

Arthurlie Family Centre

Newsletter

February 2025



Message from Head Teacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Head Teacher of Arthurlie Family Centre. It is hard to believe a month has passed and I am feeling very much at home already.

I am enjoying getting to know everyone within the centre and I am looking forward to all we can achieve together.

If you have any matter you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or speak with my Acting Depute Head of Centre, Zoe McNeill.

Kind regards,

Brian Kiernan

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Head Teacher



Cloakrooms

In the coming weeks we will be developing our cloakroom areas within the 3-5 playrooms. Ally Bally Bee and Zickety Dicky Dock will be enhanced with gates, arches and furniture which will hopefully minimise items being lost and help with the care of personal items.



Outdoor Learning

Over the course of this term we will be developing outdoor learning experiences. This will involve purchasing new outdoor clothing with the view to providing these for children to access outdoors. In doing so, we will be giving our Mud Room a refresh which will act as a space to changing into outdoor clothing. The Mud Room will also provide a learning space for children to work in small groups linking their learning from indoors and out.



Lunches

Following on from our recent inspection from the Care Inspectorate, we have plans to develop the experience of children having lunch during their time at nursery. We will share what this looks like in next month's newsletter.

Promoting and Nurturing Early Communication and Language Framework (PANECAI)

This session staff have been working hard to develop our approaches which will support children's early communication and language. All staff have completed training on:

- Physical Environment
- Adult Talk
- Adult Interactions



Toy Fund



Each week we collect donations of **£3.50**. Alternatively, you may choose to pay monthly amounting to **£14**.

This money is used towards supplementing the experiences we offer in the playroom. Please use Parent Pay to make your contribution.

All donations are very much appreciated.

Nursery Absences

We value regular attendance and encourage you to bring your child each day unless they are unwell.

If your child is going to be absent from nursery, please email to inform us prior to the session starting: schoolmail@arthurlie.e-renfrew.sch.uk

Alternatively, telephone before your child's session starting on **0141 570 7500**

Parents' Committee

We are keen to start a parents' committee within the centre. The purpose of the committee would be to support the work of the centre.

The group would meet once a month during term time to work together alongside the Head Teacher to plan for improvements and create opportunities for fundraising.

If you are interested in being part of this committee, please let office staff know.



Languages Week Scotland

Languages Week Scotland is a celebration of language learning in Scotland. Now in its seventh year, Languages Week Scotland 2025 will take place from **Monday 3rd February** to **Friday 7th February**. Children will have the opportunity to explore a variety of languages during the week with a particular focus on days of the week and colours.

Learning in Baloo Baleerie

Through the month of January we have welcomed our babies back into the playroom after the Christmas break where they have settled comfortably into the rhythm of the day. All of our babies are now up toddling and have had lots of fun exploring their senses through sensory play experiences and in particular have engaged in filling and emptying.



A lot of our babies have spent time in the imaginative area showing an interest in the dolls and also enjoyed some time out at the fire engine when the firefighters came to visit.

Learning in Aiken Drum

We have welcomed our returning children back after the Christmas break and have transitioned our new children into our warm and nurturing environment. Our children have enjoyed nature walks within our local environment where they have recognised different birds and developed their awareness of road safety.

Children have developed their listening skills while following a range of simple instructions throughout their day at nursery and have also developed their independence while being supported and encouraged to put on and take off their puddle suits and wellies. Within the creative area the children have reused and recycled materials through junk modelling and have explored water play while using different containers to fill and empty.



Some of the children have showed an interest in story books with repetition and rhyme and have been learning to look after books with care. The children showed great excitement when our local firefighters brought their fire engine to the nursery this month.

Learning in Ally Bally Bee

There was great excitement when the Fire Engine arrived in the car park. The children were able to explore the equipment and learn about the job of a fireman.

Mini Kickers was a great success. Our very own Tina from the Purple group is a qualified football coach. The children were learning to control the ball with their feet and celebrating when scoring a goal using their gross motor skills.

As Chinese New Year approaches the children are learning about the festival and celebrations within this culture. As 2025 is the Year of the Snake they are reading the story behind the animals chosen.



Learning in Zickety Dickety Dock

Children have been learning about dinosaurs, learning to name different dinosaurs and their different footprints. They made dinosaur footprints with clay and became archaeologists, hunting for fossils in the sand.

We made ice in the garden during the cold weather. Children explored how water changes state from liquid to solid when it freezes and melts.

Children worked together to create bridges in the block area and developed their balance skills.



February Calendar





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3rd Photographer: Ally Bally Bee	4th Photographer: Zickety Dickety Dock	5th Photographer: Baloo Baleerie & Aiken Drum	6th	7th
Language Week Scotland				
10th	11th	12th 2:15 – 4:00 Stay & Play (Satellite Service Only)	13th	14th
17th	18th	19th	20th	21st
24th	25th Totnosh Cooking Classes (<i>Fully Booked</i>)	26th	27th	28th

Head Teacher Feedback

If you have any feedback, comments or suggestions, please complete the following form:

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