



Head Teacher's Message

Families,

As we step into March, it's wonderful to see the children flourishing in their learning and play. The arrival of spring brings continued opportunities for outdoor exploration, and we are excited to incorporate different nature-based activities into our daily routines.

This month, we have several exciting events planned, including World Book Day, Eid al Fitr and Easter. These experiences not only bring joy to the children but also enrich their learning in meaningful ways. Also, following your feedback, we are offering an opportunity for families of preschool children to meet up with other families who will be attending the same primary school in August.

We've also received feedback from East Renfrewshire Council as a result of our Follow Up Visit from Education Scotland. We're delighted with the progress we have made in actioning the recommendations from our original HMI Report.

As always, we value your partnership in your child's early learning journey. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a fantastic month ahead!

Warm regards,



PreSchool Tie Ceremony

Can you believe its time to start talking about this? I know you all appreciate as much notice as possible to make necessary arrangements with your own annual leave.

Due to the way we have organised our keyworker groups this session, we only need to have one Tie Ceremony - which means we can really focus on celebrating our Preschool Children and wishing them all the best for their move to Primary One!

This year's Tie Ceremony will take place on **Thursday 19th June @ 1:30pm**

Hankies at the ready!!

You Said, We Did

Thank you for the suggestion of putting together an opportunity for you all to meet up with families who will be attending the same school as your child. We cannot **give** you this information due to GDPR regulations however we **can** host a series of events in the Willow Room for you to get to know each other:

- **Children going to Kirkhill P.S. - Monday 10th March - 9:30 - 10:00**
- **Children going to St. Clare's P.S. - Tuesday 11th March - 9:30 - 10:00**
- **Children going to Mearns P.S. - Wednesday 12th March - 9:30 - 10:00**
- **Children going to Maidenhill P.S. Thursday 13th March - 9:30 - 10:00**
- **Children going to Crookfur P.S. - Friday 14th March - 9:30 - 10:00**
- **Children going to St Cadoc's P.S. - Monday 17th March - 9:30 - 10:00**

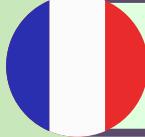
If you do not see your child's intended primary in this list then it will be due to the fact that they are the only child from Hazeldene F.C. attending that school.

Term 2 Active Schools - Wimbledene 2025

We are so lucky at Hazeldene to have a great relationship with East Renfrewshire Council's Active Schools Programme - this term we are developing our hand-eye coordination and gross motor skills through Tennis! We're loving our sessions with the coaches from Whitecraigs Tennis Club - our 3 year olds have completed their block of sessions and our 4/5 year olds are due to start their block next week!

Justin is currently in talks with Active Schools about our third, and final, term of input after the Easter Holidays - I wonder what sport we will try out next?





Bonjour! Ca Va? Au Revoir!

In March we will be welcoming Julie from 'La Jolie Ronde' to Hazeldene as she helps us to learn French!

Julie's nursery programme is specifically designed for 3-4 year olds and 4-5 year olds and involves the use of stories, rhymes and puppets to engage the children in learning vocabulary.

Bonjour

Zoolab Visit

We are delighted to receive visits from Zoolab this week to take part in their workshop '**Morpho The Munching Millipede**'. Morpho travels through a week-long adventure, meeting a variety of exciting and inspiring creatures along the way! The children are fascinated to meet the animals and share their knowledge with Zoolab staff.



ALLERGIES

Can we *politely* remind families to refrain from placing any foodstuffs and/or drinks in the children's bags? Our packed lunches remain at the top of the corridor until lunchtime to prevent children from accessing foods outside of designated mealtimes.

