



Oakburn EYC

January 2024

Welcome

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

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.

Christmas Events

We would like to thank Everyone who came along to our Christmas events.

We know December is a very busy time of year and we appreciate that you take time out of your day to attend.

We raised an amazing £751.90 over our Christmas events.

Thank You for your continuous support throughout the year.

Family Champion

Shirleyanne is our Family Champion. This role involves supporting parents and families by providing advice and support that is tailored to the individual needs of the family. Shirleyanne has worked with many families on issues such as toilet training, fussy eating boundary setting and temper tantrums.

If you would like any further information please speak to Shirleyanne or SMT in the office.

Sometimes a listening ear makes all the difference.



Burns Day

Our Children have been learning about Robert Burns. We had a tasting session with a variety of foods such as shortbread and vegetarian Haggis. They have been listening to Scottish songs and poems and learning some Scottish words with Kirsty. Our children have also been learning the Scottish songs "Oh ye canny shove yer Granny aff the bus" and "Three Crows" - Please ask them to sing them to you to hear their fabulous voices!

The children have been participating in Scottish themed experiences throughout the week.



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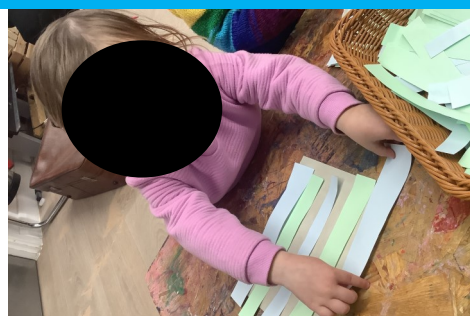
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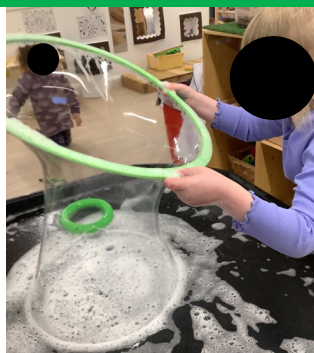
Acorn Room loves a Bookbug Session with Leonie



Our Acorns have been making Tartan for Burns Day



Our 3-5 children have been participating in a variety of experiments in the STEM area



3-5 Children have been exploring out Transient Art are creating wonderful pictures



Treat Fund

At Oakburn we kindly ask that parents contribute to our treat fund of **£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.

Appropriate Clothing

As part of our vision values and aims we encourage the children to make choices in their play. We are a free flow nursery and allow children to access all areas albeit indoors or outdoors regardless of the Scottish weather.

With this in mind we ask that you provide your child with a hat, scarf gloves, wellies and to wear an appropriate jacket for the wet weather.

We kindly ask that you provide extra clothing, especially socks, for your child as we encourage outdoor play in all weathers.

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

Important Dates

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

Chinese New Year begins— 10th February 2024 Children will be participating in experiences throughout Chinese New Year Fortnight.

World Book Day is Thursday 7th March Children are welcome to dress as their favourite character if they already have an outfit and bring in their favourite story. **Please ensure child's name is on the book.**

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 Wednesday 27th March The toddle starts at 10:15 and we will walk around Oakburn Park twice. There will be a Parents Coffee Morning with a stall selling Easter gifts the children have created and a raffle, after the toddle. All children are welcome to join us in the toddle. Those who do not attend the Centre on this day must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are welcome to join their child in the walk. 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 a day and time that is most suitable.

Graduation for all our Pre Schoolers will be **Friday 14h June**. All pre-schoolers will attend the one graduation. Time to be confirmed.

Sports day will be Monday 24th June. More Information to follow.

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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.

We kindly ask that children refrain from bringing in any toys to nursery to prevent them getting lost or broken.

Literacy Focus

In the 3-5 Room:

The Author of the month is Slinky Malinki, Lynley Dodd

Rhyme of the fortnight is "Hey Diddle Diddle"

Phonic of the month—"S"

In the Acorn Room:

The Book of the month is "Guess how much I Love You"

The Rhyme of the month is "If you love me and you know it"

Parental Involvement

We are looking to create a parent group who would help us in organising events, provide some feedback on previous events, help us fundraise and be involved in the everyday life of the centre.

If you have an interest in this and would like to come along for a cuppa and a chat feel to pop in on **Thursday 22nd February** between 2:00-3:00pm.

We will be sending out a glow form for feedback on our parent group and what we can do to improve this.

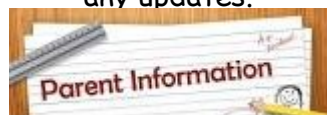
Parent Information

Our new parent information board is now up.

It is situated at the front gate adjacent to the nursery office door. This is where we will share any information of upcoming events in the centre.

There are QR codes on this board linking to the author and rhyme of the months.

Please check this regularly for any updates.



Gate Security

Please alert a staff member in the office when arriving 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.

Reminder to ensure the gate is closed behind you at all times as the safety of our children is paramount.

Dates for the Diary



Burns Day—Thursday 25th January



Number Day—Friday 2nd February

Pancake Day—Tuesday 13th February

In-service Day—Nursery Closed—Wednesday 14th February

Fairtrade Fortnight Begins—Tuesday 27th February

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 IN PLACE TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION :)