



# Oakburn EYC

April—May 2023

## Welcome

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

## 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 until 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.

## Literacy Focus

### In the 3-5 Room:

Concept we are focusing on is Last.

The Word we are focusing on is Furious

The Rhymes of the month will be Mary had a little lamb and Little Bo Beep.

### In the Acorn Room:

The Book of the month Julie Donaldson—  
We're Going on a Bear Hunt

The Rhyme of the month Katie Bairdie.

## Gate Security

There has been alterations made to the gates, which requires a staff member to unlock the door for gaining entry and leaving the nursery.

Please remember to notify the office of your presence before entering the building.

Your child's safety is paramount within this centre, please ensure the gate is closed behind you.

## Easter Toddle & Fundraising events

*We would like to thank everyone for sponsoring your child to do the Easter toddle and those who were able to join us in completing our toddle in Oakburn Park.*

*We really appreciate you all helping us raise money for our amazing nursery. With the money we have raised we are going to purchase a Greenhouse for our garden.*

**We raised an amazing £ 1600!**

*If you wish to give us any feedback on the Toddle or Easter fundraising events, please ask at the office for our parent book.*

*Thank you all once again!*



## Adult Lending Library

Mairi is creating a lending library for our staff and parents. If you have any non fiction books you have finished reading and are still in good condition please hand them into the office.



## Primary 1 Transition Dates

Please see our parents information board, which is situated at next to our Home Room door, for dates and times for the different school visits.

If these dates and times are on the days in which they attend nursery, parents are responsible for taking your child to these visits.

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Nursery contact details:

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Children in the Acorn room wanted to make Pea Soup. Leonie took them to M&S to collect ingredients to make the soup.



Our Acorn room have started growing beans to watch them grow until they are ready to plant in the garden.



Our 3-5 children have also been growing beans to plant in our garden.



Children have been helping to develop the different areas within the garden. Here they are painting the fence for the allotment.



## Treat Fund

Feedback from the children's questionnaires was that the children would like to go on more trips with the nursery.

For us to be able to accommodate the trips the children have asked for is through the treat fund. At Oakburn we kindly ask that parents contribute to our treat fund, **£2 per week**.

**Any questions please ask at the office.**

## Stay and play

Thank you to all the parents who was able to attend the stay and play sessions this month. This time we had stay and play sessions in our snack area, art area and our gross motor skill area.

Thank you so much for all your feedback as always.

If you wish to add feedback to our parent book please ask at the office.

## Graduation

Graduation for all our Pre School Children will be on **Thursday 15th June**.

Invites will be handed out over the next few weeks, due the amount of children graduating this year we can only accommodate for **2 tickets per family**. You can collect these tickets at the office.

All parents are encouraged to **arrive for 10:15am for 10:30am start**.

## Parent Focus Group

Here are the following dates for Parent Focus Meetings:

**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 please speak to the office if you would like to join the meeting via Teams.

## Important Dates

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

**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.

**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.

## New Staff

We would like to welcome a few new staff members to the Oakburn Team.

Ailsa is our new Early Years Support Worker who

has started in the centre. Ailsa will Works

Monday -Friday  
10am-4pm



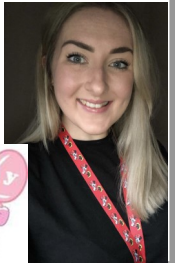
In June we will have 2 new Early Years Workers, Natalie & Eilidh. Natalie will be joining the 3-5 Room (Pine group with Scott) and Eilidh will be in the 2-3 Room taking over the Conker group.

## Congratulations Erin

Erin from our Acorn room will finishing up for Maternity Leave on Thursday 11th of May.

On behalf of everyone at Oakburn, we would like to wish Erin and her family well. We look forward to visits from Erin and her baby when they arrive!

Congratulations and Good Luck.



## Library Visits

Staff and children visited to the local library where they

We would like to continue having regular library visits to help support children in their literacy development. Reading and looking at stories help develop children in multiple ways. It supports speech development, letter recognition and develops imagination.

To become a member of the local library as an adult, family or a child or young person

Please find the link for applying for a membership below:  
<https://www.edlc.co.uk/libraries/how-join-and-member-benefits>



## Dates for the Diary



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

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



**Nursery Closed for May Bank Holiday**— Monday 1st May

**Nursery Closed for In-service Day**—Tuesday 2nd May

**Nursery Closed for King's Coronation**—Monday 8th May

**Sun Awareness Week**— W/B Monday 8th May

**World of Work Week**—W/B Monday 15th May

**Nursery Closed for Bank holiday**— Friday 26th and Monday 29th May

**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 :)**