

Rainbow Family Centre October 2021 Newsletter



Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new children and their families. The children have settled-in well and are becoming familiar with our nursery routines and enjoying getting to know their new friends and staff within the Centre. Our new extension has made a fantastic addition to Rainbow Family Centre and the transformation is not stopping there. All playrooms within the existing building have now had a fresh coat of paint.

Unfortunately, we are still unable to invite parents into the nursery building however, if you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to call the Centre to speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.



Staff Update

Carrie, our new Head of Centre, would like to thank all staff, children and parents for the warm welcome that she has received and looks forward to the day that we can welcome all our parents into the nursery playrooms. Fingers crossed this will be soon!

We are delighted to let you all know that Simone, who was one of our Early Years Support Assistant in the Garden Room, has now secured a full time EYECO post with us at Rainbow Family Centre.

Helen, our clerical assistant, was successful in securing an EYECO post at Rainbow. Helen will be working in the Rainbow room on a Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday.

Lisa has had a beautiful baby girl. Beth Larkin will be covering Lisa's post until she returns from maternity leave. Beth will be working in the 2-3 room and is looking forward to meeting the children.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Rosalind, who has secured an EYECO position at Hillend Children's Centre. Rosalind completed her Modern Apprenticeship at Rainbow and we are sure you will agree that she made a fantastic addition to the team. We wish Rosalind the best of luck in her new post.

It is with a heavy heart that we are bidding a fond farewell to our Depute, Jenna, as she has secured a new post within Gibshill Children's Centre. Jenna has worked within Rainbow for the last 3 years and has been a valuable member of staff. We wish her all the luck as she takes up this new, exciting post.



October Break

Children who attend a **Model 1** session (Mon-Fri 9-3) will finish for the October break on **Friday 8th October** and return to nursery on **Tuesday 19th October**.

The nursery will be closed to **ALL CHILDREN** on **Monday 18th October** as this is an In-Service day for staff.



All About Me / More About Me Booklets

Could we please ask that you return your child's All About Me / More About Me booklet if you haven't already done so?

This forms part of your child's care and learning plan and really helps staff get to know your child's likes and interests as they settle into nursery



Learning Journals

Our staff will be using online Learning Journals to record children's learning for children in the 2-3 and 3-5 playrooms. If you have not received a login for the Learning Journals system, please let a member of staff know and we will resolve this for you.

Within the 0-2 room, staff will record children's play, learning and special moments within their own profile. Parents will have the opportunity to view and contribute to their child's learning journey at various stages throughout the year.



Voluntary Contribution

We are now able to accept small donations of no more than £1 per family for our school funds however, this is not compulsory. A donation box will be at the door weekly if you wish to contribute.



Facebook & Twitter

We will regularly be sharing a glimpse of your children, at play, on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Please be assured that these are private pages and can only be accessed by individuals who are known to the Centre.

Our Twitter name is [@RainbowFamilyC](#) and our closed Facebook group is **Rainbow Family Centre Port Glasgow**.

We understand that not all parents wish their children to be on social media. If you would prefer that your child's photograph was not used on our Facebook and Twitter pages please let a member of staff aware of this.



Changes of Clothes

We are so lucky to have such wonderful outdoor spaces where the children can explore and develop their skills in different ways. The children have opportunities to be outside in all weather conditions as different weather can provide different learning opportunities. The children also have lots of opportunities to take part in messy play activities within the nursery.

As we enter into the colder months we would appreciate if you could ensure that your child comes to nursery with a coat, and other suitable clothing, to ensure that they can comfortably explore a range of play and learning experiences. You can, if you wish, leave a pair of welly boots at nursery to save bringing them back and forward to the nursery.

The nursery staff would be grateful if you could provide a few changes of clothes for your child in case of any spills or accidents which happen from time to time. These can be kept in a bag on your child's peg.



Thank You

Thank you for your continued support during our first term.

We hope that, our term time children have a lovely October break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 19th October.

