



Oakburn EYC

January—February 2023

Welcome

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

Gate Security

We love that we can have the gate open between **8:00-10am, 12:30-1:00pm and 4:00-6:00pm** to allow our parents into the children's learning environment.

Can you please ensure the gate is closed behind you if you are coming in, out with these times, to ensure the safety of all our children.

Lunches

A reminder to all parents that the Lunch Glow form is emailed out every week for you to select a choice with your child.

If you are having any problems with the form please let the office know.

Chinese New Year

Our Children have been learning about Chinese New year, The Year of the Rabbit and participating in different experiences. We had a Chinese tasting session where they tried Sweet & Sour or Curry Sauce with rice or noodles. Rong & Pamela have been making Gyozas with the children.

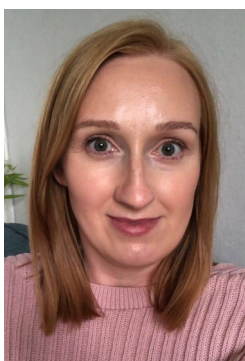
Please ask your child about what they have learned about Chinese New Year.



Congratulations

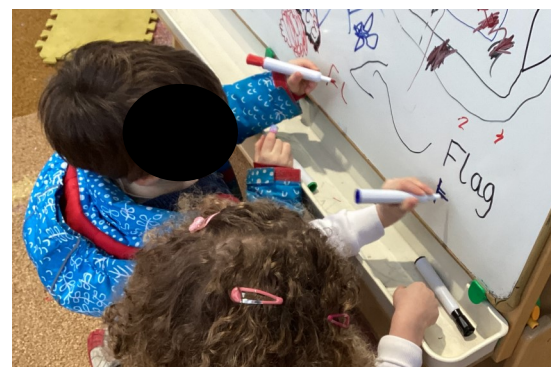
A huge congratulations to Elaine from our 2-3 Room who has been successful in securing a Temporary Acting Senior Early Years Worker post at Killermont EYC. Elaine has contacted all parents of her keyworker group and the children have selected another group to join whilst Elaine is away.

We want to wish Elaine all the best and we will see her again soon.



Burns Day

For Robert Burns we had a tasting session with a variety of foods—potato scones, shortbread and vegetarian Haggis. They have been listening to Scottish Songs and poems and learning some Scottish Words with Kirsty. The children have been participating in Scottish themed experiences throughout the week.



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Acorn Room love participating in Book Bug



Acorn Room have been creating tartan pictures for Burns Day



One of our parents is a Firefighter and brought the Fire Engine down for a visit



3-5 Children have been working hard in our Woodwork Area building lots of creations



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.

We no longer accept old paper notes.

Change of details

Stay and Play - The next block of Stay and Play sessions will be focused sessions around different areas of the centre. If you would like to attend these **please sign up at the centre office**. Some areas will have limited spaces due to area capacity for experiences taking place.

Block 2

Monday 27th February - Baking Area & Music Area (Courtyard) - AM & PM

Wednesday 1st March - STEM Area & Den Building (Garden)- AM & PM

Friday 3rd March - Woodwork Area, Planting (Garden) & PATHS group workshop - AM & PM

Important Dates

All important dates for the remainder of the academic year are stated below:

World Book Day is Thursday 2nd March Children are welcome to wear Pyjamas or dress as their favourite character if they already have an outfit

Red Nose Day is Friday 17th March Children are welcome to wear something red and there will be a chuck it in the bucket to raise funds.

Sponsored Easter Toddle & Coffee Morning is Thursday 30th March The toddle starts at 10:15 and we will walk around Oakburn Park twice. There will be a Parents Coffee Morning after the toddle. All children welcome. Those who do not attend the Centre on this day must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are welcome to join in as well. Sponsor Sheets will be handed out in advance.

World of Work Week is the week beginning 15th May. We are looking for parents to come along and share with the children some fun facts about their job. Please let staff know if you would be interested and when suits you.

Graduation for all our Pre Schoolers will be **Thursday 15th June**. All pre-schoolers will attend the one graduation. Time to be confirmed.

Sports day will be Wednesday 21st June on Oakburn Park. All children will attend this. Those who do not attend on this day, we ask that they are accompanied by an adult. Please remember to wear appropriate trainers as we will of course be having a parents race.



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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.

Literacy Focus

In the 3-5 Room:

The Author of the month for February is Julia Donaldson

Rhyme of the fortnight is Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear turn around.

In the Acorn Room:

The book of the month will be More People to Love Me.

The Rhyme of the month will be Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Parent Focus Group

Here are the following dates for Parent Focus Meetings:

Friday 24th February—Parents Coffee Morning 10:30-11:30

Monday 27th March—Parents Focus Group 10:30-11:30

Wednesday 26th April—Parent Coffee Morning 10:30-11:00

Friday 19th May—Parent Focus Group 10:30-11:00

Monday 12th June—Parent Coffee Morning 10:30-11:00

Parent Focus Group Meeting will be in person and via Teams.

HELP—Donations wanted

We are looking for some resources to further support numeracy within our home corner

We are looking for the following items:

- Digital Scales
- Money— old coins/currency, bank notes, bank/credit cards
- Landline telephone
- Clothes Pegs
- Food tins/boxes
- Kettle/tea pot
- Card reader/machine
- Condiment set



If you have any of these items within your home that are no longer in use or could be donated please let the office know —Thank you!



Dates for the Diary



Valentine's Day—Tuesday 14th February

In-service Day—Nursery Closed—Wednesday 15th February

Random Act of Kindness Day—Friday 17th February

Pancake Day—Tuesday 21st February

Fairtrade Fortnight Begins—Monday 27th February



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Easter Toddle & Coffee Morning—Thursday 30th March

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 :)