

## Oakburn EYC

## October 2024

### Welcome

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

## Gate Security

**The safety of our children is paramount.** Please ensure you close both gates securely behind you when entering and leaving the premises.

Please alert a staff member in the office of your presence before entering the building via *the intercom or coming to the window*. This is for security and to ensure a staff member is there to greet you at the gate on arrival.

### Pre School Information

#### School Registration— Open 1st November to 30th November

Just a quick reminder that the school registration for August 2025 intake is now open. Please click on link for further information on how to apply.

https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/services/a-z-of-services/primary-secondary-and-early-years-education/primary-school/primary-school-registration/

#### Placing request information

## PLEASE NOTE APPLICATIONS FOR AUGUST 2025 WILL BE OPEN FROM FRIDAY 3 JANUARY 2025. If you live out with the catchment area for the school you would like your child to attend, you must first register your child at their catchment school (from 1<sup>st</sup> November—30th November) and then submit a placing

request for an alternative school in January. Parents are informed of their outcome by 30 April each year.

## Deferred Entry

All Parents and carers have the legal right to defer their child's entry to primary school if their child is not 5 by the first day of the school term in August— Due to a change to The Scottish Government legislation in 2023, if your child's 5th birthday falls between the first day of the school term in August and the last day of the following February you have the option to defer your child's entry to school and access a further funded year of Early Learning and Childcare.

Children who have their fifth birthday between 1st March and the first day of term in August must start school. Exceptions are only made in extraordinary circumstances, and where it would be considered in the best interests of the child to further delay their school start date. These applications will only be considered where supporting information from Early Years Centres, Educational Phycologists and any other Team around the Child professionals are submitted, these applications will be considered at a special Early Years Community Assessment Group (EYCAT) before any decision is made.

For any further information or FAQs please see the following link: — https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/services/a-z-of-services/primary-secondary-and-early-years-education/primary-school/deferred-entry-to-primary-school/

If you wish to defer your child, you must first register your child at their catchment school and then apply for deferred entry. The application for deferred entry will go live on the East Dunbartonshire website date TBC— a link and opening date of these applications will be emailed at a later date once confirmed)

## Oakburn EYC

**Nursery contact details:** 

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Acorn have been exploring Autumn experiences



Acorn Room have been developing their hand eye coordination through cutting activities



Our children have exploring pattern by tracing leaves



We have been exploring experiences with Autumn resources



## Halloween Extravaganza

We would like to thank everyone who donated prizes for our Tombola and Raffle.

We really appreciate your generosity.

We were overwhelmed at the turn out we had on the night and would like to thank you all for coming along, dressing up and helping us raise funds for our amazing nursery. It was great to see new and old children of Oakburn attending.

We would like to thank a few of our local businesses who kindly donated. Café Alba, Harts Cleaning Services, Tribe Dynamic Gym, J M Therapies, Graeme's Pressure cleaning services, Academy of Musical Theatre, Bathory Bakery and Lindsay's SLT Services.

The Raffle prizes were drawn on Friday and all prizes have been collected!

We raised an amazing £1,611

Thank you all once again!







## **Opcoming** Events

#### December:

Friday 13th—Christmas Concert & Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 18th—Christmas Party

Wednesday 25th— Thursday 2nd Jan—Nursery Closed (Christmas Holiday)

#### February:

Week Beginning 3rd Feb—Stay & Play

Wednesday 19th—Nursery Closed (In-service Day)

#### January:

Friday 3rd—Nursery reopen

Wednesday 29th—Chinese New Year

Tuesday 25th—Fairtrade fortnight

#### March:

Tuesday 3rd—Pancake day

Thursday 5th—World Book Day

Friday 14th—Red Nose Day



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:)

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## Parents Meetings

#### **Settle Meetings**

For any new children starting throughout the centre we arrange settle meetings with the parent approx. 6 weeks after starting. This is a general chat regarding the progress of a new nursery.

#### **Focus Child**

Throughout the academic year staff within the 3-5 Room will carry out Focus Child observations on their keyworker children. You will be informed of the week these will take place for your children.

This is an opportunity for keyworkers to work closely with their key children to identify their next steps in learning.

Once completed Keyworkers will arrange a parent meeting to discuss this in person and update any important information about your child.

At Oakburn we use this method for parent meetings to be scheduled throughout the year instead of formal Parents Evening once a year.

## 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, wellies and to wear an appropriate jacket for the wet weather. Our children access outdoors everyday and even in the courtyard it can be a little chilly.

We kindly ask that you please provide extra socks and clothes as children are out in all weathers.

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

We also kindly ask that you provide a pair of indoor shoes which can be kept at their peg or in their green/blue bags. This allows children to be comfortable when exploring the indoor spaces.





### Lunches

A reminder to all parents that the Lunch Glow form is emailed out at the beginning of the week for the following week for you to select a choice with your child. If possible please have the form returned by the Friday.

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







## Allergen Reminder

Just a little reminder that we are a **NUT FREE CENTRE**, no products containing nuts allowed.

Other severe allergies that we kindly ask to be considered and <u>not</u> be brought into the centre are; <u>Lentils and</u> eggs.

Please check ingredients of products when choosing items for you child's packed lunches as we may have to remove them. A note will be placed in their box to explain why this has happened. These items will be returned to parent at home time to ensure we keep all children safe and healthy.

We follow our Healthy Packed Lunch policy and ask that all children's packed lunches contain healthy nutritious foods.

Leaflets available if you require more information