



Oakburn EYC

September 2021

Welcome

Welcome to all of our new children and families who have joined us in August. We are delighted to have your child/ren attend here.

Sharing Learning

We will share children's learning that are recorded in our floor books that staff create. We will display these outside the nursery on dry days. Please add your comments to the parent comment sheet.

Teddy Bear Donations

We are looking for any donations of spare teddy bears. This is to help us develop our home link bags for each group to take home each week and explore areas of the curriculum at home with our bears. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



Covid update

With covid restrictions beginning to ease we can now offer all parents who have **NOT** had a walk round the centre prior to your child starting, the opportunity for you to see the courtyard, roof terrace and garden. Two parents per day can book in with the office to have a 10 minute walk round. Parents must wear masks and maintain social distancing. We cannot allow parents into the playrooms at this time. Parents can also stay with their child for their first settle in the outdoor area. Thereafter, we must revert to staged settles with parents leaving children for short periods in the centre. Please ask for further details.

Seed to Table

We have been developing our Oakburn mini allotment in our nursery garden. We have started by planting potatoes and discussing the process of what we needed to make them grow.

We looked after our potatoes making sure they were watered and watched them grow. When the leaves on the stocks began to wilt we knew our potatoes were ready to be picked.



We harvested the potatoes ready to be cooked in different ways to have for us to taste what we had grown. We cleaned, chopped and cooked our potatoes discussing different things we could make with the potatoes.



We made potato salad and homemade chips. We enjoyed trying the potatoes in different ways and were so proud that we had grown them ourselves.



We look forward to our next growing project at the Oakburn allotment.

Puddle suits

As we will no doubt be returning to wet weather in the near future, we request that parents provide a puddle suit and wellies for your child. Can these please make sure you put your child's name on any clothing. Due to covid we are not sharing any clothing currently.

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Introduction to tools



Sensory play with the animals



Making bubble planet pictures



2-3 Room Exploring Shapes



Group times

As we are still waiting on any update from Scottish Government about when we can allow parents back into centre, we would like to ensure to have opportunities to engage with your child's learning and keyworker. See below dates and times that you can join in for your child's group time for September:

Pine Tree group: Monday 13th September @ 3.30pm

2-3 room: Tuesday 14th September @ 11.30am / 3.30pm

Chestnut Tree group: Tuesday 14th September @ 11.30am/3.30pm

Beech Tree group: Wednesday 15th September @ 11.30am/3.30pm

Yew Tree group: Wednesday 15th September @ 11.30am/3.30pm

Cherry Tree group: Thursday 16th September @ 11.30am

Willow Tree group: Thursday 16th September @ 11.30am/3.30pm

Blossom Tree group: Tuesday 21st September @ 11.30am/3.30pm

We will send TEAMS invites for you to join online.

If you have any trouble logging in we will be video each group time to add to e-journals for you to access.

Sports Programmes

After September weekend we will be starting some of our sports programmes to support Health and Wellbeing. These include:

Play on pedals— This is a bike riding programme which focuses on developing balance and control of a bike through fun and imaginative activities using a balance bike. Also the children learn about parts of a bike, how to fit a helmet correctly and the basics of how to look after their bike.



Wake and shake - This is a dance programme will be run in both morning and afternoons. This programme is a fun way to promote physical activity by giving the children opportunities to dance to different music and dance routines.



Parent drop in with management

We will be hosting regular drop in meetings with the management team and other staff members.

Our next drop in session will be on Friday 1st October @ 10.30am Kirsty, Erin and our nursery teacher will be hosting a meeting to discuss our PATHS group and what this involves and discuss our Literacy programmes—Word aware and Author of the month and how this will look in terms of learning teaching and assessment.

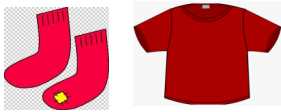
We will email a teams link and would be delighted if you could join us. This is an opportunity to ask questions or find out more about our learning, teaching and assessment approaches.

Parents meetings with key workers will start in October and roll throughout the year. Further information will follow.

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Spare clothes

A little reminder to make sure all draw string bags on the Children's pegs contain spare trousers, tops, pants and socks. As children participate in different sensory and outdoor play in all weather, this will help ensure all children have a change of clothes for any accidents or messy play.



Makaton

We have introduced 6 Makaton signs which we are now revisiting. We have learned 'Hello' 'Goodbye' 'please' 'thank you' 'more' and 'snack'. The children are becoming very good using the signs at snack and lunch time. This supports children's communication skills, particularly for children where language is just developing.



Author of the Month & Word Aware

As part of our literacy programmes, in September we will be starting our Author of the month. Throughout this we will be focusing on book handling skills, discussing the names of the parts of a book such as: the front cover, title, author, illustrator, blurb etc. We will then get the children to select their favourite story from the Author and write a review.

The first Author we will be exploring is Oliver Jeffers - We will be reading *Lost and Found*, *How to catch a star*, *The way back home*, *The incredible*, *Eating boy* and *Stuck*.

Word Aware - As part of word aware we will select a WOW word from one of the books as part of author of the month.

Our first 'WOW' word will be - delighted



PATHS Group

PATHS—the PATHS Programme is a small group which focuses on making friends, emotions and building confidence with talking about our emotions, risk—how we keep ourselves safe, emotional resilience and intelligence.

More information will be given to any parents of the children who will be participating in the PATHS group.

Dates for the Diary



- 13th September - Cheery Tree group Teams
- 14th September - Pine Tree group and 2-3 Room Teams
- 15th September - Beech and Yew Tree group Teams
- 16th September - Chestnut and Willow Tree group Teams
- 21st September - Blossom Tree group

- 24th—27th—September weekend— Centre Closed



- 1st October—Parent drop in session with SMT
- 8th October - Inservice Day—Nursery Closed
- 18th October—Parents meetings begin—rolling year. More information to follow.

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