

Welcome back to a new term where adventure awaits!



It has been a fabulous summer and all our staff, children and families have had some wonderful adventures here at the Family Centre. Festivals, beach parties and a trip to Tinker Town to name but a few. As we welcome our term time staff and families back to nursery we have also enjoyed meeting our new children and their families into the playrooms. We hope to continue to build relationships with you all and welcome you into the centre for a variety of events, workshops and meetings where we can work together again!

Peas Please Project

We are delighted to announce the Peas Please Project is coming to Arthurlie.

This means that our children will become more familiar with vegetables and the different ways to use them.

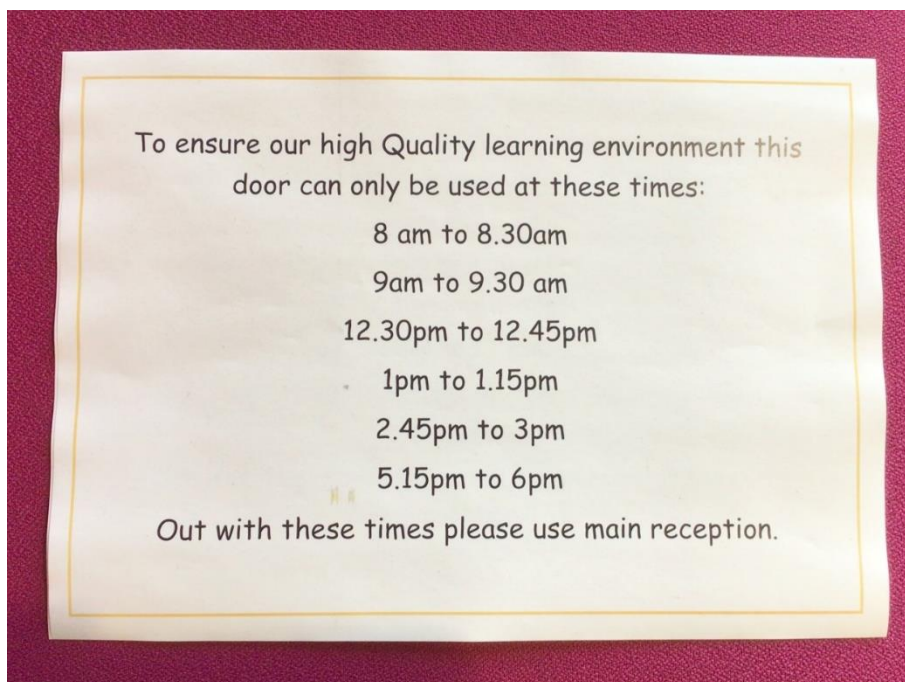
This will begin in September.

Please click on the link below to find out more!



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Please note our door opening times, this information is at both doors.



Library Cards

If your child does not have library card already, come to the office to pick up an application form.

The library is a fantastic resource and a place for you and your child to explore lots of different books in a calm environment.

Every Child a Library Member is a universal offer for children's library membership in Scotland.

Your child will be offered library membership at key stages across the early years from birth to primary school. Libraries will support you throughout your child's reading journey to offer advice and support and provide access to a world of books, learning and fun as well as supporting adult and family learning.

Here are just some of the benefits that library membership offers:

- A safe and trusted space to explore together offering a range of **FREE** activities including book groups, arts & crafts, coding and lego clubs.
- Access to a wide range of free quality books for the whole family to enjoy.
- Free Wi-fi and PCs as well as digital support and signposting to other support services in the community.
- Access to E-Books, E-Audio & E-Magazines.

For more information about the benefits of library membership and for details of how to contact your local library, please visit www.everychild.scot



Staff News

Congratulations to Denise Elder (ABB) who recently successfully completed a Graduate Apprenticeship BA degree in Early Learning and Childcare - Well done!

Over the summer we said goodbye to Alice Murray and Laura Smith who are moving on to further their studies, Kerry McCann and Seona Lawless who are working with outreach within the community. We wish them well in their new endeavours.

We have appointed 3 internal Senior CDO positions. The successful candidates were;

Zoe McNeil - ABB

Lauren Young - ZDD

Jennifer Taylor - AD and BB



New members of staff include;

Emma Collins - CDO

Kimberley O'Donnell - CDO

Kayleigh Fernan - CDO



Abbie Macalister - CDO

Izumi Kuroda - PSA

Nicola Young - Playworker



Colin Reed - Playworker



Lynne McKelvie - Playworker



Natalie Reynolds - Playworker



Please label all personal items!

It is extremely important that all items, including spare clothing, footwear, outdoor suits and wellies, bags and boxes are able to be identified.

Staff will write names on any items that are not labelled.

