



## Largs Early Years Centre

April/May 2026

### Newsletter



#### Transition to School

Our **transition activities** with our feeder Schools will be starting very soon. We have a **full range of transition activities** over the next few months to support your child and build their confidence. This includes visits to the **P1 class, meeting their teachers, going to the hall for lunch and spending time in their new environments**. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's keyworker.

#### Staffing

**Rebeca Welsh** our early years assistant will finish on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to start her Maternity leave. We are currently recruiting to fill her post while she is off. We hope Rebecca enjoys some time before baby Welsh arrives.

**Abby Donnelly** is our new Excellence and Equity lead. Abby helps support **targeted intervention** with some identified children. Abby is currently looking for donations to help develop our outdoor areas. If you have any of the following items we would appreciate them: **Old CDs, paint rollers or brushes (any size) Old measuring scales or tapes**.

#### Speech Sounds Workshop (Colour coding)

Speech and language therapy are coming to deliver a targeted group to support children speech sound development. This will be held on Wednesday **May 13<sup>th</sup> from 11.20am -12.20pm** in our parents' room. This is a **targeted workshop** and spaces are limited. Please speak to Julie or Gemma for more information to see if this would benefit your child.



#### Weather

Just a **little reminder** that if we are lucky enough to have **sunny weather** can parents/carers please apply **sun cream** to your child prior to coming into the centre and **send a hat** if they have one? **We do have sun cream for reapplying** as we do spend an increased period of time in the outdoor area.



#### End of term Celebration of Learning/Graduation

Our end of term **celebration of learning/graduation** will be on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**. This will be held within the **performance space** in the school campus. The times for the **morning children & children who attend the start of the week** is **11am and the afternoon will be at 3.15pm**.

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**Parents/carers are invited along** to see the children sharing some of their favourite songs and receiving a small gift.

**Parents /carers** should arrive at the **entrance of the Secondary School** no earlier than **10.45am and 3pm** .A staff member will meet you and show you to the performance area.



### **Stay and Play Sessions**

Our **next stay and play sessions** are scheduled for early **June**. These were **very well attended last session**. To ensure this **continues to work well** we will be having it on **set days and times again** due to the large numbers of children we have. Please **look out for the timetable** over the next few weeks and if they days don't suit please speak to your child's keyworker.

### **Keeping In Touch**



Just a reminder if your child is going to be **absent** from the centre for any reason, can we kindly ask that you contact the **centre on that day as early as you can**. The campus telephone number is 01475 **687 687**. The centre is currently **option 4**.

If any child is **absent** and the centre has not been informed the **keyworker will contact** you at some point throughout the day.



### **Eco School Community Beach Clean**

On **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May** we are having a community beach clean from **10.30am - 11.30am**. This has been successful over the last few years supported by our community partners. This is a great opportunity to help support our local community and encourage the children to learn more about environmental issues. To **raise funds** for new outdoor equipment, suits and wellies we are having this as an **optional sponsored beach clean**. If you would like a sponsor form please pop by the office. We will meet at **Magnus the Viking from 10.30am**.

### **Rag Bag**

Thank you for all your donations to our Rag bag collection. We raised **£41.40** from the donations.

### **Closures**



**Please note the centre will be closed to all children on the following dates:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - Public Holiday & **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May** - Local Holiday



## **Exclusions for sickness**

To ensure we continue to minimise **the risk of infection**, we have a **48 hour exclusion policy** for any child who has **diarrhoea or sickness**. The **48 hours should be from the last period of sickness/diarrhoea**. This is to help minimise the spread of infection and ensure that the children and staff are well



## **Information about Headlice**

Within schools and early years centres **head lice can be easily spread** during head to head contact with young children. Head lice **can't be prevented** however **regular checking** ensures **early detection and treatment**. There are different treatments, which can be used and are available from the pharmacist. **The best detection method is wet combing**. Please see below for some information.

### **Tips /facts about head lice**

- Head louse eggs take up to **10 days** to hatch
- Treatment is **only needed** when a thorough check **detects live lice**.
- Baby lice take **6-14 days to become fully-grown** it is after this that they will take the opportunity to **move head to head** during close contact.
- Insecticide lotions **should not be used preventatively** (this makes lice become resistant)
- Head lice **can't jump, fly or swim** - they pass through head to head contact moving swiftly along the hair.

More information about bug busting can be found at <https://www.chc.org>