

Welcome to our Summer Term newsletter, we are all enjoying the better weather, when it appears, tending to the garden and watching our plants grow. Lots of children have been exploring the wilderness garden more regularly and enjoying all the learning experiences this brings. We have been able to ensure most children have the opportunity to visit the garden at least once a week which allows them to benefit from being outdoors with space to explore.



## Sir Harry Burns Visit

It was wonderful to have Sir Harry Burns visit our centre and meet with parents and staff.

The presentation which highlighted the importance of making our young people feel valued and respected, to ensure they reach their full potential was both insightful and inspiring.



If you are providing your child with a water bottle please ensure it is filled with water only and clearly labelled with their name.

As the weather improves please send your child to Nursery with sun cream on and a sun hat.

Changes of clothes are very important, not only because of little accidents but during water play and being outside children can become wet.

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

## Fundraising

We raised £51.80 for Comic Relief through our "Chuck it in a Bucket" Donations - Thank you.



## Tattie Bash Competition

Thank you to all families who are taking part in the Tattie Bash Competition, we wish you every success and look forward to congratulating the winners! This has generated £135 which will help us to continue on our Learning for Sustainability Journey.

## Easter Boot Camp

A huge thank you for all your support during our Sponsored Easter Boot Camp. As well as the children having great fun and building their gross motor and problem solving skills, we raised £240 for the Nursery! This will go towards resources and learning experiences for all the children.



## Holi

The children had a fabulous time learning about the festival of Holi, how it started in India and how the Hindu festival is celebrated today. We even had our own mini Holi festival.



## Door Policy

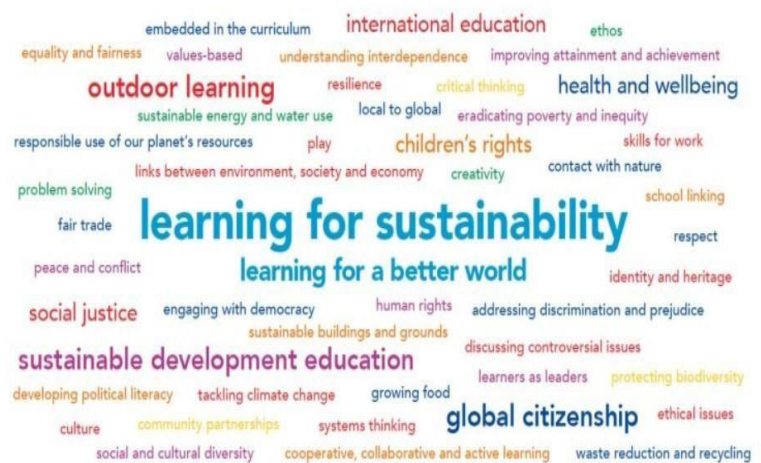
We have been delighted to trial the new door policy this term. Tuesdays and Thursdays parent/carers are invited to drop off their children in the playrooms allowing children to share their nursery experience with their parents/carers. This empowers the children by showing their own peg, group area and name recognition with badges and visual register!

Point of note - drop off is for 15 minutes only, however, at 1.00pm this is very important to allow a smooth transition to the lunch hall. After 1.15pm they will unfortunately miss nursery lunch and we ask that you give your child lunch before they arrive.



## Education Scotland Visit

We had a visit from the Learning for Sustainability Team to take a look at the work being done in our Centre. They were very interested in our children and their knowledge of all things sustainable. Many images were taken and will be included on their website in August. Only those who gave permission will be included.



## Staff News

Welcome to Cloe McLeish our new Child Development Officer in Ally Bally Bee and congratulations to Cheryl Anderson who is moving from Play Worker in Baloo Baleerie to Child Development Officer.



Cloe McLeish



Cheryl Anderson



Please come along to our **STEM Workshop** where you can work with your child and discover different fun ways to learn about Science Technology Engineering and Maths.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Arthurlie Family Centre Community Hall

**Session 1 - 10:00am to 10:45am**

**Session 2 - 2:00pm to 2:45pm**

**Sign up using Parents Booking to your preferred session.**

We look forward to working with you!



### Teddy Bear Picnic

This is an opportunity for families with pre school children to come together and get to know each other as you prepare for P1.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Afternoons - 2.30pm to 3.30pm both days.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Parents of children going to  
St Marks, Carlibar

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Parents of children going to  
Hillview, St Johns

Please bring your favourite teddy!



## Stay and Play

It has been super to have had the opportunity to begin Stay and Play sessions again this term. We have loved seeing the interactions between adults and all the children, not just your own child! Many parents have said that they have been able to put a face to the names of children who are mentioned in the home and been interested in the various activities the children have access to, both indoors and outdoors. Thank you so much for getting involved, as well as you spending time with your child in their setting, it allows you to get a flavour of what happens in an Early Years Establishment and how important play is to our young people and their development.

