



# Oakburn EYC

February—March 2023

## Welcome

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

## Gate Security

To ensure the safety of all our children we kindly remind you to please ensure the internal gate is closed behind you if you are coming in or out, outwith the times we have our gate open for parents to come in.

Reminder of the times the internal gate is open  
8:00-10:00am, 12:30-1:00pm and 4:00-6:00pm.

## Lunches

At Oakburn EYC we pride ourselves on our nurturing lunches with our rolling lunch routine, where children are given the choice to participate in lunch time when they feel ready to and encourage independence.

Our Nurturing approach to lunches allows children to have uninterrupted play and make the choice of when they feel ready to have lunch without any time constraints.

Our Lunches Start at 11:45 -1:45, Please notify the office if you are collecting before 12:45 to allow your child/children enough time to have lunch. If any children do not manage to have lunch by the time they are collected a sandwich will be provided to take home. Parents/carers are welcome to wait in our Centre's Family room for their child to finish lunches.

If you would like to come and join our lunch routine please speak to the nursery office to arrange a day to visit and experience our rolling lunches.

## Fundraising

We continue to fundraise throughout the year. For Easter we have decided to sell handmade items made by our children.

If you would like to order mugs or tea towels then please ask a staff member for an order form. You can order a **maximum of 2 of each item.**

*Please note: as these are created by your child each item will be different.*

Order forms and money must be returned to the office by **Friday 24th March.**

### Price list

£2 per item



## HMRC Scam

We would like to share information received of scammers trying to gain personal details by claiming to be from HMRC and you are entitled to attach refund. Please be aware of any emails you may receive requesting personal information. Should you receive this type of email please report to HMRC on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs/contact/reporting-fraudulent-emails>

## Important information

We have been made aware of some children head lice within the nursery. We encourage all parents to check their child's head regularly and advice that they are treated promptly and inform nursery.

There is no exclusion for head lice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Easter Toddle

Easter Toddle is on Thursday 30th March. All children are invited in, however if you do not attend on this day must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsor sheets are available in the nursery, if you do not have one yet please ask a staff member. We ask that all sponsor sheets and money in handed into the office by **Friday 31st March.**

The toddle starts at 10:15 and we will walk around Oakburn Park twice. Leaving from Oakburn EYC at 10:15 to then return to the nursery for Parents to attend our Coffee Morning after the toddle. Children will participate in an egg hunt in the garden at this time.

**Our Cheeky Challenge is it design an Easter Bonnet at home and wear it on our Easter Toddle.**



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**Acorn Room have been using the juicer to make their own juice for snack**



**Children went a trip to Tesco to find some Fairtrade products**



**To celebrate World Book Day we went on a Bear Hunt in the garden**



**To celebrate pancake day, our children were making pancakes with Sophie.**



## 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.**

## Stay and play

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who came along to these sessions. These sessions were successful and we really appreciate parents and grandparents participating.

If you have any comments or feedback you would like to add to your parental involvement book please ask at the office.



## Important Dates

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

**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 and money to be returned by Friday 31st March .**

**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 is Jill Murphy—The Large Family Books

Rhyme of the fortnight is  
Hickory Dickory Dock

### In the Acorn Room:

The book of the month will be  
The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson.

The Rhyme of the month will be  
Old MacDonald Had a Farm

## Parent Focus Group

Here are the following dates for Parent Focus Meetings:

**Monday 27th March**—Parents Focus Group 10:30-11:30  
**Wednesday 26th April**—Parent Coffee Morning 10:30-11:30  
**Friday 19th May**—Parent Focus Group 10:30-11:30  
**Monday 12th June**—Parent Coffee Morning 10:30-11:30

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

## Feedback

Margaret would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the Children's feedback form with their child. We got some amazing feedback and will take our children's opinions on board.

Erin would like to thank those who have returned the consent form to video the children over lunchtime to share on our website. If you have not completed a permission form and would like to do so, please ask at the office for a paper copy to complete.

## Financial Health & Wellbeing

We work with partners across the Council & the third sector to bring together a range of services that helps provide support for parents and carers.

Citizens Advice Bureau:

Phone number: 0141 775 3220

Email: [Bureau@eastdunbartonCAB.casonline.org.uk](mailto:Bureau@eastdunbartonCAB.casonline.org.uk)

## Dates for the Diary



**World Book Day**—Thursday 2nd March

**Red Nose Day**—Friday 17th March

**Easter Toddle & Coffee Morning**—Thursday 30th March



**Nursery Closed for Easter Weekend**—Friday 7th April & Monday 10th April

**Easter Activity Week**—w/b 3rd April

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 :)