



## Largs Early Years Centre October 2024 Newsletter



### Halloween

On **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** we will be having a fun day with a range of exciting activities and a special snack for the children. The children can **dress up** if they wish however this is **optional**. Please note we have a range of costumes that will be out for the children if they don't want to come dressed up. Can we **please ask** if your child does want to dress up that there are **NO SCARY MASKS**.



We will be offering our **stay and play sessions** again in November. There will be sheets with **times and dates available** soon and parents can add their name if they would like to join us for one of the play sessions. These will be available on a **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** over a period of 4 weeks. If these days aren't suitable please speak to the office and we can arrange for another time.

### Personal Care

Just a reminder if your child currently **wears pull ups/ or nappies** can you ensure a **supply of wipes and nappies are provided**. These can be given to your child's keyworker to add to their personal care box.



### Fun Family Autumn Challenge

We will be having an Autumn **fun family challenge** for anyone who would like to get involved. **Can you create or design a fabulous pumpkin** for our display/parade. Anyone who would like to be involved can bring them in on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** and we will display them for everyone to see. We will have a small supply for anyone who is unable to get one at the door from week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> October.



### Eco Work

To help support our **eco schools work** we will be having a **collection for Rag Bag** in November. If you are having a clear out or there are clothes that no longer fit, then please bring them to the centre by the **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. They will be collected on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**. This helps us **raise funds for other eco activities**. Thanks in advance for your support.

### Accidents

Just to let parents/carers know that if any of the children have an **accident within the centre** which is on **their head/face** it is our **policy to phone** the parents to notify them.



## Centre Closures

Please note we will **be closed** on the following days:

**Monday 25th November** -Local Holiday

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** - Staff In-Service day

The centre will closed from **Tuesday 24th December** - **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January** (Inclusive) for the Christmas Holidays

## Standard & Quality Report

Our **standards and quality report** is now available for parents/carers. This gives an overview of our **successes and achievements last year** and the **progress made with our priorities**. If you would like a copy please **ask at the office or pick up a copy** from the parent's room.



## Centre Improvement Plan

Our **Improvement Plan** priorities for **2024- 2025** are:

1. Improvement in the children's health & wellbeing with a focus on the SHANNARRI wellbeing indicators
2. To further embed and develop our UNCRC work into all our policies and practice
3. To review and refine systems and processes which will improve data collection and the learning and teaching

**Full information on our priorities** and what we will be doing is located and displayed within the main reception area. There are also copies available for parents & carers in the parent's room.

## Planning and Recording progress

We have recently made changes to our planning and recording processes to ensure this can be done while **engaging and working alongside the children**. Our staff will continue to plan and record children's learning however **we will no longer be using the termly learning stories**. There are three ways we record and share children's progress and achievements which include. 1. Through **Seesaw our online platform**, 2. **Through observations** and other learning which can be found in **their special book**, 3. **Through floor books** to gather children's ideas, knowledge and next steps. Staff will continue to engage and meet with parents around their personal learning targets and any changes to your child's health, wellbeing or safety needs.

## Fundraising for Christmas

We are hoping to participate in a Christmas fundraiser using "**Mychild's art**". We have never used this before however have been assured it's a **no obligation to buy**. We have been issued templates and all children will create their individual art work. This will be sent away and there

is an opportunity for parents to **purchase some Christmas gifts** with the child's work displayed on it.

### Parents Questionnaires

**Thank you to everyone** who returned their completed parental questionnaires. We have gathered all this information and have started to **plan the workshops and events for the year.**

### Security /Doors

As we approach the winter months we will **no longer be having the main doors open in the morning** between 8am - 9am. We ask that parents / carers press the nursery buzzer to gain access. The 3-5 playroom door will **also be closed over** during busy periods. We will start this from **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. Thanks