## Successful Grant Application

Thank you to everyone who voted in the participative funding last month, we were successful in the bid and have received over £900 towards developing the garden again this year. We have already spoken to some of the children for their ideas about what we need e.g. a house with a fire in it, swings, dens and flowers. The grant is to develop the work we have already been doing with the 'Peas Please' project last year when we were experimenting with different types of vegetables and fruit.

We are still looking for any help or ideas for the garden and the best use of this grant to become more sustainable, growing and using our own vegetables and fruit.

## Parent Consultations

These will take place face to face in our community hall week commencing 13th May. You are able to sign up on Parents Booking for an appointment. We are looking forward to telling you all about the fabulous work and progress your child is making in nursery.

## Summative Reports

These will be available towards the end of May for all our pre-school children.

## Transitions to School

As the time for our pre-school children to move on to school becomes closer, information regarding this has been sent out to you via Seesaw. This includes details from each school about induction dates as well as advice on talking to your children about this special time and frequently asked questions.

### School Induction Days

St Marks Primary	Tuesday 21st May	1.30 to 2.30pm	Parents bring and stay with children
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 to 2.30 pm	Parents bring and stay with children
Hillview Primary	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 to 2.30pm	Parents bring and stay with children
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00 to 12.30pm	Parents bring and stay with children
Cross Arthurlie	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	1.15 to 2.00pm	Parents bring and stay with children
	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00 to 12.30pm	Parents bring and stay with children
St Johns Primary	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00 to 11.00am	Children Only – Parents bring children
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 to 12.30am	Parents bring and stay with children
Carlibar Primary	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 to 10.30am	Parents bring and stay with children
	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	1.50 to 2.50pm	Parents bring and stay with children

For our children to meet their classmates we will be having school groups for outdoor playtimes. This allows the children to become familiar with others who are also going to the same school as themselves. We will have lots of fun playing games and talking together and asking questions.

During the week of 10<sup>th</sup> June our children will join in a moving on ceremony outdoors with their keyworkers and friends in the Wilderness Garden, where they will receive a certificate and a little surprise to mark the occasion. Parents are welcome to join us to sing songs and take photos in the photo booth. Information regarding this will follow shortly.

## Amazing Donation from Shanks Bowling Club

A huge **Thank You** to Shanks Bowling Club for their wonderful donation to Arthurlie Family Centre. Several staff went along to watch some great bowling and received excellent hospitality as well as joining in the celebrations of all the trophy winners.



Along with the money raised from the **Rag Bag** we are able to purchase balance bikes for our children to enjoy!



## Dates for your diary

Monday 6th May                      Holiday                      CLOSED

Tuesday 7th May                      In-Service day                      CLOSED

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May                      **STEM** Parent and Child Workshop  
Come along and learn about  
**Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths**  
Please sign up on Parents Booking  
10.00 - 10.30am or 2.00 - 2.45pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May                      Holiday                      CLOSED

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May                      Holiday                      CLOSED

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> & Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June                      **Teddy Bear Picnics** -

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Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June                      Hillview, St Johns

W/C Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June                      **Moving on Ceremony** for Pre School Children  
Parents and carers welcome. Details to follow.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June                      Last Day for Term Time children

## Zickety Dickety Dock Adventures

The children were able to enjoy being out and about in the community taking part in lots of activities together.



## Of course a trip to the ABC Park .





# Ally Bally Bee - Rights Education - Teddy Rescue - Our New Friend



We found this teddy bear in the garden, he was cold, wet, dirty, injured and very sad.

Why was he all alone with no one looking after him?

We decided to give teddy a name and a blanket.

We called him Love.

He only has one eye and needs some clothes, food and shelter. His basic needs.

A lovely family took him home washed him and took him on a day out to cheer him up. We hope lots of children will get the chance to take him home and help him access many of his rights.



## The Hungry Caterpillar

We are learning to retell the story using props and puppets. As we observe the live caterpillars grow and develop we have created our own growing caterpillar by putting soil into tights and planting grass seeds!



Maybe it will look like this



## The Hungry Caterpillar - Baloo Baleerie and Aiken Drum - Bookbug

Families were able to come along and enjoy stories and songs together with Bookbug.

The children were also able to investigate the real life caterpillars in the playrooms which they will watch turn into beautiful butterflies and match fruit to the pictures in the book.



## Sensory Stay and Play

Families were able to enjoy exploring a variety of sensory experiences together, the sun even came out in the afternoon! Thank you to everyone who came along.

