



Now the clocks have changed we are well and truly into the winter season and all the fun that it brings! We are looking forward to meeting our new children at our next induction days, Stay and Plays and our face to face parent consultations in our community hall!

We have enjoyed our Recycled Fashion Show, Halloween Fun Days, Diwali and Pumpkin Picking.

Next is our journey towards the festive season! We look forward to creating the Christmas hampers for you to have the chance to win, our enterprise activities as well as Santa's grotto!

After receiving our UNICEF Rights Respecting School Silver Award in May we are hoping to apply for our Gold award, so look out for further information.

For all upcoming events, times and dates will be provided via Parents Booking where you will be able to sign up to attend. We are looking forward to welcoming you!



Leeanne Dunnet
Acting Head of Centre

Staff News

Huge Congratulations to Leeanne who is taking up a new post as Early Years Development Officer within East Renfrewshire Council. She will be working with nurseries and Primary 1 classes across the authority.

Arthurlie will miss her very much but we wish her well in her new position.

New Staff

We will be welcoming Brian Kiernan as our new Head Teacher in December.

Siobhan Kelly CDO in Aiken Drum

Kerry-Marie Millar is due to start in November as a CDO

One of our play workers Natalie Reynolds has recently been successful in securing a part time CDO position within the family centre. She will continue to be based in our Aiken Drum playroom.

Frances McCann will sadly be leaving us at the end of November to take up her new role within the NHS, we wish her the best of luck in her new job.

Victoria Fernan will also be finishing up for her maternity leave on the 18th November. Victoria is currently one of the keyworkers for the green group in Aiken Drum, we will use Seesaw to update the green group parents of who will be appointed to cover for Victoria while she is on maternity leave.

Congratulations to Natalie Tracey on the birth of her beautiful daughter Cali. We can't wait to meet her and know that Luca will be the best big brother!

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 maintaining any items borrowed. Should you have leggings or trousers which your child has outgrown please hand them into the nursery and they will be gratefully received. 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.



ParentPay Reminder

To enable us to plan for these Christmas events we always ask that all toy/snack fund donations are placed in ParentPay for December of £10.

Pumpkin Picking

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us last week. We had an amazing time in the wilderness garden, drinking hot chocolate, eating biscuits and looking at all our decorations! This event raised £167 for nursery funds!



Our wooden decorations were donated by West College Scotland – Thank You!



Recycled Fashion Show

We had a wonderful time at our recycled fashion show this year. Parents and children were extremely creative and constructed some fantastic outfits, some with accessories! This was a fabulous event to raise awareness of recycling in a fun setting. Thank you to all who came along. Feedback "We had an awesome time at the fashion show! Thanks again!"



Baloo Baleerie



During October, the children have explored sensory experiences both indoors and outdoors. We've had the water outside which has allowed the children to explore water flow through filling and pouring into different containers.

Using all their senses the children have been discovering new resources including mirrors, coloured rice and cinnamon scented oats along with pumpkins, cinnamon sticks, acorns and spoons.



Aiken Drum

Having displayed great interest in the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" and exploring the textures in the playroom the children wanted to go on a real Bear Hunt.

They walked to the local park where they explored the environment to find the bear which was hidden in a variety of places connected to the story either grass, water or mud!

There was great excitement when the bear was revealed.



Ally Bally Bee



The Bakery was a great success in the playroom. Not only did we sample amazing food including bread, apple crumble, cookies and much more, the children were, making lists, using a variety of utensils, measuring out ingredients, following a set of instructions, understanding money and the concept of time was introduced with a clock and timers.

Great work everyone!



Zickety Dickety Dock



The children displayed excellent communication skills by taking turns, helping one another, and taking pride in their work. They created wonderful towers, counted blocks and constructed castles as well as putting together a tent for the playroom.

Good engineering skills boys and girls!



CRAZY HAIR DAY!!

HOW CRAZY IS YOUR HAIR?!

SHOW US YOUR AWESOME HAIR CREATIONS

On Monday 11th to 15th November

MESSY, ARTY, FUNKY - THE CRAZIER THE BETTER!

Please bring a tin for our Christmas Hampers




ODD SOCKS DAY

Monday 18th to 22nd November

Please bring a bottle along with your odd socks.

These will contribute to our Christmas Hampers.





Wear Tartan Day

Monday 25th to 29th November

Please bring a packet along with your tartan outfit.

These will contribute to our Christmas Hampers.



Upcoming Events and Dates for your diary.

4th to 6th November

11th to 22th November

11th to 15th November

15th November

18th to 22nd November

25th to 29th November

2nd to 6th December

9th to 13th December

9th December

16th to 20th December

Stay and Play sessions in Playrooms

Parent consultations begin - Face to face meetings
You will be able to book through [Parents Booking](#)
until 10th November.

Crazy hair days

If you can bring a tin for the hampers it would be appreciated.

Children in Need Day -

Chuck it in the Bucket Donation

Odd sock days

Bring a bottle for the hampers

Tartan Week

Wear a wee bit of tartan and bring a packet for the hampers.

Raffle tickets for hampers available

Christmas activities and Enterprise week

Hamper draw - will you get lucky?

Send your letter to Santa around the fire pit, sing your favourite Christmas songs and visit Santa in his grotto! Christmas Parties all week in rooms





We have been invited to sing again this year at Barrhead Health Centre which we are so looking forward to.

Tuesday 10th December at 10:00am

Thursday 12th December at 2:00pm



CHRISTMAS IS COMING !

COMING TO THE WILDERNESS GARDEN THIS MONTH

DECEMBER



LETTERS TO SANTA

Christmas songs round the fire pit



WOODLAND LANTERN WALKS

You are invited to come along to our Nature Garden for some Christmas Fun Week Commencing 16th December.

We will be singing Christmas songs around the fire, drinking Hot Chocolate, eating biscuits and writing letters to Santa. The children will be able to put their letter into the fire and as the letter burns, the smoke carries the ashes up through the sky and Santa collects them to magically put the letter together! (We send you a reply letter via email too shhhhh)

There will also be an opportunity to take a photo with Santa who will have a special gift for you!!