This avoids confusion and loss of items in busy playrooms.

Soft shoes for indoors are required to ensure our soft furnishings remain clean and tactile for the comfort of the children.

Toyfund



All new parents will shortly be receiving their ParentPay letters, this allows you to pay the suggested weekly donation of £3.00 online. This donation allows us to provide extracurricular activities for the children e.g. baking, gardening and sensory activities. It also helps us to fund occasions such as Easter, Halloween and Christmas.

Come and join us

We have some great opportunities for families to come into the centre and get involved.

Stay and Play - where you can play alongside your child in their playroom and get an idea of what they get up to at nursery! Look out for the dates on Seesaw!

The Café - where you can come along and meet other families and have the opportunity to ask questions, e.g. financial issues, parenting advice, courses available etc. look out for the posters.

Learning for Sustainability - Join us for litter picking, gardening, cooking and baking at a day and time that suits you. You might also wish to contribute to our Eco Committee and RRSA - Rights Respecting Schools Award group. Please contact us to find out more!

Family Events - Eco fashion show, Pumpkin Picking, Dough Disco, Christmas present wrapping, Enterprise work, Toy Swap, Community Day, Play Talk Read, Crafts, and much, much more! Look out for more information on Seesaw!

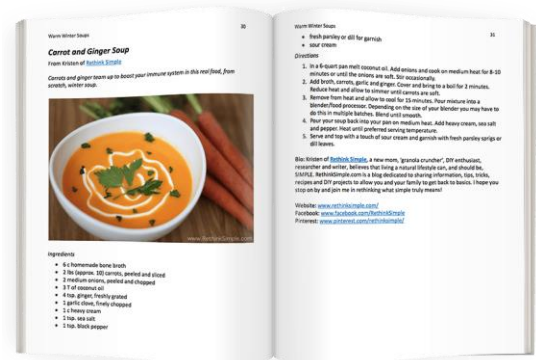
Please let us know what you would be interested in and if you have a talent that you would be willing to share with us please do. In the past we have enjoyed Storytelling, music workshops, traditional recipes, short talks about your profession and grandparents please join in too!

International cookbook

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.



Global Citizenship - putting us on the map!



Last year we were so happy to learn about the different languages used by our families and would like to gain more knowledge.

We are eager to find out where all our families come from and have begun to create a map where we can celebrate our cultural diversity. Come and make your mark with putting yourself on the map!

The map will allow us to have a visual representation and increase the children's awareness of Global Citizenship.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 31 st August -	3-5yrs Open Afternoon - New Families	
Friday 22 nd September -	September Weekend	Centre Closed
Monday 25 th September -	September Weekend	Centre Closed
Monday 25 th to 29 th September -	Maths Week	
Monday 9 th to 13 th October -	Pumpkin Picking and Eco Fashion Show	
Monday 16 th to 20 th October -	Term time October week	Centre open
Monday 23 rd October -	In service day	Centre Closed
Monday 13 th to 24 th November -	Parent Consultations	
Monday 14 th -20 th November -	Book Week	
Thursday 30 th November -	Play Talk Read	
Monday 4 th to 8 th December -	Enterprise week and Toy Swap	
Friday 22 nd December -	Close for Christmas	



It has been lovely getting to know all of our new children and their families over the past two weeks and we look forward to continuing to build our relationships with you all.

Moving forward we would remind both returning and new parent/carers that it is imperative that your child's pick up list is up to date. Should any person collecting not be on this they will not be allowed to take your child with them.

At times we understand that parent/carers may not be able to collect their child due to unforeseen circumstances. If this occurs it is important that you call the office to let them know of someone else picking up. If this person is unfamiliar to our staff and is not on the pick-up list we will ask for the password that you provided when your child started. If they are unable to provide this password we will be unable to release your child into their care.

This list should be updated at the main office when you wish to add or remove people. Office staff will update accordingly and inform key staff.

F.A.O – Ally Bally Bee and Zickety Dickety Dock families only

Please note we will also be trialling a new system in relation to the pick-up and drop off times. These have been displayed in the foyer at the 3 – 5 playrooms. We would appreciate if you would adhere to these times (copy included in the newsletter for your information). Should you wish to collect your child outwith these times you should go to the main office.

A gentle reminder that all parents should line up at the designated areas for each playroom. Ally Bally Bee parents should line up to the right of the entrance doors alongside the office windows. Zickety Dickety Dock parents should line up along the playroom windows to the left of the entrance doors. Please be aware at times the rooms are extremely busy and this may result in it taking a bit longer to collect your child or bring your child to you, we would ask for your patience at these times.

Should you wish to discuss any of the information on this note please do not hesitate to call and speak to a member of our Senior Management Team.