



# Glen Urquhart Childcare Centre

## September 2020 Newsletter

### This Term...

A very warm welcome back to those of you who have children already attending the centre, and a huge hello & welcome to all our new starts! The children have made us all so proud with how well they have settled back into nursery life. They have been busy learning our routines, developing new friendships, and have fostered nurturing relationships with keyworkers. Both the Chestnut and Oak rooms have been working on their floor books and these can be found in the front foyer during pick up. Please feel free to have a look through the pages (any comments you would like to write in are greatly received) to see what your child has been up too. A big thank you to all parents for adhering to the Covid-19 guidance and procedures that have been put in place.

### COVID - 19 SYMPTOMS AND PROCEDURES:

We ask that anyone with Covid-19 symptoms remain at home, self-isolate and book a test.

Symptoms:

- High Temperature
- New Continuous Cough
- A loss or Change to Sense of Taste/Smell

Test can be booked online at [www.nhsinform.scot/test-and-protect](http://www.nhsinform.scot/test-and-protect) or by calling 0800 0282816

Cold like symptoms: If your child has cold like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they **do not** need to be tested and you **do not** have to self-isolate. If well enough, your child can still attend the nursery.

Information for parents and carers: Parent Club launched a new campaign on 31 July to support parents and carers with the return to school and ELC. ([www.parentclub.scot/startback](http://www.parentclub.scot/startback)) includes information about the new guidelines, a wide range of Q&As as well as advice and support for managing mental health, and information about funded ELC.

**SURVEY MONKEY RESULTS:** A huge Thank You to all those who have recently taken the time to respond to our questionnaires that were emailed to you. Results and actions from these will be communicated to you soon. Your input is so valuable for our continuous improvement. If you have not already done so please complete our Vision, Values and Aims questionnaire as your input will provide us with a basis to develop new Aims for the centre.

**MUSIC SESSIONS:** (22<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, 27<sup>th</sup> Oct). We are delighted to have received some funding from Tesco bags of help scheme to hold a series of music workshops. Liam Ross a freelance musician and music tutor will be attending the centre on a Tuesday morning to provide the children with these workshops. If your child does not normally attend on a Tuesday and you would like them to participate then please speak to a member of staff who will book your child in for these sessions.

### **FOREST SCHOOL DAYS:**

Please ensure your child comes to forest school appropriately dressed i.e. Wellies, a warm coat. As the weather changes, it may be best to pack gloves, hats, and waterproofs in your child's bag.

**Chestnut Room - Wednesday**

**Oak Room - Thursday**

Forest School is an inspirational process, that offers ALL learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees.

## ELC UPDATES

With our centre offering the 1140 hours, children who attend the nursery for more than 4 hours per day are provided with a funded nursery lunch. The lunches are made here on site and the menu can be found on our website and the welcome whiteboard during drop off. Copies have also been emailed. If you should require another copy, please just ask. If need be, speak to a member of staff if you have any cultural or dietary needs that we are unaware of.

## ELC WEBSITE

Our webpage holds a generous range of information:  
[www.glenurquhartchildcarecentre.co.uk](http://www.glenurquhartchildcarecentre.co.uk)

Here you will find the Centre's handbook, policies, introduction to staff members and trustees, lunch menus, holiday dates, minutes from trustee meetings, and our own personal blog.

## ELC BLOG

We encourage all parents to sign up to our blog. Here you will get an email notification of any entries added. You will be able to see pictures and stories of what the children from both the Chestnut and Oak rooms have been up too. If you click on the link above, you will be taken to our website. At the top you will see the tab 'BLOG'. Click on this tab and scroll to the very bottom of the page where you will see a box requesting your name and email.

## Grants and Fundraising

Easy fundraising- £19:23  
Soirbheas Tattie sales- £11.00  
Chippy collection- £3:51  
Soirbheas Photo Comp - £100.00  
Parent and Community Support During Covid19 -  
£514.00

## Important Dates

14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September - Holiday Club (No funded ELC)

8<sup>th</sup> October - Children's Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk

10<sup>th</sup> October - 'Glen Challenge' Sponsored Walk (More Details to Follow)

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> October Holiday Club (Booking forms to follow)

19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Whole Centre Closed

## Don't Forget...



Please remember to use easy fundraising every time you shop online! Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you are buying. These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. It's easy and FREE! You can get started at

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gucc/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=en-n2](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gucc/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-n2)

**Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Help yourself to a free head lice comb located in our foyer**

## RAG BAG DONATIONS

We have a rag bag collection bin to the left of our front door. This service helps to raise much needed funds for the Centre through the recycling of clothing textiles.

**We Accept:**  
Wearable clothing  
Paired Shoes  
Handbags  
Belts

**Will not Accept:**  
Work wear/Uniforms  
Wet/soiled clothes  
Curtains/carpets/towels  
Duvets/Pillowcases  
Blankets/Cushions/Linen  
Suitcases/Books/Bric-a-Brac

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