great to see all our families again and listen to the stories of the festive season from the children.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of our Christmas hamper winners!

Thank you to everyone for the donations over Christmas which helped to create our raffle prizes! Singing round the fire while sending our letters to Santa was a great success as was the hot chocolate! It was so good to see our families in the centre again. Thank you for your continued support.



Global Citizenship

This term we are investigating food from around the world, beginning with Chinese New Year and then Scottish cuisine for Burns Day.

We are very interested in receiving your traditional home recipes which we hope to collate into a cook book to be part of our enterprise topic.

The more exotic the better!

Write down or email your recipe to us and we will try to include as many as we can, feel free to include a photo of the dish too and we can illustrate the book.



Learning for Sustainability

We are hosting a number of family and community events in February to improve our Kitchen and Wilderness Garden as well as encourage more wildlife. Hope to see you there!

Arthurlie Bog Garden - Our vision

to make the best use of the marshy ground



to encourage new wildlife



to grow new plants & flowers



to help us learn about birds and bugs with our cameras



Please check your emails to ensure you are receiving communication from us.
If you have changed your email please contact the office.



Dates for the diary

W/C 16th January - Chinese New Year - Year of the Rabbit



We plan to make spring rolls for snack, enjoy Dragon dancing, learn about some Chinese traditions and use chopsticks!

W/C 23rd January - Burns week, with music, stories and dance.



All children will have the opportunity to listen to Scottish music, stories, poems, learn traditional dance steps and bake shortbread and taste vegetarian haggis and tattie scones. Feel free to dress in tartan any day this week.

W/C 30th January - 3rd February - Languages week Scotland '23

We will be investigating the various languages used by our families building awareness of other cultures in our community.

W/C 6th February - Mental Health Week



The children will be exploring emotions and describing different feelings, reading stories e.g. Lucy's Blue Day.

The children will learn that it's OK to feel angry, sad, happy and be encouraged to talk openly about how they feel on a daily basis with adults and peers.

Healthier minds is a free resource available online to support carers and parents.

Friday 10th February - In service Day, Nursery is closed.

Monday 13th February and Tuesday 14th February - Term Time Holiday

The Nursery is open to all non-term time children

W/C 27th March - Sponsored Bunny Hop

The children will be taking part in a sponsored Bunny Hop event where they will cross an obstacle course during their session at nursery. We would appreciate your support for this fundraising event.

We will be consulting with the children and families on what they would like the money raised to be spent on!



Stay and Play

This as a chance for parents/carers to come into the playrooms and join in the fun!
We hope to have some dates for this very soon!

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.



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.

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



P1 Application closing date is
20th January 2023

3yr old Nursery application closing date
is 28th February 2022

If you are deferring entry to P1 you must complete the paperwork for P1 application by 31st January

Should you require assistance with paperwork for school/ nursery or other forms which require completed, please let us know and we can put you in touch with someone who can help.

It can be difficult to access online information too so if we can help please contact the office.



Would you like to be involved in decision making within the Centre?

Please become part of our Parent/Carer Committee this would require a small amount of your time but would make a huge difference to us as we value your opinion and views.

We have amended some of our policies recently and would like to have parents' eyes to read over them and ask questions to ensure you agree with the content.

Also

Perhaps you have particular skills to share with us e.g. gardening knowledge, storytelling, woodwork, crafts, musical talent, dancing! Please let us know we would love to hear from you!



A huge thank you to all our families who contributed to our family events last year!

Our Pumpkin Pick was a great success as was our Christmas Hamper Raffle and Enterprise!

We raised an amazing sum of money £826.30 all of which will be used to enhance the care and education of our children.

With this money we will be buying some night cameras to allow the children to discover animals which roam our garden at night, as well as bird boxes, and garden equipment to encourage more wildlife to our outdoor spaces.

We also wish to create a Sensory Garden for the children to investigate and explore the natural environment, which has been proven to increase positive health and wellbeing.

Calling all Sewers!

Do you have a working sewing machine?

Do you have the skills to help us make some
napkins for the baby room?

If so please contact the centre!



Request from the 3-5 yrs. Playrooms

Junk modelling materials wanted - monthly

All our children love to create models out of recycling items, such as
cereal boxes, cardboard food packaging etc.

(No toilet rolls or egg boxes due to possible contamination)

This is a great way to enhance problem solving, fine motor and design
skills.

Please hand in your recycling at the drop off door - Thank you!