



Oakburn EYC

March 2022

WELCOME



Hello from our New Head of Centre—Margaret

Margaret has previously worked in East Dunbartonshire establishments for over 15 years, with her most recent post as Depute Head of Centre at Twechar EYC. This month Margaret has hosted one of our SMT parent drop in meetings as a chance to meet some of our parents/carers and families and let you know a bit about her and her hopes and aspirations for Oakburn. Margaret is getting to know your children and would love to get to our parents too, please pop to the window and say Hello :)

Car Parking

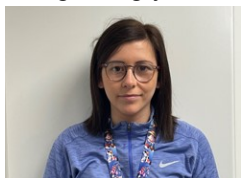
Due to car parking issues being raised during busy times: drop off and pick up, we have tweaked where is safe for parents to park. Parents can now park on the right hand side, drop off and pick up area.

Please ensure we are parking considerably and not blocking any walk ways or other cars. Please use the street if there is no appropriate space to park.

Thank You!

Staff update

A huge congratulations to Charley who has recently secured a promoted post as a Senior Early Years Worker within East Dunbartonshire. Charley's last day at Oakburn will be Friday 25th March. We wish Charley all the best with her future in her new role, she will be missed at Oakburn. All staff will continue to upload and track the children of the Pine group until Charley's position has been filled. The Management team are always on hand if you have any questions or queries/concerns regarding your child.



Family Champion Drop in.

There will be an online drop in session via Teams with our family champion Shirleyanne on **Friday 18th March**. Come along with coffee or tea to chat, we want your ideas on what we can do to support you and your families.

Health—Allergies & infectious diseases

REMINDER WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE CENTRE.

A Polite reminder that we have children who have SEVERE allergies within our Centre, we are a **NUT and EGG** aware centre, any items that contain these items within a child's packed lunch box will be sent home with a reminder note of why the food is unsuitable.

We would also like to highlight that we are a health promoting centre at Oakburn and again will monitor the sugar content of children's lunches and send home if not suitable whilst at nursery. If you would like to be reminded of these hidden sugar foods please ask Lyndsay in our office to give you a copy of our healthy packed lunch leaflet or this can be emailed out to you. This was also in the welcome packs given when each child starts with us at Oakburn.

Absent Policy

We have an absent management policy in place to ensure the safety of your children. Please continue to inform the office at your earliest convenience if your child will not be in attendance.

COVID- 19

Due to current Covid-19 guidance, if your child displays symptoms—new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell, your child **must not attend** and should book a PCR. Staff within the centre will also follow this guidance.

As per guidance, if there is a positive covid case within a household—children under 5 can still attend nursery (unless positive themselves or showing symptoms) We kindly request that any adult/parent/guardian who is dropping off/collecting the child at this time adheres to isolation guidance and refrains from entering the building if confirmed as positive themselves. This is to ensure all children, staff and families are kept safe. We thank you for your continued co-operation on this.

Oakburn EYC News

Nursery contact details:

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Fun in the Snow! Exploring the snow and developing teamwork skills



The children were problem solving through using the pinecones to paint.



Building our Friendships at 2 years old!



As Happy as a Pig in Mud! 2-3 Room have been learning about farm animals



Book and Rhymes of the Month

Book of the month

The Children in the Acorn room have chosen "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"

The Children in the Oak room have chosen "You Choose" — Nick Sharett

Rhyme of the month

Acorn Room—"Humpty Dumpty."

Oak Room— WB 28/2/22—7/3/22 "Little Miss Muffet"

W/B 14/3/22—28/3/22. "Little Boy Blue "

Allocation news

Applications for academic year August 2022– July 2023 close end of day 28th February 2022. Any applications received after 28th February 2022 will be classed as a late application and your space is not guaranteed.

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.

However, If you wish for your child/children's pattern to change you will have to complete an alteration form to change the pattern.

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 now have applied for your 3 year old place.

Loose Part Donation

We would be very grateful to anybody who can help us to develop our creativity and curiosity. We use 'loose parts' resources to develop our imagination skills.

What we are looking for are :- Wheels, tyres, old tapes, dvds, video players. Bobbins, buttons, shells, stones, tubes. Any bits and bobs.

This will be ongoing throughout the full year so please save us you "Rubbish & Rubble"



Thank you !

As a centre we would like to Thank You for all your support in our fundraising with our Valentine's Day gifts. We were overwhelmed by the amount of orders and your generosity.



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LOST & FOUND

We have accumulated a large amount of clothing in our lost property basket over previous weeks/months particularly hats, If you have lost any items please alert a member of staff and we will look for this.

These items 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.



Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 21/2/22 until 6/3/22. Within the centre we have been looking at different Fairtrade products. Exploring the Fairtrade logo and what this looks like. Listening to children friendly stories about the process for Fairtrade products. Using some Fairtrade products in our baking area.

Outdoor Play

We are looking to increase our numbers of children choosing Outdoor Play. Stephanie our Senior Early years worker and our outdoor champion Hannah have created a plan to increase our outdoor provision, we will be offering support to staff less confident and will be meeting with parents and children to discuss outdoors and gain a shared understanding of our vision.

Centre Uniforms

Following interest from parents regarding an optional nursery uniform, we have found a supplier to create an Oakburn EYC uniform. These uniform items will all be in blue with the nursery logo embroidered. If you wish to place an order please contact the office for an order form which contains items sourced and pricing. We have a sample sweatshirt and polo shirt in the office if you would like to see sizing in person before ordering. The photo below is one of our 2 year old children wearing size 3-4.



Dates for the Diary



Tuesday 8th & Tuesday 15th March— SMT parent drop in session

Friday 18th March - Family champion drop in teams

Friday 18th March—Red Nose Day—wear something red (if you wish to)



Friday 15th—Monday 18th—Nursery Closed - Easter Bank holiday

Woodwork Transition visit at Oakburn —Milngavie & Clober children visiting.

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 :)