



Glen Urquhart Childcare Centre

May 2021 Newsletter

This Term...

As we approach the end of the final term of this year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience, compassion and understanding during this difficult time. It has not been easy for the children or the adults, but we have all done a great job making this term as normal as possible in the centre. We will be sending out a survey monkey shortly about the recent trial for our new communication program 'Seesaw'. This will be a great opportunity for parents and carers to give feedback on the accessibility and usage of the program and allow us to gauge its success and future role in the centre. Unfortunately, it is looking unlikely that we will be able to get together in our usual way for our summer concert, however, do not worry, the children are currently working with Liam our freelance musician to bring you something special.....so watch this space.

FOREST SCHOOL:

Global Highland business volunteers have been back out to make some upgrades to our forest school area, they have added a new adult sized structure with a bench and roof, making this a great safe and dry addition to our learning environment. They have also supplied 2 new mud kitchens equipped with all utensils, perfect for making soup and pies of the mud variety.

Please ensure your child comes to forest school appropriately dressed i.e., Wellies, a warm coat on their forest school day

Chestnut Room - Wednesday

Oak Room - Thursday

EASTER BONNET PARADE:



Our later than expected easter bonnet parade was a great success this year, massive thank you to everyone in the community who came out to support us as we went round the village. With so many of our usual community-based activities being cancelled this year, both the children and staff were delighted that this one could go ahead. A special thank you to Jen Macrae who left some extra special sweet treats for us all to enjoy on the way.

COVID - 19 SYMPTOMS AND PROCEDURES:

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

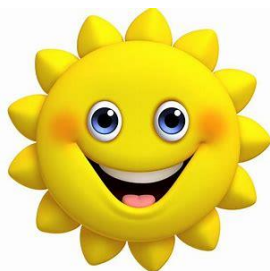
Symptoms:

- 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 or by calling 0800 0282816

Reminder to all that personal items are not to be brought into the centre during this time without permission from the management team. It is important that any non-essential items are not being brought into the centre to minimize the risk of contamination/transmission of covid 19.

ELC UPDATES



With the better weather hopefully just around the corner, please remember to put sun protection and sun hats on your child before they come to the centre. We will top up the sun cream throughout the day and make sure extra water stations

are available. Permission slips for sun cream application were issued in your enrolment pack so please let a member of staff know if there have been any changes.

We are delighted to have Kerry Postma and Gemma Anstead join us as relief staff at the centre. The children have welcomed them warmly and they are already feeling like part of the team.



If you would like to be considered for our staff bank, please contact Audrey MacLennan on manager@glenurquhartchildcarecentre.co.uk

ELC WEBSITE & BLOG

Our webpage holds a generous range of information: 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.

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.

Important Dates

7th of June - Primary and Secondary School in-service day, ELC open as normal

25th of June - last day of Term

28th of June - 9th of July - Centre Closed

12th of July - 13th of August - Holiday Club

16th of August - Centre Closed for Inservice

17th of August - Centre reopens for term 1

Holiday Club



Look out for this summer's holiday club schedule - coming soon

Don't Forget...

We welcome any feedback from Soirbheas recent Food Bag Project - The re-usable cotton tote bags included ingredients, recipes, vegetables seeds and a booklet filled with fun activities on food storage, portion control, recipes and reducing food waste

Soirbheas

Investing in the communities of Glen Urquhart & Strathglass

Grants and Fundraising

- Rag Bag: £78
- Temporary Restrictions Grant : £7580
- Inspiring Scotland Grant: £491.70 for outdoors clothing
- Highland Council Ward £2055.50 for outdoor classroom

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