



Oakburn EYC

November 2021

Welcome

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

Focus Child

We have had some great feedback from parents so far regarding focus child week—thank you! All dates for each child's focus week from October—December were emailed out. If you are unsure of your child's date please speak to the office.

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 - a gift will be given to Santa as a token of our appreciation



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.

Christmas Plans

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.

Tuesday 7th December—Christmas Fayre—Parents will have the opportunity to purchase items made by the children. The children will be making a Christmas decoration, calendar, baked goods and a card.

Friday 10th December—Christmas Concert & Christmas jumper day— We will confirm at a later date days for group filming of their Christmas song. We ask if your child can wear something christmasy for filming such as Christmas jumper/t-shirt/dress/hat etc.

We would love to have parents in the centre to watch and join in our Christmas concert however, with current covid guidance at this time we will not be able to have parents in. Instead we will film each group and create a video which will be posted on ejournals for you to join in a Christmas sing along at home or revisit this with your child.

Week Beginning Monday 13th December—Food Bank donation drop off. Boxes for food bank donations will be put out at the nursery entrance from week beginning 15th November if you would like to donate.

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. Invites for children who do not attend on this date to join our morning or afternoon party will be sent out soon.



New staff Member and Head of Centre

As you all know our current Head of Centre—Kirsty has been successful in a new post within East Dunbartonshire as a QIO. Kirsty's last day will be Friday 26th November, however she will be visiting Oakburn over Christmas. We wish Kirsty the best of luck in her new post, we will miss her dearly!

Our new Head of centre has now been appointed. Margaret Harris will be joining Team Oakburn from Monday 29th November. We would like to welcome Margaret to Oakburn.

We also have a new full time member of staff joining us in our 2-3 Room. Erin will be starting from Monday 8th November. Welcome Erin!



Parent Drop in with SMT

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 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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Halloween Fun!



Fireworks printing



2-3 Room



2-3 Room



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 November:

Beech Tree group: Tuesday 23rd November @ 11:30am/3:30pm

Pine Tree group: Tuesday 23rd November @ 11:30am

Blossom Tree group Wednesday 24th November @ 11.30am/3.30pm

Cherry Tree group: Wednesday 24th November @ 3:30pm

Yew Tree group: Thursday 25th November @ 11:30am

Chestnut Tree group: Thursday 25th November @ 11:30am

Willow Tree group: Thursday 25th November @ 3:30pm

2-3 room: Friday 26th November @ 11:30am / 3:30pm

Elm Tree Group: Friday 26th November @ 11:30am

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.

Dressing for colder weather

As we enter Autumn/ Winter we will 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, hats, scarfs and gloves etc. for the cold weather approaching.



Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.

Sponsored walk money

Thank you to all who have donated and contributed to our Halloween sponsored walk.

So far we have raised £ _____ £1065 _____

With our sponsor money we plan to buy outdoor resources to help the development of our nursery garden.

After consultation with the children about which resources they would like for our outdoor area, we will create a voting board with pictures of resources for parents and families to vote on at the nursery entrance. We will then tally up the votes to buy the most favourite resources for our garden.

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Rhyme of Fortnight

We have recently been introducing "Rhyme of the fortnight". Incorporating this into different areas to promote literacy and numeracy within a variety of learning experiences.

Our current Rhyme of the fortnight is -
Incy Wincy Spider



Uniform

We are currently waiting on a sample being sent from a supplier for a nursery uniform. This will include an Oakburn T-Shirt and sweatshirt.

Once we receive the sample uniform we will be able to send out order forms for any parents/carers who wish to purchase these.

Nursery Registration

A reminder for Nursery registration dates

Deferred entry to school applications - open in December until the end of January (will email dates when confirmed). If you are considering deferring your child and would like more information or to discuss this further with keyworker or Frances our Nursery teacher please let us know.

3-4 year old applications - (any child who turns 3 from August 2022—July 2023 should apply for their 3 year old funded place. This application opens in January and closes the end of February. We will email dates when confirmed by Early years.

STEM transition programme

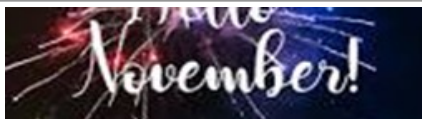
We have recently started our STEM transition programme after receiving a grant for STEM and woodwork.

This programme involves children from local nurseries meeting and participating in woodwork activities in order to meet children from other nurseries who will be going to the same local feeder schools and support this transition. Different schools and Nurseries within the area are part of this programme.

We have recently had visits from Clober nursery with their children who will be attending Craighdu School together. This went very well and the children were introduced to one another.

The staff completed training with the wonderful Pete Moorhouse developing woodwork in early years. We now feel confident and comfortable to be working with your children on this journey with tools.

Dates for the Diary



5th November—Parent drop in session with SMT

Week Beginning 8th November— Health week—we will be doing food tasting, tooth brushing and discussing traffic safety throughout the week.

15th November—Food Bank collection begins

30th November—wear something tartan for St Andrew's day



7th December— Christmas Fayre

8th December—Christmas Lunch

10th December— Christmas concert video sent out & Christmas jumper day

13th December— Food bank donation drop off

16th December— Christmas parties

25th December—4th January—Nursery Closed

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