

Larkfield Early Learning Centre

Newsletter

February 2022



In the blink of an eye, the first month of the year has passed... time really does go by fast when we are playing, learning and having fun together! We are feeling settled and content in our new nursery and love the opportunities we are having to explore our new learning environments.

**We would like to welcome some new faces to the team...**

**Chris Orr** – Chris previously worked with us and has reacquainted back at Larkfield as our second Depute.

**Marion Louden** – Marion is our Catering Assistant, supporting the staff and children with their nutritional lunches.

**Lisa McGhee** - We have a Social Worker based in the nursery two days a week. Lisa is here to support children, families and staff.

**Covid19 Update ...**

We ask that you maintain a 2 metre distance from other adults and wear a face covering at drop off/collection points, unless exempt.

Please do not bring your child to nursery if they have any of the latest Covid19 symptoms.



**House Boundaries ...**

Thank you to those who have been parking responsibly at drop off/collection times. Please be mindful not to park over resident's driveways or block the front of our nursery gates.

We ask that you adhere to your child's allocated model times. These are listed below ...

**Model 1** 9:00am – 3:00pm

**Model 2** (Mon, Tue) 8:10am – 5:45pm

(Wed) 8:10am – 1:05pm

**Model 3** (Wed) 1:25pm – 5:45pm

(Thu, Fri) 8:10am – 5:45pm

**Model 4** 8:10am – 12:55pm

**Model 5** 1:00pm – 5:45pm

**Outdoor learning** – As you are aware, children have daily access to their natural world. We ask that you send your child to nursery suitably dressed in warm layers. We provide children with warm all-in-one suits to wear when outdoors however, sometimes we get a little wet and muddy during our play. Can you ensure a spare set of clothing is kept in nursery (we'll keep it on your child's coat peg); this is greatly appreciated. Let's stay cosy and enjoy the wonders of winter together.



**Clothing** – Often children come to nursery wearing the same items of clothing as their friends. To ensure we don't have any mix ups, can we ask that you label all items worn into nursery, with your child's name.

Children love to splash around in their welly boots but often these can get very wet and muddy from being outdoors. A pair of soft shoes like trainers would be ideal for your child to change into when participating in indoor play... there is nothing worse than having damp feet and feeling uncomfortable.

### Toddlers Family Fun

With Covid19 restrictions easing, our Family Support Worker Claire Brown has been given the green light to restart Toddlers. These will be held in Larkfield Tenant's Hall on Lothian Road, and are ideal for any of our families who have younger children not yet in nursery, or any of your friends with young children in our local community.

Toddlers will start back on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, on a first come first served basis. There is a suggested family donation of £2 per session which will go towards hall fees and to replenish resources.

Sessions will run every Wednesday and Friday between 9:30am – 11:30am, with Bookbug at 11:00am.

Tea/coffee and a snack for your child will be provided on the day.

Toddler sessions are a great way for your little one to mix with other children and engage in stimulating play experiences. This is also a fantastic opportunity for you to meet other parents and have some much needed adult conversation.



**Food Share** - We have kindly received donations from Bellville Community Gardens. This includes a variety of food products and toiletries. Outside the main entrance you will see a table that everyone is welcome to help themselves from. This will be available throughout the week so make sure you bring a bag.



### What we have been getting up to during our play this term ...

Across the Centre, all our playrooms have been taking part in collaborative art experiences. These are opportunities that allow children to work together, expressing their individual interests in a variety of creative ways.

Here are some images that capture the beauty and individuality in our Wee Yin's Art ...



### February Holiday

The Centre will be closed on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Model 1 children.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> is an In-Service training day for staff and the Centre will be closed to **all** children.

### Can you help?

We are looking for authentic items (real life), such as pot pans, teapots, etc. Items like this would be a great enhancement to our mud kitchen and imaginative areas. Have you got any treasures at home that no longer serve you purpose? We would gladly take them off your hands.



### Dates for your diary

**14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February** Model 2, 3, 4 & 5 children only

**16<sup>th</sup> February** In-Service day (**nursery closed**)

**3<sup>rd</sup> March** World Book Day (more information to follow)

Remember to follow us on Twitter for daily updates on the children's play and learning

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