



## Falkirk Froebel News

- It is our aspiration to keep **connected** – “Link always link” (Froebel/Bruce)

### Term 3

- March 2024

Welcome to our Spring edition of Falkirk Froebel Family Network news.

#### Upcoming Falkirk Froebel Festival and Exhibition

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Falkirk Froebel Festival** will take place on in-service day – Some fantastic sharing and learning together opportunities: formal, informal, and practical hands-on experiences with either a morning or afternoon session. Places are limited due to venue therefore don't miss out sign up via CPD manager.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Falkirk Froebel Exhibition** we would like to invite everyone who can't manage along to the Festival on the Friday the opportunity to attend the exhibition between 2-4pm



**Congratulations** and well done to our Falkirk leaders who completed Froebelian Futures: Leadership course and to all our Falkirk Practitioners and leads who have almost completed their Practitioner Inquiry Course there work has made positive change and will be published via the Froebelian Futures Website: [Froebelian Futures - Froebelian futures \(ed.ac.uk\)](https://www.froebelianfutures.ed.ac.uk)

#### Froebel in Childhood Practice Course

Information will be coming out after Easter regards to Falkirk Froebel opportunities to study – if this is something you would be interested in please watch out for application form in Term 4.



We are currently in the process of gathering what you perceive to be positive impacts through Froebelian principled approaches across Falkirk.

In addition, this information will support the writing of a Falkirk Froebel Network chapter which is planned to go into a published Froebel across Scotland book.

Thank you to those who have currently shared and if you haven't shared yet, **please take 5 minutes to complete by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** <https://forms.office.com/e/XS6mYrjXHJ>

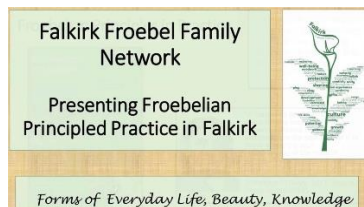


### **Let's show the positive impacts of the amazing Froebelian Practice happening across Falkirk**

We are looking to create and share the positive impacts our Froebelian approaches are having across our Falkirk Authority. This will be used to share at our Falkirk Froebel Exhibition and Festival in May 2024. In addition, it will be shared at other events and platforms therefore please ensure ethical consents. In addition, it will be used as data to support understanding the impacts of the practice that has occurred through the Froebel courses, CPD, CLPL and network learning.

**Please can you please share an overview power point slide or two of all the Froebelian practice in your setting e.g.** block play, sewing, woodwork, gardening, family cooking, nature etc with some images that have been influenced through your Froebel studies, courses etc and pop this into a power point slide or two to showcase your fabulous practice. Please also add your setting name as a title

If these could be return asap or by 20th April at the very latest.



**Please click the QR code to view previous Froebelian Principled practice shared** which we want to update and build upon to show the GROWTH and SUSTAINABILITY.

**Open doors – FALKIRK FROEBEL FLAGSHIP** - Don't miss out on the opportunity to visit **Inchlair ELCC on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 3.30-4.30pm** and **Bankier ELC on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 3.30 – 4.30pm**. There has been a high volume of practitioners and Teams wanting to visit these sessions therefore please sign up via CPD manager at these planned dates to avoid disappointment as both settings have devoted these times to share with Falkirk colleagues and Froebel Family.



**Falkirk Froebelian Visits** - Some great collaboration happening across our settings and it has been lovely to connect with a number of settings throughout the year. Just a reminder in the past Froebelian Lead Donna Green has arranged ELC visits to settings who have trained Froebelian's however this **will now be allocated on a request from settings basis** – Donna is more than happy to visit to offer any support or answer queries etc. Please email [donna.green@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:donna.green@falkirk.gov.uk)

## Family Songs

Please share to promote the many positive benefits of singing. This provides Makaton signing, lyrics, accompanied with real music and links to seasonality. We continue to promote this via Twitter/ X and we would like to invite all Falkirk settings to join in and in addition share with your families and community. #SingMore #Repetition



**Falkirk Froebel Blog:** The Falkirk Froebel Family blog is a really good resource to find supportive material and share practice around woodwork, sewing, family songs, block play etc here is the link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fa/falkirkearlyyears/falkirk-froebel-family/>

In addition, **The Froebel Trust** has a host of wonderful supportive free training resources: [Froebel Trust | Homepage](#)

Furthermore **Froebelian Futures** also have a range of resources to support ongoing learning and reflections here is a link to explore further: [Froebelian Futures - Froebelian futures \(ed.ac.uk\)](#)

## Clay workshop

Took place during the February inset training day that was organised by our Falkirk Froebel Network – where traveling tutor Thelma Miller shared her extensive knowledge of the many benefits of clay.

**Feedback has been wonderful, and it is heartening to see many practitioners who attended this workshop have already taken their learning back to setting to share with children with the view to provide clay as part of continuous provision in ELC.**



## Woodwork –

**TOP TIPS –** Please view the blog and glow resources to support woodwork: [Woodwork in Falkirk – Falkirk Early Learning \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](#)



## Collaboration – Sharing

**Thank you to our Falkirk Froebelians. colleagues and friends for sharing via Twitter/ X . Please keep sharing all the wonderful spaces, experiences, and interaction via @FallkirkFroebel to support sharing with your Network and beyond. Too many to share all of them but here is some Falkirk sharing. #JoinIn**



## Diary dates:



- **21<sup>st</sup> March** – The Froebel Trust Free Webinar – Cooking with Young Children and new pamphlet available to download.
- **23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Inchlair ELCC – Open Doors Falkirk Froebel Flagship sharing – 3.30-4.30pm sign up via CPD manager – All welcome
- **25<sup>th</sup> April** – Bankier ELC – Open Doors – Falkirk Froebel Flagship sharing 3.30-4.30pm sign up via CPD manager All welcome
- **Cohort 5 – Froebel in Childhood Practice** –Time to implement your Froebel project prior to your assignment 2 submission on the **3<sup>rd</sup> June** and the 3<sup>rd</sup> assignment academic poster submission **on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024**.
- Froebelian Futures- **Froebelian Practitioner Inquiry Course** 27<sup>th</sup> March - Certificate and celebration online event.
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May:** Falkirk Froebel Festival will take place on in-service day details above and on CPD manager.
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** Falkirk Froebel Exhibition 2-4pm Sign up via CPD manager.
- **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Froebelian Futures Conference Edinburgh – Tickets **on sale (some remaining)**

We would like this to be **reciprocal Froebel News** and welcome any of our Falkirk Froebel Family Froebelians and communities to share. **Please forward any information you would like added to the next Falkirk Froebel News.**

Final thoughts as we support an unhurried pace of the day which starts with the child through play and real life experiences ...“...**Both these notions of freedom from something, freedom from rote learning and freedom from inappropriate teaching led Froebel to a more positive notion of freedom, namely freedom for children to participate, to choose, to act, to observe, to play and above all to be allowed time to absorb new knowledge at their own speed of learning.**”

Liebschner, J. (1992)

kindest wishes

*Donna and our Falkirk Froebel Family Network*

