



Kilmacolm Nursery Class  
Autumn Newsletter  
2019

**New Staff Team**

We would like to introduce our new staff team;

Chris Orr - Depute Head of Centre

Lisa Conway - Senior EYECO

Tracey O'Donnell - Senior EYECO

Rose Arthur - EYECO (Early years education and childcare officer)

Hayley Lennon - EYECO

Gaynor Fanci - EYECO

Lauren Attfield - EYECO

Laura McDonald - EYECO

Jessie Friel - EYECO

Frances Mulholland - EYECO

Rebecca Loughrey - EYECO

Yvonne Kerr - EYECO

Karen Donnachie - EYECO

Mahri McNeil - EYESA (Early years support assistant)

Some of the staff have yet to start in their position.

**Absences**

If your child is unwell or unable to attend nursery please can you phone and let us know 01475 715831.

**Dates for you Diary**

**October Holidays From:**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

**In-service Days:**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

**Halloween Party**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Morning and Afternoon

Fancy dress optional

**Children's Progress Meetings**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October** -Blue Group pattern 3 AM

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October** -Green Group AM & PM

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Blue Group pattern 4 AM

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Yellow Group AM & PM

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Red Group AM & PM

Please speak to your child's keyworker to arrange an appointment.

**Outdoor Classroom**

We are so excited the Outdoor Classroom is going to be open for use after the October Holidays!!

We will invite you along to an opening event shortly.

**Fund Money**

Thank you so much for your £2 weekly donation which helps towards providing a healthy snack, learning resources, parties/ celebrations and presents.

### Weather/ Clothing

As the weather is changing and becoming colder please can you make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

We all take part in outdoor learning in all weathers where children take part in different learning activities.

We do have a supply of waterproofs which are worn over the children's own clothes. These can sometimes not be enough depending on the activity and can let water in. So please can you provide a change of clothes and a pair of wellies which can be left at your child's peg.

All clothes should be marked clearly with your child's name to avoid any mix ups.

Avoid wearing good clothes to nursery as they can become a bit messy.

### Donation of Items

Thank you so much for your kindly donated items. If you still would like to donate unused items we are looking for;

Ribbons, Buttons, Wool, Jar Lids, Metal Tins, Milk Bottle Tops, Corks, Natural Baskets, Old Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogues, Old Keys, Metal Chains, Wooden, Metal Curtain Rings, Old Padlocks with Keys, Cardboard Reels, Electrical Cable Reels, Material

Outdoor Mud Kitchen; Metal wooden bowls, Metal Tea Set, Metal Trays, Cake Tins, Mashers, Ladles, Whisks, Garlic Crusher, Metal Jugs, Lemon Juicer, Colanders, Egg Cups, Saucepans, Frying Pans, Wooden Chopping Boards, Spoons Wooden and Metal, Blunt Metal Knives, Pestle & Mortar ( No Plastic Please)

These resources help to enhance children's real life learning experiences.

### Nut Free Nursery

Please remember that in supporting our children with Nut Allergies we are completely nut free throughout the nursery and school. Please do not send in any items which may contain nuts in packed lunches as snacks. We do have a number of children with nut allergies and it is imperative that they do not come into contact with them in any way.

### Grapes in Lunch Boxes

If supplying grapes in pack lunches please make sure they are cut lengthwise to help prevent choking.

### Staff Car Park

Parents are not permitted to park in the school car park at any time. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### Our Learning Journey

This block we are learning about Music and Movement which the children selected as the theme. Lots of creative activities are taking place including Yoga, Dance, Singing and physical exercise which is greatly enjoyed by both the children and staff. Trips to Duchal Woods are underway to explore and appreciate nature.

### Students

We have a number of students who are on placement from West College Scotland with us at the moment:

Elaine Pollock Bespoke HNC – Monday

Lisa Young HNC – Monday & Tuesday

Ann Ward HNC – Tuesday & Wednesday

Samantha Gaffney - NC Thursday & Friday

Alisha Gallacher – NC Thursday & Friday

### Going Green

This will be the last newsletter we will be printing to paper to help save the environment.

All of the newsletters will be available on the School App. To download the app go search 'PSA' in the Apple or Google play app stores.

Username is: KPS

Pin is: 2019

### Fairy Sponsored Walk

Thank you to all of the parents/ carers who came along and kindly donated and supported us with the sponsored walk. Jointly with the school we have raised £2142.99.

This is a fabulous amount which will be used to buy resources for Outdoor Learning.

### Stay and Play

We will be holding Stay and Play sessions every day after the October Holidays.

These sessions will be informal and will allow you to see what sort of learning experiences your child participates in at nursery. It will also give you the chance to take part in play experiences, some of which can be quite messy! No pressure, you can stay all session or just for a short while.

Due to Fire safety we only have space for two parents per session. If you would like to take part please add your name to the sheet within the cloakroom.

### Twitter

Follow us on Twitter to see pictures of what the children have been learning.

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