Glenbrae Children’s Centre

**Parents Newsletter**

 @CentreGlenbrae March 2021

Dear Parent

It’s nice to see all the children back at nursery again and enjoying having fun with their friends. We look forward to the new term after Easter, when children will be busy learning through play while taking part in fun filled, exciting activities.



**Rainbow Room (0-2s)**

Welcome to all the new children in the Rainbow Room and good luck to all those who have recently moved through to the Sunshine Room. The children have been learning to look up at the birds, planes, clouds, lampposts, buildings and trees. Then looking down at the ground, grass, flowers, mud, stones and worms while outdoors. Also looking up and down at the bridge and waterfall while on a trip to Auchmountain Glen. Children have also been busy making Mother’s Day Cards.

**Butterfly Room (3-5s)**

The children have all settled well back into nursery. They have loved seeing their friends and having fun together again. We have been talking and learning about our emotions and feelings and how they impact our rights. The children have enjoyed expressing themselves and discussing how much they have enjoyed being back at nursery and what they were learning at home. We have refurbished our outdoor area and the children have thrived exploring the outdoors as they have been investigating the new area. We have been learning to assess and take risks with the addition of our new tyre swing.





**Sunshine Room (2-3s)**

The children have settled back into nursery really well, enjoying seeing their friends and meeting new ones. They have really enjoyed the freedom of outdoor play, running, climbing playing on bikes and exploring the natural environment. While participating in Virtual Nature Schools we have been looking up at the clouds, trees and buildings. Looking down at the ground and insects and also looking through using binoculars and magnifying glasses. We have been looking into the bug hotel and the compost to see what we could find. We have been using these concepts to explore both indoors and out.

**Home Learning**

Our home learning Sways have been very popular with our families during lockdown so we have decided to keep them going now that we are back. You will receive an email every two weeks with a link that will take you to your child’s Sway. This will contain some fun learning activities for you to do together as a family at home. As always, we appreciate any feedback so that we can continue to improve them and make them even better for the children.





**Bookbug**

If you are interested in doing a socially distanced Bookbug session outdoors, please speak to Angela, Family Support Worker.



**Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March**

We are taking part in Red Nose Day on

**Friday 19thMarch**. Children are invited to wear something red on this day and there will be a donation box at the front door if you wish to contribute.

**Staff News**

We have a member of staff who will soon be retiring. George, in the Baby Room, is retiring after 42 years at Glenbrae. Throughout his time here he has worked with all age groups and has enriched the children’s learning with his wealth of knowledge on the natural world. He will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best for a long and happy retirement.

Stacey, our Early Years Support Assistant in the 3-5 Room, is now on maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to hearing about her new bundle of joy.







**COVID-19 Update**

Please remember to follow the guidelines for social distancing rules when approaching the nursery entrance.

* + Follow the one way system
	+ Wear a face covering
	+ One adult per child to drop off and collect
	+ The car park is for staff only
	+ Please inform us if you are returning from abroad.

Also please ensure contact details are up to date and you are contactable by phone.



**Outdoor Clothing**

Please remember your children are spending a lot of time outdoors and need suitable outdoor clothing and a change of clothes for emergencies. Thank you.



**Glenbrae Twitter Page**

Please follow us on twitter @CentreGlenbrae

This page will keep up to date with photos of your children’s learning.

Remember to share your fun and learning with us!

**Family Support Worker**

Angela, our Family Support Worker, is available for a chat and to offer help and support if needed.

**Donations**

After the Easter break we will have a donation box for nursery funds at the front door for anyone wishing to contribute. We have a suggested donation of £2 per family, however this is not a set amount.

**Children’s Attendance**

If your child is going to be off nursery for any reason could you please phone and let us know. Our telephone number is 714987.



As always thank you for your continued support. If you have any concerns or comments about our service please talk to your child’s keyworker, or a member of the management team.

**Fiona Brogan- Acting Head of Centre**

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