

December 2025 Newsletter



Christmas

On **Wednesday 17th December** we will be holding our Christmas concerts, tickets are on sale in the office if you haven't already got them. The children have been practising very hard and we are sure you will enjoy the fabulous show they will put on. There will be a few goodies on offer to buy including tablet and sweeties and we will also be holding a raffle, which is £1 a strip.



Centre Closure Dates

Our last day before finishing for the Christmas holiday is **Tuesday 23rd December 2025** and will return on **Monday 5th January 2026**

Headlice

There has been a few cases of head lice within the centre, and as you will be aware lice can spread easily through contact. Please would you check your child's head for head lice and if needed carry out treatments. Follow the link below for further information if required.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

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 regularly**. These can be given to your child's keyworker to add to their personal care box.

Illness/Infection

As the colder months continue, we continue to see increases in common airborne viruses. If your child is feeling unwell and has a temperature, sickness or diarrhoea it is important to stay at home until this has cleared to prevent this from spreading to others. Children should not attend until 48hours after last episode of sickness/diarrhoea. We have also seen cases of hand foot and mouth recently, although there is no exclusion for this it is very contagious, please follow the link below for more guidance and information on illnesses and infections.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Fun Family Challenge

Our Fun Family Challenge this month is to have a "Dance after dinner". Have a dance together to a family favourite or a festive song. We would love to see photos and videos of your family dancing on See Saw. Have a chat with your child about being active and how this makes them feel.

Care plans

It is important that all children's care plans are kept up to date, if there is any changes within home life you feel staff should know please keep us informed. Staff use care plans to ensure we are providing appropriate interventions and support, and will ask you to sign anything that is documented. Staff will review this with you within 6 months.

Happy Retirement Irene

Irene's last day with us at Largs Early Years Centre is Friday 19th December before she finishes for retirement. We wish Irene well in her new chapter and many happy adventures, and would like to thank Irene for her all her hard work over the last 8 years.

We also look forward to welcoming our new Education Business Assistant, Laura, who will be starting with us in January and I'm sure you will all make her feel very welcome.

Staff team

We look forward to welcoming Ashley back to the centre in January after being off on maternity leave, enjoying time with her two sons. Ashley will be based in the 2-3 room and is looking forward to working with you all.

We would like to wish Meghan, Excellence and Equity Lead, good luck as she moves onto her new post at a nursery closer to home. We will keep you updated when our new lead is appointed.

Greenock Morton Football sessions

Sean from Greenock Morton will be returning in January for another block of football sessions, these will be on Monday this time to enable the children who attend the start of the week to participate. We are looking forward to these and the children had great fun the last time! This was a suggestion from a parent within our improvement consultation and we are glad to facilitate this.



Centre Improvement Plan Feedback

Thank you to everyone who took the time to read over our improvement plan pin boards and give feedback and ideas during our consultation week. We appreciated the opportunity to discuss our priorities for the year with you all and have now collated the information shared with our next steps, which has been included below

- "I'm happy the way things are ran everyone is fantastic. Thank you"

Priority 1

- "Could introduce 'Get Fit' mornings once per week - exercise, races etc." - **Will discuss at in service with staff team**
- "Introduce new fruit and veg each week to see what children like - support fussy eaters" - **Will discuss at in service with staff team**
- "Taste test sessions to allow children to try some new flavours? During snack time?" - **Will discuss at in service with staff team**
- "Morton Football to come in and do a session" - **Following this suggestion, sessions have been planned for Jan 2026**
- "Dance after dinner. What's your favourite family tune that you all like to dance to, can you send pics, video on SeeSaw of you and your family dancing to your fav tunes - link dancing with being active and feeling good" - **This will be added as a Fun Family Challenge on SeeSaw**
- "I'm enjoying using the SHANNARI characters, now that I've got my head round them, and can see they're benefit"
- "Could we work in partnership Largs Academy 5th and 6th year pupils taking higher PE or sports coaching to take groups over 6 week period with staff members to build skills and opportunities in physical exercise" - **UNCRC coordinators have plans to work in partnership academy staff/pupils to support children's rights, will consider this suggestion when undergoing this.**
- "Could we do a walking Wednesday group - walk, cycle, scooter to nursery" - **Will discuss at in service with staff team**
- "We loved the Fun with Food Session and will definitely attend again. The SHANARRI characters are fab and an ideal way to help children learn and encourage them to make smart choices" - **Will continue to plan and advertise these groups. The next one is in November**

Priority 2

- "Apps - Hairy letters, jolly phonics, ICT games website" - **Included these in list of apps for staff to use**
- "SeeSaw is great do childminders get access to seesaw?" - **We don't have permission to give out seesaw codes to anyone other than parents. Parents sign to say they understand other parents can see information shared and understand this should be treated confidentially and not shared on other platforms**
- "Maybe consider on AAC device as part of digital learning?" - **This is not currently something we are able to implement with our budget, our digital technologies coordinator will raise this at future meetings to find out further information about these resources**

- "Use see-saw bank of activities to allow children to complete activities at home" - Will discuss at In Service day with Staff team
- "Seesaw is an amazing resource. [REDACTED] loves using a tablet when learning about numbers, maybe use some of these apps" - We have number apps included on Ipads for children to use

Priority 3

- "Copy of trackers to have better understanding"
- "Yes would like to see trackers if possible"
- "[REDACTED] copy of tracker would be great"

We will consult with parents about how they would like to access trackers e.g. online platform, a drop in session to find out further information and the opportunity to speak with our EEL