

**Hillend's**



**Newsletter**

### **Ways to communication**

Please keep your **contact information** up to date with us.

These methods are important when we share information and keep you up-to-date with the goings on at Hillend.

**You can phone:** 01475 715710.

**Nursery twitter page:** @hillend\_cc

**Groupcall xpressions app**

**Email:** INBRO090@glow.sch.uk

**Closed Facebook group.** (Sharing of information)

***Our Twitter, Closed Facebook Group and Xpressions is our quickest way to reach information to everyone. If you are not on one of these platforms can you contact the nursery and discuss further so we can support.***

***If you require any further information on how to access any of the above please speak to Stacey Barbour—01475 715710.***

### **Staff Update**

As you will know our Theresa officially retired at the Christmas break. The post was advertised and Jacqueline (who is covering in the Snowdrops room) has now been successful at interview.

We said a fond farewell to our Gerry- We wish you all the best in the future.

Shona will still remain covering in the Sunflowers room until jades maternity post is covered.

### **Weather, Weather Everywhere.**

**Play is the way! So sometimes, we need a little help to support all this wonderful learning and development your child will experience throughout the day.**

Can you please provide your child with:

- **Welly Boots/change of shoes**
- **Change(s) of clothing/socks/shoes etc.** in case of accidents- messy play- and lots of exploring.

**Please could you put your child's name on clothes/shoes as this helps us correctly identify your child's items.**

**The weather can change so quickly so we want to ensure we have the appropriate items for your child. Please speak to your child's keyworker.**

## Events

Here are some dates to keep in the diary.

### March/April

- **Easter Parade-** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Children will explore to find a “special treat” within the nursery and outdoors.
- Friday, 29 March 2024 to Friday, 12 April 2024- (Model 1 Children off - Spring Break).
- **Good Friday – 29 March 2024 & Easter Monday 1 April 2024 – (Closed to all Children & Staff).**
- **Autism Awareness Day-** Wednesday 3rd April 2024 – Children are free to wear something **BLUE** to support our awareness day.
- Monday, 15 April 2024 – (Model 1 Children Return).
- **International Dance Day** – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> of April 2024– (Come as you please)

### May

- **Sports Day-Go Yellow Day** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 (more information to follow)

### June

- **Celebration of Learning- Bluebells:-** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (more information to follow)
- **Celebration of Learning- Snowdrops & Sunflowers:-** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 (more information to follow)

“I’m going on holiday soon”:- **Joshua**

### International Dance Day

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> April 2024- (Come As You Please)



Today we will have a Wellbeing Wednesday- We will dance the day away and you can wear whatever you like for example:- Pyjamas, costume, slippers, crazy hair – Whatever makes you feel good 😊



**A Fantastic Suggestions from some lovely parents 😊**

### Healthy fish and chips

A popular options on our menu.

Why not try at home your child may want to help.

Add seasoning of your preference.

Sometimes children are more interested to try if they help to make.

Scan the QR code below for details



### Sign of the Week

At Hillend we use a variety of methods to support communication for all.

Through using Makaton signing we will develop this further and will display a “Sign of the week” through, Video, display and physical sign within all playrooms.

This will develop further for our children to communicate with peers, families, staff and our wider community to enrich the already amazing practice we do and to support others.

Keep a look out on our twitter and our closed facebook page for further details.

## Car Park

We would kindly ask if you avoid parking in the drop off zone when our buses are arriving and departing.

This is for the safety of our children and staff.  
We would be grateful for your support on this matter.

## Change of Clothes

If your child has required a change of clothes at nursery these things happen and we are more than happy to support.

We would kindly ask if you could return these clothes/pants/socks when you get a chance.

If you have any old items we would be grateful and respect your donation.

## Voluntary Nursery Pennies

Every Wednesday we will be displaying a magic bottle (Or a magic tin on the buses)




If you ever have some spare "pennies" this will be put towards resources, special events and learning experiences daily for example: - cooking ingredients.

We will always give an overview of what we have spent in our newsletters.

Thank you for your continuous support.



*"You need to tell people about the Coca-Cola bottle- and its Wednesday you know" - Oliver*



**COFFEE AND A CATCH UP**  
FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ASN  
**MONDAY 18TH MARCH 12-2**  
**15 JOHN WOOD ST PORT GLASGOW**  
COME ALONG AND GRAB A TEA OR COFFEE AND A CHAT.  
HOSTED BY ASN PARENT AND CARER GROUP INVERCLYDE

### The PANTRY

A zero waste shop which also provides a dignified option for those in financial hardship or facing food insecurity. The pantry is open to all residents of Inverclyde regardless of postcode, employment or financial status.



Call 01475 553300

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Find out more on INVERCLYDE LIFE - CLICK THE LINK!

**CONNECT to WELLBEING 2023**

Your voice

CVS Inverclyde

HSCP

## Multiply

MAKE NUMBERS COUNT

Multiply: Make Numbers Count can help you to gain confidence in your number skills to:

How does this all add up?!

Shop around for the best prices

Understand your bills, what you have to pay and why!

Learn skills that could help you at work or find a new job

Make sense of banking and credit jargon

For more info, please contact:

Email - [CLD.Admin@inverclyde.gov.uk](mailto:CLD.Admin@inverclyde.gov.uk)  
Phone - 01475 715450

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Greenock Morton & Renfrewshire Community Trust

Inverclyde Council

**Hillend Children's Centre Bingo Night**

**Greenock Morton Supporters Club**  
**Friday 1st March 2024**  
**7pm til Late**  
**Strictly over 18s**

### CLD course

Supporting parents with understanding maths (Multiply: Make numbers count)

Email:

[CLD.Admin@Inverclyde.gov.uk](mailto:CLD.Admin@Inverclyde.gov.uk)

Phone: 01475 715450

## Thank You

We thank you for your continuous support and your opinions matter to us – so please do not hesitate to contact us, as we would love to hear your suggestions and if you have any further questions from the above.

Check our website and ways to communicate regularly for updates