



## February Newsletter

### Welcome

It has been lovely to welcome all of our new children and families into Rainbow Family Centre. We are delighted to say that all of the children are happy and settled in each of the playrooms. We hope you find this newsletter useful. If you have any questions please speak to a member of staff who will do their best to help.

### Parents Evening

We had our first parents evening of the year on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you to everyone who came along. If you couldn't make it along please speak to your child's keyworker to arrange a more suitable time. This is a great opportunity to speak to your child's keyworker and hear about their progress in the nursery and discuss their next steps in learning.

### Outdoor Area

The building work for our Outdoor Classroom is now complete and the children, and staff, have been having lots of fun exploring this new part of our outdoor area and it's wonderful to see where their imagination takes them. All the rain has allowed us to make good use of our new waterproof clothing which are doing a great job of keeping the children dry.

### Staff News

Stacey has now started her new post as Senior EYECO at Hillend Children's Centre. While we were sad to see Stacey leave, we are delighted that she has gained a promoted post. Sam is currently looking after the orange group and will continue to do so until the post is filled.

Terrey, who was our early years support worker, has now started her permanent EYECO post at Rainbow. We have also welcomed Julie who is currently working as an EYECO in the 2-3 room.

### Voluntary Contribution

With your voluntary contribution the nursery is able to purchase a range of healthy snacks and other resources such as Christmas gifts, selection boxes and other occasional treats for the children.

If you would like to make a contribution, this can be handed in at the reception area. Thank you for your continued support in this area.

### Twitter & New Website

We regularly post photographs and information on our Twitter page. Please follow us [@RainbowFamilyC](https://twitter.com/RainbowFamilyC). It would be much appreciated if you could leave a quick message to say how you are known the nursery. We are also in the process of developing a new website and will let you know when this is live.

### Community Wing

Our community wing has a range of classes and groups which run throughout the year. Baby Massage and the "Eat Better, Feel Better" cooking class are ongoing throughout the year. To find out more information or to put your name on the waiting list for either class you are welcome to speak to Catherine, our family support worker, at any time.

Catherine also offers a Community Health Walk every Friday morning. Every Wednesday and Thursday we have our Toddler group from 10:00am and a Bookbug session at 10:30am.

### Absence from Nursery

With lots of new families joining us at Rainbow, we thought this would be a good opportunity to let you know how much we appreciate a quick phone call if your child is going to be absent from nursery.

**Telephone No: 715724**

### Collection of Children

If you have arranged for someone else to collect your child please ensure that you inform a member of staff, at reception.

For safety reasons, we will not allow a child to leave the building with someone unknown to the nursery and will try to contact you before allowing the child to be collected from the nursery.

### Dates for Your Diary!!!

We are planning to hold a few taster sessions, throughout the year, so that you can find out more information about some of the programmes that we run in the Centre.

This will start with a **Bedtime Bookbug** in the Creche on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm we would love if you could come along.

We will then hold a further Taster session on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March to allow you to find out about programmes including PATHs, SEAL and other experiences that the children take part in.

To raise funds for our outdoor area, we are planning to hold a quiz night on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March in Port Glasgow Golf Club more information will be provided at a later date.

### Food Network

Through the food networking group, the Centre has access to a variety of foods which has been funded by the Scottish Government. These foods include cereals, pasta, rice, lentils and tinned foods such as stewing steak, chopped pork, tuna, beans and tinned vegetables. These foods will be available from the reception area.

We also have cheese, eggs and a range of frozen food including mince, chicken, sausages and fish which are available from the community room fridge and freezer and can be accessed at any time.

**Please use it, or we'll lose it.**