



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.

As we settle into the Autumn season we have seen lots of changes in our environment including the weather, colour of the trees, leaves falling, investigating conkers and darker mornings.



We have been investigating lots of different vegetables in the playrooms and been extremely creative with it. From Spa treatments with cucumbers, making tomato soup, spiralising radishes, pickling, weighing, measuring, counting carrots, singing songs and reading stories all about vegetables. The children have learned about where our vegetables come from and families have been taking their surprise bags home and using it there too.

We are looking forward to our next delivery!



## 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.



We have VERY LIMITED items of clothing we can lend your child if they do not have their own. Parents will be responsible for cleaning and returning any items borrowed. Should you have leggings or trousers which your child has outgrown we would be grateful if you could hand them into the nursery.

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.**

We had a very successful maths week playing games, singing songs, and counting forwards and backwards! Our workshop allowed families to join in activities and get good ideas about what maths games you can play at home to encourage our children that maths is fun!

STEM  
Maths Week  
Scotland  
**MATHS WEEK  
SCOTLAND 2023**





## Stay and Play

It was lovely to see all our families participating in fun activities in our community hall.

Sensory play, mark making and block play all featured, allowing parents to see first-hand the values all these activities have for our children to make progress in their learning.

A workshop followed where a presentation was given to demonstrate the Early Years Curriculum and how the children access it and the learning it provides.

Please take a look at the room tours on our website which provide further information around the learning environments and provocations.



We are planning regular Stay and Play sessions two days a week in the 3 to 5 year old playrooms. There will be 3 options to attend 8am to 8.30am, 9am to 9.30am or 3pm to 3.30pm. Look out for further information on these sessions via Seesaw.

Monthly Book Bug sessions will be coming available for 0 to 3yrs. Invitations will be sent through Seesaw



## Halloween fun days 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October

The children will be enjoying lots of fun traditional games, songs and stories during the week and can choose to wear fancy dress costumes on the day that they wish, but please **no masks, scary costumes, accessories or toy weapons**. Children will be going outside so their outfit must be able to fit under suit or to be removed. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name.

## Recycled Fashion Show and Pumpkin Pick

We have had the best time using recycled materials to make costumes!

We have had pumpkins, skeletons, aeroplanes, robots, princesses, kings and queens, dinosaurs and much, much more. Our imagination and creativity skills have been amazing.

We have enjoyed listening to our story teller Colin tell us all about the Hairy Toe, picking our pumpkins, drinking hot chocolate and looking at our pumpkin recipe book for ideas!

Pumpkin picking will continue over the October week 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October!





## Upcoming Events and Dates for your diary.

9<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October Pumpkin picking event



Come along to buy your pumpkin in time for Halloween, pick up a recipe book and enjoy some hot chocolate and biscuit!

All for Only £3.50

(Feel free to come along between the hours of 11am and 1pm to choose your pumpkin and see the decorations.)

16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October October week holiday for Term Time children  
(Centre still open for non-term time children)

23<sup>rd</sup> October In Service Day  
Centre closed - staff training

25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October Halloween fun days

16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October Photographer 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, further information will follow.

If you are term time you can pop in to get a photo taken if you wish, please call ahead and let us know the time you will arrive approximately.

13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November Parent consultations begin - Face to face meetings  
You will receive a time slot and date for this.

13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November Crazy hair days  
If you can bring a tin for the hampers it would be appreciated.

20<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November Odd sock days  
Bring a bottle for the hampers

29<sup>th</sup> November Parent Drop In Speech and Language Therapy  
Meet the professionals for advice and support  
9.30am or 3.30pm

1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December Raffle tickets for hampers available

27<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> December Tartan Week  
Wear a wee bit of tartan and bring a packet for the hampers.

4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas activities

8<sup>th</sup> December Hamper draw - will you get lucky?

11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> December Santa visit and Christmas Parties all week in rooms