



Carlibar Family Centre News

APRIL 2016

Counting down to summer break at Carlibar

Dear Parents/Carers

Spring time is here at last, we've had a busy few months and have a lot to look forward to between now and the summer holidays.

Here are just a few of the experiences we can look back upon and celebrate, together with some important information and dates for your diaries.

Looking back

The children enjoyed watching the theatre performance 'Eco Worms' in the drama room. They have been learning all about worms and are helping to look after our wormery in the playground.

Parent consultations were very well attended and it was nice to see parents and other family members come along to our play and learn days.

We hope you found this valuable and take on board your views to improve future events.

Well done to families for helping your child to complete their tooth brushing charts as part of Local Smile Month. Children received a certificate and goody bag.

Children from room 3 were out in the community at the end of March singing for the residents at St Mary's Gardens. It was a lovely experience for children, staff and the residents.

Sport Relief

A big thank you to everyone that donated money to Sport Relief. The children enjoyed their football training session with footballer Aaron Muirhead who very kindly spent the day in the muga working on basic skills.

Pupil Council

Pre-school children from room 3 have been responsible councillors helping with nursery jobs and are getting ready to hand over this role to room 1.

School Transitions

The transition programme for all pre-schooler children starting primary one in August will start in May. This will consist of 3 visits to school and 1 visit from a class teacher coming into nursery. Parents will take children for 2 of their visits into school.

The timetable will be available soon after the spring break once dates and times have been confirmed.

Planning

Our current planning block has been developed around the children's ideas and interests.

Room 1 have been painting and posing for portraits, and creating photographic artwork in the style of Picasso. They have developed a super hero themed writing area, and a mini bowling alley. Room 2 have been focusing on Rennie Macintosh artwork, dying flowers, drawing spring flowers and making cards. Room 3 artwork has been based on pointillism. They have created a giant canvas of Mrs Honey from the story 'Mrs Honey's Hat', and have a hat shop and hat making station.

Sports day

The family centre sports day will be held in the MUGA on Wednesday 8th June both morning and afternoon. We are keeping everything crossed for a dry day but will have use of an indoor area should we require it. Further information will be provided nearer the time.

Moving On

There will be a Moving On ceremony in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday 21st June for our pre-school children moving on to primary one. Further details and times will be confirmed. Ante-preschool children will move with their group to a new key worker in August, unless we feel it would be more beneficial for your child to remain with the same staff member.

There will be a transition period in June when they will meet and spend time with their new key worker. Please speak to us if you have any concerns.

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£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.

Carlibar Creators (adults only)

We meet every Thursday 9.00 - 11.40am & 1.00 - 3.30pm 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.

Policy Reviews

We are in the process of reviewing our policies and procedures at the moment and we would like to involve parents in this. The dates are as follows: Friday 6th May at 9.15am and 1.15pm we will be reviewing Tooth brushing and Procedure for changing children. Monday 9th May at 1.15pm and Thursday 12th May at 9.15am we will be reviewing the Security and Fire evacuation. If you would like to be involved in any of these reviews please add your name to the sheet in the foyer or speak to Mrs Quick or Mrs Duffy.

Achievements in the wider community

Family Centre staff would like to share the achievements of parents, staff and children in the wider community.

We recently met with Tesco's community champions, who have offered us one of their windows to showcase our work throughout the year. This work may include photographs. If you do not wish you or your child's photo to be displayed, could you please inform a member of staff. Many of our children created pictures which were entered into Tesco's spring drawing competition in March.

PVG checked parent helpers

We are always looking for more parents who have been PVG checked to help out with regular outings such as trips to the library and our weekly woodland adventures (Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings).

If you are available to help out it would be greatly appreciated. The family centre will consider covering the cost of the PVG check if you could commit to helping out over a period of time. Please speak to a member of staff for more information.

Family Engagement

Carlibar Creators – 9.00-11.30am; 1.00-3.30pm in the family room every Thursday

Book bug – 9.15-10.00am every Friday in the music room

CARLIBAR FAMILY CENTRE - SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 2nd May – Monday bank holiday

Thursday 5th May – campus closed - Scottish Parliament Elections

Friday 27th – Monday 30th May – bank holiday weekend

Tuesday 31st May – In-service day, re-opens Tuesday 1st June

Wednesday 8th June – Family centre sports day

Tuesday 21st June – Moving on ceremonies

Thursday 23rd June – school campus closed for the EU Referendum

Friday 24th June – Last day of term

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: _____