

Forehill Early Years Centre

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Staffing Update

Samantha Fraser has now started as keyworker of the orange group in place of Louisa who is now on maternity leave. We are happy to announce she has delivered a healthy baby girl!

Jennifer Salter who was covering keyworker of the Lime Group will now do so until the end of June and will be supported by our Senior EYP Toni. Vicky our Senior EYP will replace Chloe in the pink group after Easter. Chloe's last day will be Thursday 2nd April.



Coffee & Chat

Coffee & Chat Group

Thank you! To the parents who supported our Coffee and Chat morning with Kimberly. We discussed the March newsletter updates and had some suggestions of what changes would be beneficial to the centre. We aim in term 4 to add these to our parent feedback sheets when planning our 26/27 Centre Improvement Plan. Our next Coffee and Chat group will be **Friday 24th April**. Please come along and share your views.

Elaine – PEEP Sessions

Elaine from the Early Years Family Learning Team will be starting her new block of PEEP sessions after Easter and these will have a focus on transition into Primary One. There is a sign-up sheet at the front office but please feel free to join at any time!

Wider Achievements

We are delighted to have finalised arrangements for most of our wider achievement experiences within the EYC.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM		Senjokai Karate	Ayr Utd Football Forrest Kindergarten	Active School Athletics (TBC)	
PM	Denise Bailey Dance				

EYC New Mascot Names!



Forehill Early Years Centre
Vision and Values

Our vision is for every child to feel confident in expressing their individuality in a community where we strive to build trusting and supportive relationships through equality, inclusion and belonging. We aim to promote a culture where children are inspired to lead their own play, and learn to develop lifelong skills through a creative, nurturing and respectful ethos.

Safe Fun Loved Kind



We are excited to announce the names of our Mascots thanks to the voting that our children and families completed during our Shared Learning days!

“Simoa” the Safety Elephant (Care Inspectorate Mascot)	“Fred” the Fun Frog
“Ice-cream” the Loving Llama	“Kevin” the Kind Koala

Shared Learning Feedback

We had an excellent response from the Shared Learning days and such wonderful responses from those who attended, and the staff team appreciated this so much. Our biscuit baking, designer bag making, Kodaly and easter egg number hunt were some of the favourites!

“I was so impressed well done everyone!”

“Lovley to see staff and being made to feel very welcome.”

“Enjoyed baking, something that he has never tried before.”

“Excellent insight, great activities, and very friendly

“Loved seeing M play and interact with her peers. Like that the session was free flow”

“It was calm and relaxed. Liked that it wasn’t too structured.”

“Enjoyed all the activities it was very well planned. Well done!”

“Great to see the creativity and getting to know the staff.”

Great activities and just the right amount of time!



Shared Learning Suggestions:

More shared learning!

Photos on the blog to discuss at home!

More crafting and science experiments

How to learn numbers and letters through play

Emotional and Wellbeing

Paint and Read

Grandparents Gardening Group

Cheryl and Chloe D are hoping to expand this group and had some great suggestions of how grandparents could be included in the centre. Look out for more information and dates of the next session!

PVG

A forms survey will be sent out to your email address to complete if you would like to be considered for a PVG for the EYC. This PVG is separate from the parent council PVG as this only covers Parent Council Events.

SPONSORED EASTER BONNET PARADE!

Thank you to everyone who supported our first ever Easter Bonnet Parade! The effort that went into the Bonnets were amazing! We are thrilled to announce that we raised **approximately £2100!!** This will go towards our summer trip and outdoor resources. This is a fantastic effort and much appreciated! Well done!

Celebration Days

The EYC will hold a celebration day for children who will be moving on to Primary 1 in August this year.

Buttercup Room will be Tuesday 9th June.

Daisy Room will be Thursday 11th June.

Times have still to be confirmed, and more information will follow closer to the event.



Personal Care Plan Meetings

Keyworkers will meet with parents and carers to discuss your child's progress and next steps. These will take place the week beginning Monday 18th May – Friday 20th May.

Shared Learning

Our next block of shared learning will take place on Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th May. Sign up sheets will be available closer to the time.

Important Dates

Thursday 2 nd April	EYC final day of term
Friday 3 rd and Monday 6 th April	Public Holiday
Tuesday 7 th April	Centre reopens for 52-week children
Monday 20 th April	Centre reopens for all children.
	May 2026
Monday 4 th	Public Holiday
Thursday 7 th	In-service Day
	June
Tuesday 9 th June	Pre-school Buttercup Celebration Day (times TBC)
Thursday 11 th June	Pre-school Daisy Celebration Day (time TBC)

Everyone at Forehill EYC
wishes you a Happy
Easter!