



Oakburn EYC

October 2022

Welcome

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

Car Parking

A kind reminder that the car park is busy during drop off and pick up times.

We kindly request that you consider others when parking and refrain from blocking any walk ways or other cars.

Parents can park in the 6 available spaces on the right hand side in the layby.

Thank You!

Lunches

We kindly ask that you choose your child's lunch in advance.

We will continue to send the weekly glow form for lunch selection. If you do not choose a lunch for your child a staff member will help your child to choose one.

The QR code will change week to week to match the menu for that week.

Due to storage we kindly ask that those bringing in a packed lunch have an ice pack in the bag to ensure the food stays cold.



Social Media

We have a broad range of communication lines with parents. Parents are welcome to join our Facebook page "Oakburn EYC" where we share information regarding the nursery and share learning experiences the children have participated in.

Our blog is updated every two weeks where we share the learning experiences children have explored. You can find the link to the blog via our nursery Website.

Reminder—please do not save any picture from Facebook, or Learning Journals and share them on other social medias.

Oakburn's Grizzly Ghoulish Garden Party

We are hosting a Halloween garden party on Wednesday 26th October, 6:00-8:00pm. Family and friends are welcome, door open to all.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are £2 for adults and £1 for children: These tickets include a hot chocolate, prize and toasted marshmallow.

On the night there will be food stalls, a raffle, Halloween activities and a Halloween scavenger hunt.

We would be extremely grateful of any donations for our raffle/tombola prizes. Please hand any donations into the office.



Halloween Activities: Spooky Sensory Boxes, Freaky Face Paints, Frightening Photos, Dangling Dracula Donuts, Thrilling Tales, Pirate Pam's Lucky Dip and The Dreadful Dook.

Food Stalls: Halloween Cupcakes, Creepy Cookie stand, Frankenstein's Fingers



Stephanie

We would like to congratulate Stephanie on securing a permanent position as Depute Head of Centre at Castlehill EYC. We wish her all the best in her new role. We will all miss her very much but sure she will pop in to visit us.



Appropriate clothing

Now that Autumn has arrived and the colder weather is approaching we ask that you provide your child with a hat, scarf and gloves and to wear an appropriate jacket for the wet weather to nursery.

Please remember to write your child's name on all items.



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Acorn Room have been reading and participating in activities relating to "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"



Acorn have been developing their baking skills



Children in 3-5 room have been making different items for snack



Children in the 3-5 room have been learning about money



Communication Station

Staff have created a communication area at the main gate, where parents are encouraged to come into the nursery at all drop off and pick up times to sign their child in and out. A staff member will always be available in the area during busier times to support parents/carers. During our busiest time of **12:30-12:45**, we ask parents to wait at this area and a member of staff will support your child to gather their belongings and guide them to you.

Community Links

Our Community Link Leader, Leonie has organised monthly trips to a local Care Home, Milngavie Manor Care Home. Children, staff and residents are improving wellbeing, developing social skills and their communication. On each visit 8 children will be attending, four from our 2-3 room and 4 from our 3-5 room. We will aim to allow as many children to have this amazing opportunity, however this will be dependent on the day of the visit as these are not consistently on a set day of the week.

For us to continue to take part in community and wider visits, please ensure you have completed the EV3 permission form to allow your child to participate in these experiences.

Please ask at the office if you require an EV3 Form.



Gran and
Grandad's house
Child in 2-3 room

Curricular Evening

Our Curricular Evening is
Thursday 13th October 6:00-
7:30pm.

Parents are welcome to come along to see the nursery and view some of the experiences on offer to your child. There will be presentations on Forest School, Learning Journals and other specific aspects of the curriculum.

Any questions please ask at the office.



Danceathon

To raise money for decorations for Oakburn's Ghoulish Grizzly Ghastly Garden Party, we will be hosting a Danceathon on Monday 3rd October.

Parents, Grandparents and Carers are all welcome. Remember to wear your dancing shoes.

We will be having our Danceathon at 10.30-10:45am and 2.20-2:35pm.

Any donations will be greatly received so please Chuck it in the Bucket!

Let's get fundraising!

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Personal belongings

All children have been given an individual smart sack, blue for 2-3 room and green for 3-5 room. This means you are not required to bring any other bags to nursery.

We provide these bags to reduce the amount of items on children's pegs.

We kindly ask that you fill the smart sacks with extra clothes and shoes and clearly label them with your child's name.

Treat Fund

At Oakburn we kindly ask that parents contribute to our treat fund, **£2 per week**

The nursery treat fund helps to fund a number of things for the children, including daily healthy snacks, gifts at celebrations, public transport for outings, birthday cards and much more.

If you have any questions please speak to the Office.

Uniforms

Uniform orders will be placed at the end of each month.

Please ask the office for an order form. We kindly ask that completed forms and money are handed in to a member of staff in the office.

Nursery Session Times/Alterations

As our new term begins, there may have been some changes to your child's sessions.

Please find below a reminder of the nursery session times:

AM 8:00-12:45, PM 1:15-6:00, Full Day 8:00-5:30/ 8:00-5:00/ 8:00-6:00

If you are unsure of your child's session times please check with the Office.

It is important for all parents/carers to collect their child on time as late collections impact staff ratio at busy times. If you would like any daily feedback about your child, please allow time for this before collecting at the end of your child's session for staff to be able to give this.

Reminder: Any alterations to your child's sessions can only be submitted **ONCE per term** and 4 weeks notice should be given for this change.

There are 3 terms in a year running from August-December, January—March, April—July. Please speak to the office regarding any changes and availability. Alteration forms can be found on the EDC website.

Nursery Resources

We kindly ask that if your child has taken any resources or toys home, could they please return them.



Toys from home

We recommend that children **do not** bring toys from home to nursery. This is to prevent any toys becoming lost or broken. If your child requires a comforter from home please ensure that their name is on this.

Dates for the Diary



Danceathon—Monday 3rd October

In-Service Day - Friday 14th October (Centre closed to all children).

Halloween Dress up week— Week Beginning 23rd October

Oakburn's Ghoulish Grizzly Ghastly Garden Party—

Wednesday 26th October



Remembrance Day—Friday 11th November

Odd Socks Day— Monday 14th November

Children in Need—Friday 18th November

St Andrews Day— Wednesday 30th November

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIVE PASSWORDS TO ANYONE COLLECTING YOUR CHILD. IF WE HAVE NOT MET THE INDIVIDUAL 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 :)