



April / May 2025

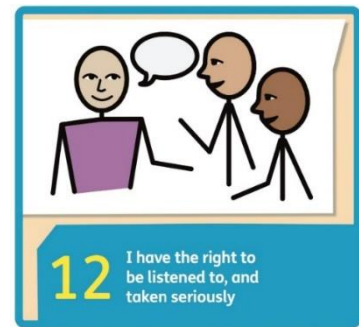
## Updates ☺

We would like to take this time to say at the beginning of May we will be losing a very valued & loved member of our team. Brenda – our clerical – Our main woman- is retiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2025. Brenda has worked here at Hillend for more than 29 years and seen staff, parents and children throughout the generations and still to this day wouldn't forget a face.

Her passion for her job here at Hillend was more than just “being in the office” she's part of the family and took on more jobs and roles in supporting her fellow colleagues and families than we could put into words.

We wish Brenda the most wonderful retirement; there is no one who deserves it, more and we can't put into words how much you'll be missed at #TeamHillend.

We will be having the last 'Hoorah' for our Brenda on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May so please, Don't hesitate to come say 'Cherrio Lovie' to Oor Brenda☺.



## Child Protection

*It is everyone's responsibility to protect children.*

At Hillend Children's Centre we ensure we have a caring and safe environment. All adults have a responsibility to protect children and here is further information to support you on this important matter.

**Please click the link below regarding key information for Hillend Children's Centre:**

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/in/public/hillendcc/uploads/sites/7445/2024/10/22144508/CP-Poster-for-Hillend-Childrens-Centre.pdf>

**Please click the link below for further Information through Inverclyde Council:-**

<https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-protection/inverclyde-child-protection-committee>

## Events

Here are some dates to keep in the diary.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025** – Easter Holidays – To all Model 1 children.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April** – Good Friday – Nursery closed / Holiday for all children.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025**- Easter Monday –Nursery closed / Holiday for all children.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025** – All Children return.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025** – *Stay & Play – Sensory Workshop* – (More information down below)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025** – May Day – Nursery Closed / Holiday to all children.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025** – In-service day – open to staff – Closed to all children.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025** – All children return to nursery.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025**- Go Yellow Day! – Wear something yellow for Ardgowan Hospice.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025**- *Sports Day* – (More information to follow)

## Website

**Please click below on our website for further information.**

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/in/hillendcc/>

We place the Lunch menus, Model calendars, our improvement plans, our standards & quality and many more important items.

Please check out, read and catch up with any further updates and information.

Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any further questions.

### Go Yellow Day

Every year we have a fun day and raise funds for our local community – we have a “Go Yellow Day’ in supporting Ardgowan Hospice.

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 we ask you to wear something yellow.

We will be creating summer hampers as raffle prizes and we will send out tickets for anyone who would like to buy them.

If you would like to donate items for the hampers we would be grateful of this too – think summer day out ☺

We will share photos of the hampers when completed.



### Sensory Workshop

Our Sensory Workshop times are as followed:

**AM:** -10am til 11.30am      **PM:** - 2pm til 3.30pm

You will explore and listen to important information regarding programmes and experience children have at Hillend in supporting their sensory experiences.

### Online Journals

Just a reminder that the lovely learning that is displayed on your child's online journal goes on by date.

So remember when it says someone's put a piece of learning up – have a scroll through your child's profile to find it.

Thanks for your support on this matter as we don't want you to be missing out ☺



## Mr. Sun is making a move . . .

We ask as a reminder for you to put suncream on your children before nursery.

We do have cream for the duration of the day and will place cream in cloak rooms for yourselves for when those busy days get in the way.

Thank you for your support on this matter 😊 👨 👩 ❤️



## Do you look after someone?

To enable them to live independently at home?



Please share your experiences and ideas, to improve information and support for unpaid carers.

To take part please scan the QR, visit [bit.ly/inverclydecarerssurvey](http://bit.ly/inverclydecarerssurvey) or get in touch for further information and help filling the survey out. This survey is available in a variety of formats including large print.

All feedback is anonymous, and will help shape the Inverclyde Carers Strategy for the next three years.

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[enquiries@yourvoice.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@yourvoice.org.uk)



## Change of Clothes

We ask you provide changes of clothes for your children, trousers/leggings, socks, pants, tops.

We are running low on our spare supplies – **if we have no change for your child we may have to contact you to bring a spare change to nursery.**



## Voluntary Nursery Pennies

### Overview of March/April 2025:

**Collected: £131.12**

Items bought so far:

- Peat free soil for planting.
- Cereal, breadsticks, yogurt.
- Cornflour, flour, tubes for sensory bottles, pasta, lentils, sand.



## the pantry

The Pantry is a **ZERO WASTE** shop in Inverclyde.

Pop along to your nearest shop and register to become a member, there is a £1 membership fee and then you are able to shop once per week for a £2.50 fee. There are volunteers there to help you and guide you through the process.

ALL residents in Inverclyde can use The Pantry regardless of postcode, employment or financial status



Scan the QR code for more information



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PA14 5HU

115 Grieve Road  
Greenock  
PA16 7AW

Stock comes via a license with FairShare Scotland. Different stock arrives each week which means there will always be something new.

**NHS SCOTLAND** Children and Adults who struggle with Toothbrushing due to sensory differences or medical need, may prefer this Toothpaste to foaming or mint flavoured varieties.

**INVERCLYDE HSCP** Health and Social Care Partnership

**OHP free**

Non-foaming flavourless toothpaste is NOW AVAILABLE @ GREENOCK HEALTH CENTRE PHARMACY £3 per tube

Joining in with Sensory Differences

Inverclyde Oral Health team would like to thank our colleagues at Greenock Health and Care Centre Pharmacy for supplying this.

## 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