



Nursery Newsletter

April – June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Term 4 already and what a year it has been! We thank you for your continued support through this strange time and we look forward to this summer term. It's going to be a busy one and whilst we cannot do everything the way we would like to; we continue to strive to ensure our children have the best nursery experience. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,

The Nursery Team

Wooden Playhouse

We were overwhelmed back in November when one of our nursery parents contacted us to let us know their company was going to donate a new wooden playhouse for the nursery. Now that we have a full return to nursery, the children are enjoying playing in their new house. Thank you to **Wright Kerr Ltd.** we are so grateful, and the children are delighted to have their little house back.

Nursery Fund

Thank you for continuing to donate to our nursery fund. It is used each week to buy healthy snacks, food for cooking, baking, and gardening supplies. We also use this to buy a token gift for children's birthdays and Christmas and resources for any other special events and days throughout the nursery year. Our suggested donation is £7 and is collected at the beginning of each month. A money box is placed at the gate at drop off and pick up time on the first few days of each month.

Diary Dates

Monday 3rd May: HOLIDAY

Thursday 6th May: INSERVICE DAY (Nursery closed)

Friday 28th – Monday 31st (inclusive): HOLIDAY

Tuesday 1st June: New P1 Parent Transition Evening

Thu 3rd – Fri 4th June: Photo Days

Wednesday 9th June: Nursery Fun Day

Friday 11th June: Reports to Parents

Wednesday 16th June: Pre-School Graduation Day

Monday 21st June: Graduation video and photos emailed home.

Thursday 24th June, 12:45pm: Nursery Closes for Summer

Monday 16th August. 8.45am: Nursery Reopens



Summer Fun Day

Due to ongoing COVID restrictions and in place of a summer trip, we're going to host a whole school and nursery fun day across the 8th and 9th of June. We have hired a climbing wall and we are so grateful to one of our nursery parents who is providing us with a variety of inflatables to play on. There will be slides, bouncy castles and a Disco Dome and the nursery children will have time in the day to have sole use of these fun activities. As a special treat, the children will have burgers or hot dogs for lunch and enjoy an ice lolly in the afternoon. The staff will plan other fun summer activities throughout the rest of the day too. We are sure everyone will have a great day and hope that the sun shines on Auchinloch on these days!



Our Parent Council kindly organised for pallets to be delivered to the nursery. We are going to use these in our nursery playground as part of our loose parts play, create a stage for the children to perform on and putting together a new mud kitchen. Many of our stainless-steel pots, pans and spoons for our mud kitchen have seen better days or have gone missing. If you happen to have any spares at home that you would be willing to donate to the nursery, please email, Ms McCrossan at gw09mccrossanmegan@glow.sch.uk. Thank you.

Sunny Days

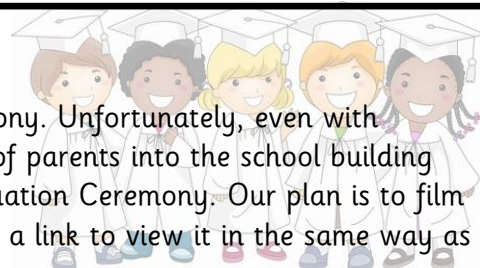
As we move into the summer term and hopefully some warmer weather, we ask that children have a sun hat in their nursery bag every day. This means if the sun breaks through after a cloudy start to a day, we can ensure your child is wearing it for outdoor play.

To apply sun cream to your child, we need to seek express permission. Please find the link below and complete the online Form if you haven't already.

<http://bit.ly/ANCSunApr21>

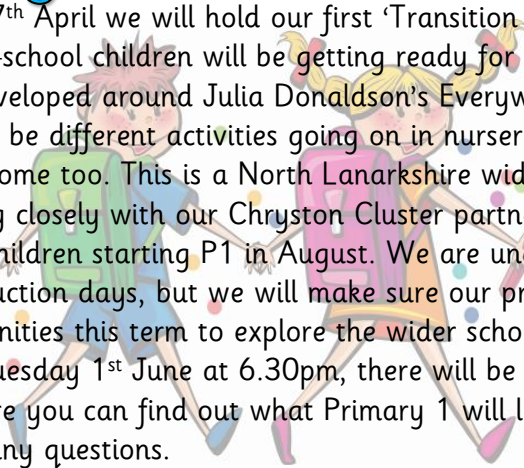
Nursery Graduation

On Wednesday 16th June we will hold our Pre-school graduation ceremony. Unfortunately, even with restrictions easing in the coming weeks, we are unable to invite groups of parents into the school building meaning we are unable to invite parents and grandparents to the Graduation Ceremony. Our plan is to film the ceremony and take lots of photographs. Afterwards you will be sent a link to view it in the same way as you accessed the Christmas Show.



Nursery to P1 Transition

On Tuesday 27th April we will hold our first 'Transition Tuesday'. For 6 weeks, our pre-school children will be getting ready for school with a programme developed around Julia Donaldson's Everywhere Bear. Each week there will be different activities going on in nursery that can be developed at home too. This is a North Lanarkshire wide programme, but we are working closely with our Chryston Cluster partners to ensure equity for all children starting P1 in August. We are unable to run our normal P1 induction days, but we will make sure our pre-schoolers have lots of opportunities this term to explore the wider school and get to know Room 1. On Tuesday 1st June at 6.30pm, there will be an online parent workshop where you can find out what Primary 1 will look like for your child and ask any questions.



Clothes

Can we please ask that children continue to bring a change of clothes in their nursery bags for accidents or wet/mucky play days? If names are added to all pieces of clothing, we can ensure the safe return of items that are discarded by the children throughout the nursery day. Thank you.

School Photos

On the 3rd & 4th June, the photographer will be taking individual & school family photos. This has been fully risk assessed to ensure it is fully COVID safe and will be done outside in our beautiful school grounds or inner garden.



Outdoor Changing

We are pleased to report that North Lanarkshire Early Years Team have bought us an outdoor changing shed. This means we'll be able to store our waterproof suits and wellies outside the playroom and have a seated area for the children to change in and out of wet outdoor clothes.

We share lots of photographs and videos on our school Twitter page. Please follow us, @AuchinlochPrim1. If you don't use Twitter you can view our feed through the school webpage. www.auchinloch.n-lanark.sch.uk