



Head Teacher's Message

Families,

I hope this message finds you well. As we step into the vibrant month of April, we are excited for the wonderful learning opportunities and joyful experiences that lie ahead for our nursery children.

First and foremost, I would like to extend our sincere blessings and warm wishes to all families who have recently been observing and celebrating Ramadan, Purim, and Holi. It has been truly special to see the children's curiosity and respect as they learn about these rich and meaningful traditions. We are grateful to the families who have shared their experiences with us, helping to create an inclusive and culturally-responsive learning environment.

Spring is a season of growth, and it is a joy to witness how your little ones are blossoming each day. Their curiosity, creativity, and enthusiasm for learning continue to inspire us.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Whether you've been helping with reading at home, commenting on Seesaw, or simply encouraging your child's learning journey, your involvement makes a significant difference. As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are looking forward to a wonderful term filled with fun, friendship, and growth. Wishing you and your families a fantastic April.



Vision Statement Family Consultation

Thank you **so much** for providing such clear and concise feedback during our consultation exercise regarding our new Vision Statement.

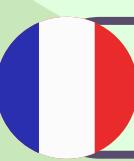
We were blown away by the **volume** of responses that truly covered a widespread of our Family Centre community - with responses from parents, older siblings, grandparents, childminders and many more.

As you can see from our WordCloud below our most frequent responses centred around children being:

- **happy**
- **confident**
- **independent**
- **sociable**
- **safe**

We will take all this feedback into consideration when formulating and finalising our new Vision Statement which we are hoping will be ready for the Summer to share with you all.





Bonjour tout le monde - Comment ca va?

Our 3-year-olds have really been enjoying their French Sessions with Miss Julie from 'La Jolie Ronde' over the past few weeks.

Our 4/5 year olds will begin their French Sessions after the Easter Break during their final term with us before transitioning to Primary One.