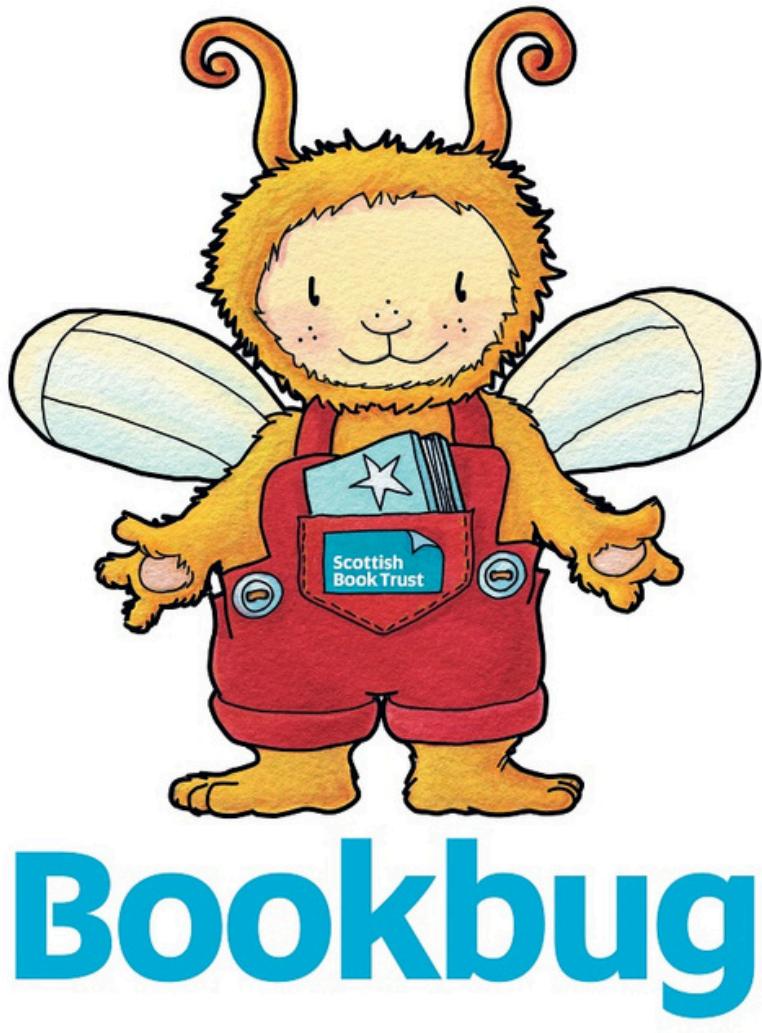
We have a number of children with specific food allergies that we closely monitor and have all necessary protective measures in place. We appreciate your support with this by placing all food items in your child's packed lunch box **only**.

HMI Follow Up Visit Recommendations

We are delighted to share that we have received a report from East Renfrewshire Council following our post-HMI follow up visit from the authority. We were praised for:

- Children and their families benefit from the warm and welcoming ethos of the family centre with positive relationships throughout the setting. Children are happy, safe and secure and they enjoy learning through play.
- Children have daily opportunities to learn outdoors in the nursery gardens and in the local woodland. These experiences support children's independence and curiosity well as they explore the natural environment and lead their own learning.
- Children in Hazeldene Family Centre attain very well. Data is rigorously tracked and monitored to support children's progress in literacy and numeracy and provide challenge for more able learners.

As a staff team we continuously review our pace of the day and, as requested, minimise the number of interruptions to children's free play. As a result, we have changed how we are implementing our 'Altogether Time' experiences which are usually more adult-led. These 'invitations' now take place during our Lunch Rotations where children are invited to gather in small groups and take part in more structured activities like Big Storytime; Bikes and Trikes; and Yoga & Relaxation. This is why you may have noticed a change to our 'Story of the Month' approach which used to take place in keyworker groups. Please be assured that we are still involving the children in a range of activities to develop their emotional regulation; story and book knowledge and emergent literacy & numeracy skills.



Bookbug

Bookbug Sessions 2025

After our incredibly successful Christmas Stay and Play Bookbug Sessions we are really keen to continue these into the New Year!

Please see below the dates, times and themes for our upcoming Bookbug Sessions:

Wednesday 5th March @ 9:30am - World Book Day

Wednesday 26th March @ 9:30am - Eid al Fitr

Wednesday 23rd April @ 9:30am - Easter

Dates for your Diary

Last day of school	Friday 4 April
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Event	Date
Re-open	Tuesday 22 April
Last day of school	Friday 2 May
May Day	Monday 5 May
In-service	Tuesday 6 May
Re-open	Wednesday 7 May
Last day of school	Thursday 22 May
May weekend	Friday 23 May
May weekend	Monday 26 May
Re-open	Tuesday 27 May
Last day of school	Wednesday 25 June