



Hello everyone!

Head Teacher's Message

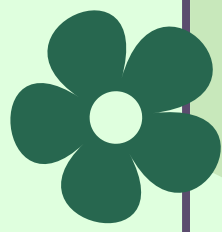
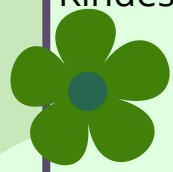
As we step into November, I'd like to extend a warm welcome and share some exciting updates from Hazeldene. We are thrilled to announce upcoming landscaping works to regenerate our Nursery Gardens! This project will bring fresh, vibrant spaces for our children to explore, play, and connect with nature. The planned improvements will enhance outdoor learning and offer more opportunities for the children to engage with their environment in meaningful ways. We're looking forward to seeing these gardens grow and thrive!

In addition, I encourage you to sign up for a Parent Appointment with your child's keyworker. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and, if appropriate, discuss transition to primary school. Your insights are incredibly important, and together we can create the best learning journey for your child.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's early learning experience.

Kindest Regards,

Justin



Staff News



Alice

We are delighted to welcome Alice Leslie as our new full-time, permanent Child Development Officer. Alice will oversee the Hedgehogs Group and I'm sure you will join me in making her feel very welcome.



Robert

I'm sure you would like to join us in saying a massive 'Congratulations' and 'Well Done' to Robert who graduates this month with his Postgraduate Diploma in Childhood Practice - a great achievement after a lot of hard work!



We have a number of students who are studying for their Higher National Certificate in Early Education and Childcare. They are working across a number of our keyworker groups and being effectively mentored by our staff team. If you have any queries or questions, please discuss with your child's keyworker.

Upcoming Garden Landscaping Works at Hazeldene

We are excited to share that, at the beginning of November, our Nursery Gardens will undergo a series of landscaping improvements designed to create a more engaging, stimulating environment for our children to enjoy. This project will bring new features to support imaginative play, exploration, and outdoor learning, making our gardens an even more wonderful place to grow and thrive.

To ensure everyone's safety, we have taken all necessary precautions. Work areas will be clearly marked and secured, and contractors are following strict safety protocols. During the landscaping period, we kindly ask for your patience as there may be some disruption to usual routines, especially during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

When complete, these enhanced gardens will provide exciting new opportunities for our children's outdoor play and learning, encouraging them to explore, discover, and connect with nature every day. Thank you for your support as we work to create this inspiring space for our nursery community!



Bringing our Gardens back to their former Glory!



Cluster Event

Our Mearns Castle Cluster Friends at Calderwood Lodge Family Centre are offering a 'Toilet Training Information & Support Session'. We know this can be a challenging and difficult time - especially for busy families - so any support is always gratefully received. If you're interested, please make contact with staff at Calderwood Lodge Family Centre to register your interest.



Toilet Training Information & Support Session

**Wednesday 20th November 2024 at
9.30am**

At Calderwood Lodge Family Centre

Waterfoot Rd, Newton Mearns, Glasgow G77 5GP

This session is designed for:

- Parents/carers who are thinking about starting toilet training and would like more information on how to start.
- Parents/carers who have started toilet training but need more support.

This session will be delivered by Fiona, Community Nursery Nurse.

If you would be interested in coming along please could you add your name to the sheet at the front entrance.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our recent Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We are delighted to say that we raised a total of **£203.01**



Jam Dance

During the month of November we will be continuing our close links with East Renfrewshire Active Schools. We will be welcoming dance coaches from JAM Dance who will be working with the children.

We can't wait to show off all our funky dance moves!



Parent Appointments

Week commencing **Monday 4th November** is our formal Parent Appointments Week. This is your opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their keyworker, celebrate their achievements, update their Care Plan with any new information and, if appropriate, talk about transition to Primary School.

If you would like an appointment, please sign up at your child's Keyworker Group Appointment Sheet in the corridor.






Christmas @ Hazeldene

Can't believe it's time to talk about this already?!

I know you all appreciate **as much notice as possible** for your own organisation and logistics. Please see below our wee 'Cheat Sheet' about what's happening for our annual **'Twelve Days of Christmas'** at Hazeldene Family Centre.

Date	Event
Decorating the Family Centre Christmas Tree	Monday 9th December
Christmas Stay, Play & Learn	Tuesday 10th December 2:00PM - 3:00PM
Christmas Discos (and maybe a Special Visitor Ho, Ho, Ho)	Wednesday 11th December
Christmas Jumper Day 2024	Thursday 12th December
Christmas Stories	Friday 13th December
Bookbug @ Christmas	Monday 16th December
Christmas Lunch (date to be confirmed)	Tuesday 17th December
Christmas Stay, Play & Learn	Wednesday 18th December 9:30AM - 10:30AM
Christmas Sing A Long Concert - (Owls, Woodpeckers, Deer, Foxes, Hedgehogs)	Thursday 19th December 1:30PM
Christmas Sing A Long Concert - (Bunnies, Butterflies, Bumblebees, Frogs, Squirrels)	Friday 20th December 1:30PM



Dates for your Diary

Event	Date
Teachers return	Monday 12 August
In-service	Monday 12 August
In-service	Tuesday 13 August
Pupils return	Wednesday 14 August
Last day of school	Thursday 26 September
September weekend	Friday 27 September
September weekend	Monday 30 September
Re-open	Tuesday 1 October
Last day of school	Thursday 10 October
In-service	Friday 11 October
Re-open	Monday 21 October
Last day of school	Friday 20 December