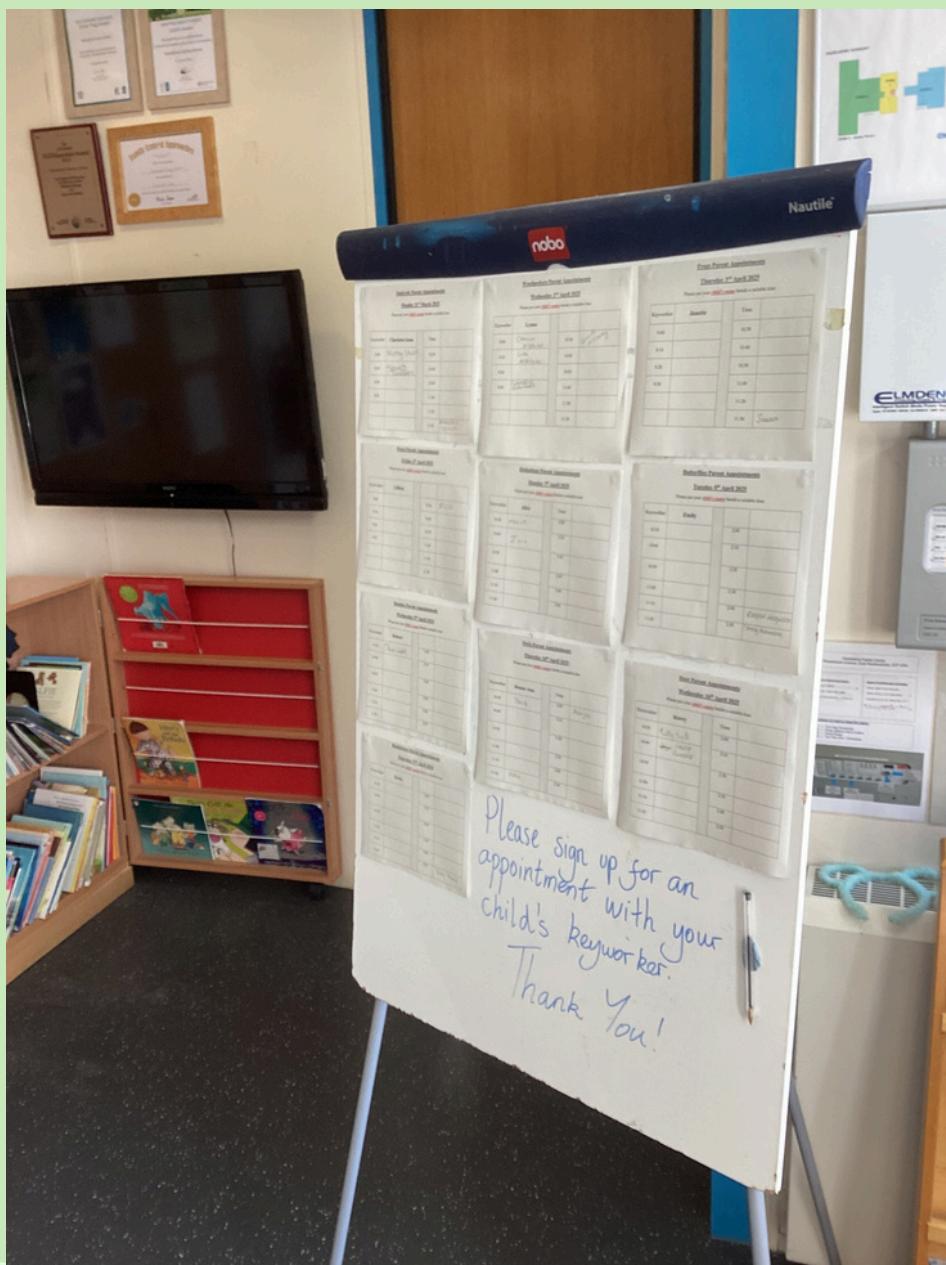


Parent Consultations

Please ensure you have signed up for a Parent Consultation with your child's keyworker.

The board in the foyer lists all the available appointments and is organised by keyworker group - please ensure you book an appointment with the correct keyworker!

This is an opportunity to discuss your child's development; update their Care Plans and ask any questions you have about either returning next year or transitioning to Primary One!





Bookbug Sessions 2025

Our last themed Bookbug of the session will be:

Wednesday 23rd April @ 9:30am - Easter



Toy Fund Committee

Should any returning parents wish to be involved in the Toy Fund Committee you are more than welcome to attend our last meeting of the current session which is scheduled for **12:15pm on Wednesday 30th April 2025**.



The Future of Twitter / X



Following a corporate decision by East Renfrewshire Council, it has been agreed that the organisation will gradually move away from using the platform 'X' (*formerly Twitter*). You may have noticed that we have been reducing our content on social media lately and this will continue as we head into the final term.

At Hazeldene we:

- celebrate children's achievements on Seesaw,
- communicate with you via monthly newsletters;
- contact you regarding any Adverse Weather or Emergencies via GroupCall
- update our website regularly

Therefore starting a new and different social media platform doesn't initially appear necessary however, as always, we are open to your feedback on this.



Safeguarding Plea

Could we kindly remind families to avoid allowing children (*and older siblings*) to press the Door Release button at the main entrance?



Sponsored Water Carry

As part of our Eco School learning, the children are invited to participate in a sponsored water carry in the nursery garden **during the week commencing 28th April**.

This activity will help the children develop their understanding of the importance of clean water, decent toilets, and good hygiene—essentials that should be a normal part of daily life for everyone, everywhere, but sadly are not.

We would be grateful for your support in helping us raise enough money to fund a Water Aid tap, providing children around the world with access to clean, safe water—something we are fortunate to have every day.

During the event, the children will design their own obstacle course, collect water from the "water hole," and carry it safely "home."

Parents are warmly invited to join in the fun—at your own risk... Beware, there may be wild animals on the loose!



Tempest Photography Mop Up Date

Thank you to those of you who managed to get your professional photographs taken recently with Jo from Tempest Photography.

We understand that quite a few families were unable to participate due to a nasty viral infection that's been doing the rounds recently. But never fear, the Lovely Linda has managed to secure a 'Mop Up' date **for those of you who were unable to attend.**

Jo from Tempest Photography will return to Hazeldene Family Centre on **Wednesday 23rd April at 9am**. In order to make the most effective use of Jo's time can you please inform Linda of your attendance so we know who to expect on the day.



Mearns Castle Cluster Parent Event

Please see on the next page information regarding our next Mearns Castle Cluster Parent Event entitled 'Wellbeing Matters'.

Wellbeing Matters

Event



The Mearns Castle Cluster is hosting an evening dedicated to exploring various ways to support your child's wellbeing and learning.

The event will begin with a registration period featuring a variety of stalls for you to browse. This will be followed by a presentation from the Educational Psychology Team of East Renfrewshire Council (ERC), offering valuable insights into supporting children's development.

After the presentation, you will have the opportunity to participate in two interactive workshops, each lasting 30 minutes, allowing you to engage in hands-on learning and discussions.



SAVE THE DATE

More details on
registration to follow ...



Monday

19th May 2025

6-8.30PM

Mearns Castle High School

Dates for your Diary

Hazeldene Family Centre Holiday Dates 2024-25 (48 Week Model)

In-Service	Monday 12 th August 2024
In-Service	Tuesday 13 th August 2024
September Weekend	Friday 27 th September 2024
September Weekend	Monday 30 th September 2024
In-Service	Friday 11 th October 2024
Last Day of Nursery - Christmas	Tuesday 24 th December 2024 (Early closure)
Children Return	Friday 3 rd January 2025
In-Service	Wednesday 19 th February 2025
Good Friday	Friday 18 th April 2025
Easter Monday	Monday 21 st April 2025
May Day	Monday 5 th May 2025
In-Service	Tuesday 6 th May 2025
May Weekend	Friday 23 rd May 2025
May Weekend	Monday 26 th May 2025
Glasgow Fair	Monday 21 st July 2025

Hazeldene Family Centre Holiday Dates 2024-25 (Core School Term Model)

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