



Oakburn EYC

October 2021

Welcome

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

Sharing Learning

We will be sharing 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

Santa Wanted

We are looking for a volunteer to dress as Santa and help deliver Christmas gifts to the children at their Christmas party. If you are able to volunteer please speak to the office.



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.

Halloween Sponsored Walk

From the week beginning 25th October we will be completing our sponsored walk. We will be completing this throughout the week for all children to have the opportunity to participate. We will be walking 4/5 laps around the pitches adjacent to the centre to help raise money for resources to develop our nursery garden.

Children will be consulted with which resources they would like for our outdoor area and resources they think we need. Parents will also have the opportunity to vote for resources from the children's collation of choices.

We will be sending out the sponsor sheets to all children in the next 2 weeks to all parents/carers.

Children are welcome to dress up throughout the week and explore different Halloween experiences and activities. However we ask that no scary costumes or masks be worn as this can frighten some children.



Puddle Suits/ Dressed for Weather

As we enter Autumn we will no doubt be returning to wet and colder weather. With the layout of our centre some parts may become cold with these changes. Please ensure all children are dressed appropriately for the weather—please start to think about layers of clothing e.g. jumpers/ zippers etc. for the cold weather approaching.



At Oakburn we explore our outdoor areas in all weathers. 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.



Lending Library

We now have our Oakburn Lending Library. This contains books for 2-5 year olds to take home and read and return when finished. The Lending Library is situated at our main entrance as you enter the first gate. However on days with wet weather—the lending library is moved into our parents room to keep our books dry. If on these days you would like a book from our lending library please speak to a member of staff who can collect this for you.

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Experimenting with taste— different flavours of tea



Making Volcano eruptions



Using fruit to support our skills with our woodwork tools



2-3 Room exploring puddles



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 October:

Chestnut Tree group: Tuesday 19h October @11.30am

2-3 room: Tuesday 19th October @ 11.30am / 3.30pm

Beech Tree group: Wednesday 20th October @ 11.30am/3.30pm

Yew Tree group: Wednesday 20th October @ 11.30am

Cherry Tree group: Thursday 21st October @ 3.30am

Willow Tree group: Thursday 21st October @ 11.30am

Pine Tree group: Friday 22nd October @ 11.30pm

Elm Tree Group: Friday 22nd October @ 11:30am

Blossom Tree group: Monday 25th October @ 11.30am/3.30pm

We will send TEAMS invites for you to join online.

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

Sports Programmes

From October we will be starting our Sports Programmes.

Play on pedals—A bike riding programme which focuses on developing balance and control of a bike through fun and imaginative activities using a balance bike. More information will be sent to the parents of any pre school children participating in Play on pedals will be sent out in the next 2 weeks.



Wake and shake—A dance programme will be run in both morning and afternoon for all children. 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

Thank you all the parents who have attended our drop in sessions with the management team so far. It has been great getting to speak to you all and get such great feedback.

Our recent drop in sessions include:

- Meeting our family champion
- Curriculum
- Structured programmes and Improvement plan

Our next drop in session will be Friday 5th November 10:30am

We would like to know what parent/carers would like the next drop in to be based on if there is anything you would like more information on. Please email in any suggestions to eyc@oakburn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk

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Spare Clothing

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.



We are also looking for any donations of trousers, tops, socks and pants for nursery spare clothes collection.

PATHS Group

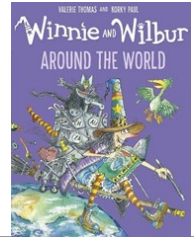
PATHS—the PATHS Programme is a small group which focuses on making friends, emotions and building confidence with talking about our emotions, risk—how we keep ourselves safe, emotional resilience and intelligence.

Any parent who's child/ren are participating in this group will receive an information letter in the next 2 weeks.

Author of the Month

As part of our literacy programmes, we have started our Author of the month. The first Author we have been exploring is Oliver Jeffers - We have been reading lots of his books such as : Lost and Found, How to catch a star, The way back home, The incredible, Eating boy and Stuck and have written a review on our favourite story from this author.

The next Author we will be looking at is: Valerie Thomas
—Winnie the Witch series.



Christmas Dates

Currently planned for over the festive period at Oakburn is our Christmas Fayre, Christmas concert, Christmas parties (with a special visit from Santa) and delivering donations to our local food bank. However at present with current Covid restrictions we are unsure of what these events will look like.

We will continue to keep you informed when we know more surrounding Covid restrictions at this time.

Tuesday 7th December—Christmas Fayre—Parents will have the opportunity to purchase items made by the children.

Friday 10th December—Christmas Concert & Christmas jumper day—We are unsure if this will be able to be an event where parents/carers can come and watch. However if restrictions remain we will do a live teams link and record and upload to e-journals for any parents/carers unable to attend.

Week Beginning Monday 13th December—Food Bank donation drop off

Thursday 16th December—Christmas Party— for all children. Any children who do not attend this day will be invited to join the party either morning or afternoon.

Dates for the Diary

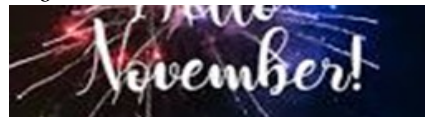


1st October—Parent drop in session with SMT

8th October - In-service Day—Nursery Closed

18th October—Parents meetings begin following focus child—rolling year. More information to follow.

19th-25th October—Group time—parent drop in on Teams



1st November—Collection for Christmas Tombola/raffle for Christmas fayre.

5th November—Parent drop in session with SMT

15th November—Food Bank collection begins

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIVE PASSWORDS TO ANYONE COLLECTING YOUR CHILD. IF WE HAVE NOT MET THE COLLECTOR BEFORE EVEN IF IT IS DAD OR MUM WE CANNOT RELEASE YOUR CHILD UNLESS A MEMBER OF STAFF RECOGNISES THEM. THERE IS MORE INFORMATION IN THE HANDBOOK ABOUT OUR SECURITY PRACTICES. WE HAVE THESE STRICT MEASURES TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION :)

