

As we welcome our first Spring at Calderwood we look forward to the opportunities for learning this brings. We have been learning lots in our nursery garden through planting and watching these changes. We are also excited by the changes in animals and insects and will be watching and nurturing caterpillars to grow into butterflies. Growing and flourishing, just like our pre-school nursery children as they begin their transition in the final few months of nursery.

We look forward to welcoming our new children and two new champions as our Calderwood family grows after the Easter Break.

On behalf of our champions we would like to thank you for your continued support.

A reminder that you can find more information on our blog and Twitter.

Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wj/calderwood>

Twitter:
@Calderwood_Pri

Kind regards,
Nursery Champions

Diary Dates

Dress in your favourite colour for Autism Awareness

Week – 30th March

School Holidays – 4th-19th April

Nursery Holidays – 15th and 18th April

Calderwood Nursery – COVID-19

We are still awaiting guidance from West Lothian Council about changes to COVID-19 guidance in nurseries. However, we have begun working on a grouping exit plan so this transition can be as smooth as possible for all. As soon as we receive any guidance we will arrange a meeting with the clan reps and communicate this with you ASAP. If you have any questions please ask your clan reps:

- Freya Mitchell
- Claire Raeburn
- Lucy Wright
- Katy Gillies

A copy of our COVID-19 risk assessment can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Our Learning Sways

Due to the feedback received from our families - the learning sways will continue to be shared on Online Learning Journal Stories. You can access them by [CLICKING HERE](#).

If you need any support with your child's Online Learning Journal please contact the nursery and we would be happy to help.

We would also like our families to share any achievements, experiences or learning your child does out of nursery on their Online Learning Journal so we can discuss this with your child at nursery.

A tutorial for this will be available soon.

Transition

We have begun creating our first ever Calderwood Nursery transition programme. As part of this we would like to consult with our children, champions and our families to ensure the best possible transition for all of our children.



Please complete the form by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Attending Nursery & Ordering Lunches During School Holidays

The next school holidays run from 4th-19th April. Calderwood nursery will remain open from 4th-14th April. Our nursery will be closed for a holiday 15th and 18th April. If your child will be attending nursery during the school holidays can you please complete the form below. To report an absence/share any information please remember to call the nursery phone on 01506 280070 on these days as the school office will be closed.

During school holidays the nursery children are offered a packed lunch. They will have an option of sandwich. If your child is having a nursery lunch please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the form to select a sandwich for your child.

Sunnier Weather - Suncream

All children are required to bring in their own suncream labelled with their own name. This must have been previously applied before and parental consent must be given. The nursery will contact you if you haven't previously given consent.

Feedback

We always appreciate any feedback that can help us improve. If you would like to give us any further feedback please complete the form [CLICK HERE](#).

Mealtime Experience

As part of our improvements to mealtime experience we asked the children to design their own menu. You can see a copy of this by [CLICKING HERE](#). Here is an example:

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cereal and banana	Roasted cheese/cheese on toast and sliced tomato	Yoghurt and pancakes	Porridge and berries	Cereal and raisins
Morning Snack	Breadsticks and oranges	Rice cakes and apple slices	Potato wedges and salsa/mayo	Pitta breads & cheese (can serve as pizzas or pockets) Cucumber and carrot sticks	Crackers/oatcakes and cheese spread and cucumber
Mid Afternoon Snack	Bagels and cheese	Pitta breads & cheese (can serve as pizzas or pockets) Cucumber and carrot sticks	Crackers/oatcakes and cheese spread and cucumber	Crumpets and vitalite!	
Evening Snack			Fruit		

Parent Sessions

Book Bug

We are excited to announce that Mrs Shemilt recently qualified as a Bookbug Session Leader and she will now hold Bookbug Sessions at Calderwood Nursery for our children and their parents/carers.

Bookbug Sessions help to build children's social skills and support their speech and language development. Sharing stories, songs and rhymes with babies and young children has many benefits including supporting children's language, learning and social skills. It's fun, free and simple, and the benefits will last their lifetime. The Bookbug Sessions support families to do more of these activities, which help build bonds and develop relationships and most importantly, are fun.

We would like to know what times suit our families best to attend sessions. Please [CLICK HERE](#) if you are interested.

Parents Early Education Partnership (Peep)

We are excited to announce that Mrs Lewis recently qualified as a Peep Session Leader and she will now hold PEEP Sessions at Calderwood Nursery for our children and their parents/carers.

Peep group sessions are for mums, dads, carers and their children together, and aim to support families with their children's early learning in a simple and enjoyable way. The Learning Together Programme is intentionally flexible, enabling Peep-trained practitioners and/or families to choose the range of child development topics, and the number of sessions, that they want. Groups can be for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers or mixed age. They can be held indoors, outside or virtually online.

At this time we want to offer outdoor sessions for our pre-school children and their families. We would like to know what times suit our families best to attend sessions. Please [CLICK HERE](#) if you are interested.

Champion Conversations

Our first nursery parent consultations are running this week. We have loved sharing your child's journey, experiences and learning so far. If you would like to discuss anything further please contact the nursery and we would be happy to arrange for you to speak to your child's key champion.

Health and Wellbeing

Our children have been learning about the wellbeing indicators and creating wellbeing buddies to understand these.

You can find out more about this by [clicking here](#).

Grouping Information

Coldenwood Nursery

OUR CLANS

GROUP 3

Mrs Aston | Puffins | Miss Quinn | Hedgehogs | Mrs Carson | Mrs Shemilt | Seals

GROUP 2

Mrs Lewis | Highland Cows | Mrs Brito | Tawny Owl | Mrs Fair | Miss Huddleston | Wildcats

GROUP 1

Mrs Millon | Badgers | Mrs Laing | Mrs Lyon | Red Squirrels | Mrs Brett | Miss Dolan | Dolphins

Grouping Rotation – subject to changing guidance and staffing

DATE	HAGGIS ROOM	NESSY ROOM	BAGPIPE ROOM
28.3.22	2	3	1
4.4.22	1	2	3
11.4.22	3	1	2



Bagpipes

Haggis

Nessy

Parking

You will have noticed that we now have signage in place to show there is a crossing at the entrance to the school and a one way system.

A reminder that children cross the entrance of the carpark to access the nursery, and drivers should consider this when choosing to use the carpark.

We would recommend that as we currently have space you use the carpark for drop off and collection, rather than parking at the side of the road, along the school which may block the construction traffic. (A number of families are continuing to use this as a drop off and pick up point when there are no safe spaces to park here).

It seems that our carpark is getting busier in the mornings. If you are choosing to use our carpark you should park in a space and walk your child over to the path. The bay in front of the school is for deliveries. This area is becoming congested as cars are queueing to use it, which in turn is blocking the way for others to pass or park. The area to the side of the school is not a drop off area or stopping area. There are clearly labelled designated spaces for disabled badge holders.