



Carlibar Family Centre News

FEBRUARY 2016

Happy new year from everyone at Carlibar

Welcome back.

After a very busy December full of excitement and special events, we have now started our new term rested and raring to go. We are all looking forward to a productive new term where each child will continue to grow and learn.

We have some staff changes this term. Congratulations to Mrs Lissa Duffy who has been recently appointed as Depute Head of Centre, we wish her every success in her new post. Mrs Janice MacKenzie is returning from maternity leave and will take over the blue group.

I have been Acting Head Teacher during Mrs MacIntyre's recent absence. Mrs MacIntyre has given me permission to share the reason for her absence with parents. She is unable to be in Carlibar at the moment as she needs time off to care for her son. He has been diagnosed with leukaemia and is receiving treatment. Our thoughts are with her and her family.

Mrs M Fleming
Acting Head Teacher

"Thank you"

All the staff would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all our families for your generosity at Christmas. All the gifts, although entirely unnecessary, are very much appreciated. We were also very grateful for the amount of beautiful home baking we received for the coffee/tea on the day of the nativity. Thank you also to those who donated to the Spirit of Christmas. We were able to buy many wonderful gifts which were given to children in the Barrhead area.

Library

Trips to the foundry will continue for AM children on Tuesdays and PM children on Fridays. Timetables can be found on the entrance door and on each of the planning boards. Please see your child's key worker should you wish to assist with your group's visit.

Gym

All children will go to the gym once a week except when it is their week to go outdoors. We are lucky to have use of a well-resourced gym hall and a varied physical activity programme to develop basic movement and body control skills.

Planning

The children have started their new block of planned experiences. Please take time to look at the detailed plans on the boards in each room and feel free to post any comments to the board using the Post-its provided.

Room 1 are 'getting physical' and learning to share space and equipment with a variety of sports equipment.

Room 2 is basing their learning on 'What the Ladybird Heard' and developing an understanding of direction using maps.

Room 3 are having a focus on one of our favourite stories 'Stick Man', developing basic literacy and number skills such as rhyming, mark making and counting.

Pupil Council

Pre-school children from room 1 did a fantastic job last term as pupil councillors helping with important jobs such as collecting the weekly contribution, shopping, watering plants, and making decisions such as voting on which nativity to perform.

They have now handed over to the pre-schoolers in room 2 who will take on the role this term.

Looking back

We very much enjoyed the interactive story telling session from author Simon Puttock.

He read us a few of the books that he has written and the children had Our children have been exploring ways to create different styles of art work; some of these have been put on display at the Foundry.

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Health Tips for this term –

Detecting and treating head lice

Head lice is a common problem in children. It is difficult to prevent as they are spread by head-to-head contact. Check your child's hair and scalp regularly for early detection and treat with a head lice lotion or comb available from pharmacies. You can find more information at <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Popp

Psychology of Parenting Programme— You may be entitled to a place on one of our supportive parenting programmes. Funded by the Scottish Government, providing a range of local parenting support programmes for those caring for 3 and 4 year olds with challenging behaviour. The groups aim to promote parent's skills and confidence to adopt a positive relationship with their child. Please speak to Louisa Quick for further information on family engagement.

£2 contribution

Could we please politely request that parents/carers pay the weekly £2 contribution to the nursery fund. This money goes towards enhancing the children's learning experiences and responding to their interests, and contributes towards essential items such as milk and snack. Mrs Shankland collects the money each Monday however if you miss her or wish to pay monthly/termly please see her at the main school office.

School Closure May 2016

Carlibar will be used as a polling station for the Scottish Parliament Elections on Thursday 5th May 2016. Pupils should not attend school on this day.

Wraparound care

Hours available: 8am-9am; 12noon-1pm; 4pm-6pm. Please contact Ms Wright or Mrs Shankland for further information.

Family Engagement

Carlibar Creators - 9am-11.30am; 1pm-3.30pm in the family room every Thursday
Bookbug - 9.15-10.00am every Friday in the music room.

Parking and Pupil Safety

The safety of our pupils is very important to us. A number of measures have been put in place in the car park to improve safety for all. At our whole school assembly at the start of the month children have been told not to cross the car park unless accompanied by an adult. It has been brought to my attention that a number of children have been running across the car park at the front of the school as a short cut to the entrance/exits. There are also a number of children who are running across the car park to get to a parked car, where the adult is waiting for them. Other children are crossing between cars that are parked in the drop off zone or on double yellow lines. Children have been asked to wait on the pavement/grass or path area until the adult who is there to collect them sees that they are waiting and comes out of the car to get them. We need all users of the car park help us to keep our children safe. Barrhead High's Campus police officer and community wardens will be assisting us monitor the use of the car park. This is to ensure the safety of all of our children and drivers.

Carlibar Creators (adults only)

We meet every Thursday 9.00 -11.40am & 1.00 -3.3.40pm in the Family room. Being part of the group is an opportunity to make new friends, learn and share skills and to find out what's on in the community. You don't need to have any special skills, we work and create as a team!

Activities range from arts and crafts, sewing, quilting, finger knitting and crocheting, to up-cycling small pieces of furniture and costume making.

Woodland Adventures

There is a change to days for PM children who will now go to the woods on a Wednesday of their designated week. AM children will continue to go on Thursdays. This will give us more time for suits to be washed and dried in between outings. Can we please stress that children come warmly dressed on their day for the woods ie a warm long sleeved top or jumper, wellies or snow boots and spare socks. Details for your child's group can be found on the weekly schedule on display at welcome time and on timetables around the nursery.

CARLIBAR PRIMARY - SCHOOL DIARY

Friday 12th February - in service day, family centre closed

Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th February - mid-term break, centre closed

Monday 14th – Friday 18th March – parent consultations

Monday 21st – 24th March - Play and learn open week

Friday 25th – Monday 28th March – Easter weekend, family centre closed

Monday 4th – Friday 15th April - school closes for spring break

School re-opens **Monday 18th April**

A full list of the school holidays can be found at:

<http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/school-holiday-dates-2015-2016>

LET US KNOW...



If you have any suggestions, complaints or particularly liked anything your child has been learning about at Carlibar, please let us know.

Alternatively, you could email us at schoolmail@carlibar.e-renfrew.sch.uk

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, could you complete your email address and return this to us, or, e-mail the school.

Your child's name: _____ Class _____

Contact email: _____