



We wish you all a wonderful 2024 and look forward to hosting 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, it has been such fun listening to the stories of the festive season from the children. We have welcomed new children into the Centre and are getting to know them and helping them settle into the routine of the playrooms.

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 so many of our families in the centre.

Thank you for your continued support.



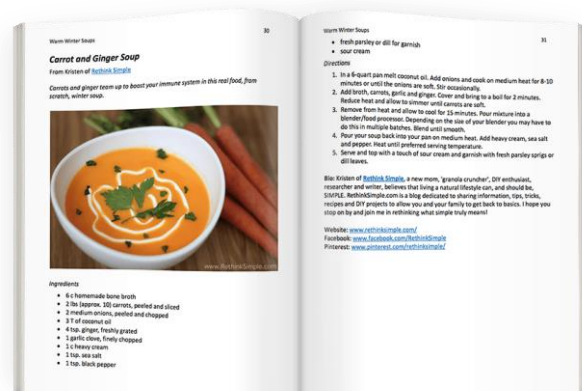
Global Citizenship

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

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

Come and join us out in the garden.

Friday 2nd 16th and 21st of February from 2 - 4pm.

Feel free to drop in for an hour one Friday or come along every Friday, stay for longer, whatever suits you, we would love to see you!

Help us and the children prepare the garden for spring.

Build planters, weeding, tidying and maximising growing potential.

Julie Douglas from Family First will be offering information on a wide range of services and supports regarding parenting, money, employability, ASN, wellbeing and learning.



She can also make referrals to partner organisation and can identify parents who may require more specific Family First support.

These sessions will be from 12 till 2pm every Monday in February in the Foyer of Arthurlie Family Centre.

Closing date for Nursery Applications

The initial closing date for nursery applications for session 24/25 is 31st January. Applications received after this time will be considered late.

Link for application is below;

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/6218/Apply-for-a-nursery-place-for-3-or-4-year-olds-2024-25-new-session>

Dates for the diary

W/C 22nd 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 29th January -
2nd February

Languages Week Scotland 2023

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

W/C 5th February

Mental Health Week

Place to Be website - "My Voice Matters" Looking at how children's voice is valued, heard and taken seriously.

Express yourself - allowing children to be creative and explore various ways to express themselves.

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



Friday 9th February

In Service Day, Nursery is closed.

W/C 10th February

Chinese New Year - Year of the Dragon

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



Monday 12th February and Tuesday 13th February - Term Time Holiday

The Nursery is open to all non-term time children

W/C 18th March -

Easter Bootcamp

The children will be taking part in a sponsored Easter egg hunt where they will visit various stations and carry out activities during their session at nursery. We would appreciate your support for this fundraising event. Please use Parent Pay to donate.



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

Parental Involvement

We value your opinion, and would like to hear from you with regard to the current drop off and pick up procedure following our recent survey. If you would like to be part of this discussion group please contact the office by email or speak with Rosalind Robertson or Frances Cathcart. We would love to hear from you!

Please check your emails to ensure you are receiving communication from us.

If you have changed your email please contact the office. Thank

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.

Fundraising news - Thank you so much!

Children in Need - We raised £104.24 from your donations.

Pumpkin Pick - £114.10 was raised from this event.

Enterprise - £435.80 was raised from all the children's work.

All funds raised are used to enhance our resources and ensure high quality for our children.



Room News

Baloo Baleerie



Our friends worked together to fit the shapes inside the shape box. Each child had a different shape, they tried the shapes in the different holes trying to work out which one went in which hole. The children communicated with each other through facial expressions and babble. I can play with my friends. I can communicate with my friends through facial expressions and gesture.

Aiken Drum



The children were engaged in role play with their peers, singing "The Wheels on the Bus" and imagining that they were going to the park on the bus to play on the swings.

One child then told everyone, "It's a train" and acted out being the train driver, shouting "beep beep" and pretending to press the horn.

★ I can initiate role play with my peers

Zickety Dickety Dock



During the afternoon sessions the children have been using mindfulness techniques to relax and feel calm, breathe, brush away their worries and make wishes.

They express how they are feeling and look forward to their time in the playroom that day.

Lovely!

