



Oakburn EYC

December 2021

Welcome

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

Foodbank

Thank you for all the donations so far to our food bank collection. We will be dropping off our donations from Week beginning 13th December. We will give more information on if the foodbank will allow children in to deliver the donations. If you are able to volunteer to help drop off donations please speak to the office. Thank you!



Lending Library

We are delighted to see how much of a success our lending library has been over the last few months and we hope you have been enjoying lots of stories with your child. Could we please remind you to return any books you have before taking another. Thank you!



Farewell & Welcome

Sadly we have said our final farewell to our fabulous head of centre Kirsty Mahindru, Kirsty was recently successful in gaining a promoted post within the council. We are so extremely proud of her and all that she has achieved in getting Oakburn to where it is today, we will miss her very much but we know she will not be a stranger and will always be welcome back to visit.

On that note we would also like to wish a HUGE warm welcome to our new Head of centre Margaret. Margaret has previously come from Twechar nursery class as the depute head of centre. Margaret will be introducing herself to all parents/ carers and children over the next couple of weeks and we hope she enjoys becoming part of the Oakburn family.

Health—Allergies & infectious diseases

REMINDER WE ARE A NUT AND EGG FREE CENTRE.

Allergies -

We have recently had a child diagnosed with anaphylaxis food allergies. Due to this we want to remind all parents to please ensure no food products are stored in any children's bags when coming to the centre. We appreciate that some children prefer to have a packed lunch, we ask that you are mindful of what is being put into their lunch boxes. A healthy packed lunch leaflet can be given from the front office if you require a reminder.

Infectious diseases -

We have recently had a rise in cases of sickness & Diarrhea and conjunctivitis. We have sent an email out regarding the exclusion criteria for both, it is beneficial to note that we follow the NHS guidelines on all exclusion for infectious disease.

We ask that you please be vigilant with signs and symptoms and please inform the office of any cases, Please also let us know if your child will be absent due to this.

Lost and found

We have accumulated a large amount of clothing in our lost property basket over previous weeks/months particularly hats, these have no names on them which makes it difficult for staff to return to the correct person. Please ensure you are labelling all of your children's clothing, such as hats, scarves, gloves, wellies, shoes, jackets and puddle suits.

If you are missing any items please look in the lost property basket, alternatively please let a member of staff know.

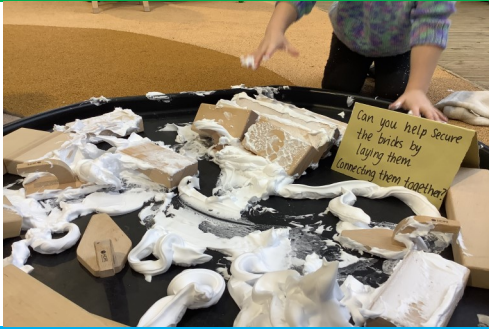
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Block play experiences—shaving foam and tools



Painting our wooden Christmas Tree to decorate with woodwork decorations



Fun with Photos—Oakburn had some Christmas Elves visit



2-3 Room—Making our Christmas tree



Allocations—Deferred Entry

Deferred entry applications for any children deferring entry from school go live on the EDC website on **6th December - 31st January**. We will be sending out an email giving more information regards to who can defer and the process. If any parents have any questions or would like to discuss this with your child's key worker or nursery teacher. If you are deferring your child, you would still have to register your child for school (at their catchment school) as well as a deferred entry application for early years.

Allocation news

Returning 3 & 4 year olds - Any returning 3/4s (who's DOB falls between **March 2018—February 2019**) - do not need to re apply again. Erin will email and ask if there will be any changes to pattern for returning year - if yes, you will fill out an alteration form to change the pattern. If no change to pattern is needed—this will stay the same. Erin will send out more information about this on the email prior - any questions see Erin our Depute Head of Centre.

New 3 & 4 year olds - This includes any child who's DOB falls between **March 2019—July 2019** and any 2 year old who turns 3 between **August 2022 - July 2023** should apply for your 3 year old place. These applications will go live online from January 7th - 28th February 2022 .

Fundraising

Sponsored walk

Thank you to all who voted to help us decided the resources to purchase with our sponsored walk money. As you know we raised £1095. Thanks to your votes we purchased:

The outdoor Woodwork bench, Green house, water table, acorn shape den, magnifying glasses as well as other small outdoor play resources for us to enjoy in the garden.

Thank you for helping us to pick our new resources. The orders are being processed and we cannot wait for them to arrive.

Children in need

We had a Pyjama day to raise funds for children in needs, this was a chuck it in the bucket donation and we would like to share with you all, we raised £78.80. . Thank you for all your donations. Staff will uploaded photos to E-Journals from our fun Friday.



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Tree Delivery

We had a grant from woodland trust to create an outdoor classroom - we have had a tree delivery of Sapling trees which the children will help plant in our nursery garden.

Transition visits

Our woodwork transition programme has so far been very successful.

This was funded by a grant that we secured by the Scottish government. All staff involved have received training from Pete Moorhouse in October.

So far have had a visit from Clober nursery with all children going to Craighdu - working with children at Oakburn who will be attending Craighdu school.

Milngavie visit - both children who will be attending Craighdu and Milngavie to support with transitions for any children also attending these schools and build friendships.

Dates for the Diary

JANUARY

05/01/22— Nursery reopens after Christmas/New Year

07/01/22—31/01/22—returning 3-4 year olds Alteration forms to be completed by 31/1/22 (if applicable) go live on website 7/1/22.

07/01/22—28/02/22— 3-4 years old applications live on website

24/01/22—Scottish week

Dates for the Diary & Christmas news



Christmas fayre

Unfortunately we cannot have a fayre as usual with stalls we are more hopeful for next year. However the children will be preparing Christmas bags, containing Christmas crafts made. A donation envelope will be attached to each bag to be able to purchase these crafts for £3. These bags will be available to be given home at collection time.

Christmas video

Children will be coming in to record their sing along video with their group on **Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th** - the video will be sent out w/b 13th December. Keyworkers will speak to parents of children who do not attend on days scheduled for recording video - regarding times to come in to the centre to ensure they do not miss out.

Christmas party

The Christmas parties will be held on the **16th December** - all children will be invited. If your child does not attend this day they will be invited in to attend our AM or PM party.

Christmas eve attendance

All parents will receive a glow form to confirm attendance on Christmas eve and pick up time. This is to allow us to plan staffing and permitting annual leave. We are open from 8-6 close this day. Re open on Wednesday 5th January.

Santa visit -

Thank you to our grandparent who volunteered to be our santa. At the **christmas party** santa will visit - making sure he follows all covid risk assessment and safety guidance. Santa will give each child a present and have their photo taken. Unfortunately we will not be allowed to have parents in for this however key workers will upload on e-journals for parents to see.

Christmas lunch

Wednesday the **8th Dec** will be our Christmas lunch, This will appear on the glow form. There will also be a vegetarian option as well as sandwiches for children who do not wish to have the Christmas dinner.

Merry Christmas



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 :)

25/01/22—Burns day—Scottish activities and snack