



Glen Urquhart Childcare Centre

January 2022 Newsletter

This Term...

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all, again we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and understanding during this challenging time, it has not been the start to 2022 that we all expected. This term we welcome 6 new children to the centre for ELC, we look forward to settling them in to our nursery environment, helping them gain new friendships, build self-confidence, and learn new skills. Don't forget to check our website for this years updated parent engagement calendar, improvement plan and our centre handbook.

COVID - 19 SYMPTOMS AND PROCEDURES:

We continue to follow Government advice with regards to Covid: New regulations can be found in NHS Inform <https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus> and Parent Club Scotland <https://www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus>

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

OR who exhibit the following lower threshold symptoms:

- Sore Throat
- Mild cold symptoms
- Gastrointestinal upset
 - Loss of appetite
 - Feeling very tired
- Sore muscles and joints

Test can be booked online at www.nhsinform.scot/test-and-protect or by calling 0800 0282816

SCHOOL TRANSITION

This term we begin our transition visits to the local primary schools in our area. Transition schedules for both Glenurquhart Primary School and Balnain primary school have all been issued and copies can be found on the nursery noticeboard or on our website. We look forward to welcoming the primary one teachers into the centre for a visit and story time very soon.

MUSIC WITH LIAM

We are delighted that Liam will be continuing to visit the nursery every Tuesday for this term up until easter. Liam's music sessions have been so beneficial and enjoyable for the children that we have decided to add these extra sessions using funds raised from our previous fundraising events. I know you will all agree that this is money well spent.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our breakfast club begins at 8am each morning and is open to all children ages 3 - 13 (Mon - Fri). The session is £4.50 and includes a variety of healthy breakfast options, fun activities, and a supervised walk down to school. The Glenurquhart Out Of School Club (also known as GOOSC) is open from 3pm - 6pm, we pick up from outside the school gates at 3.10 and 3.25 and accompany the children back to the centre for snacks, fun activities and free play with our out of school equipment - New games console, craft materials and outdoor games COMING SOON! To make a booking or to be added to our monthly booking email list contact us at assistantmanager@glenurquhartchildcarecentre.co.uk

ENROLMENT WEEK

Enrolment week for Primary 1 pupils will take place from Monday 31 January to Friday 4 February 2022. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no face-to-face enrolment in schools this session. Parents with no access to the online process can request a paper copy of the enrolment form from their catchment school during enrolment week.

For Early Learning and Childcare places, enrolment week commences Monday 14 February and concludes on Friday 18 February 2022 - More information to follow shortly

HEALTH AND WELLBEING:

If you feel your child has a lot of concerns right now, have a look at Dave the Dog:
<https://nursedottybooks.files.wordpress.com/2020/03/dave-the-dog-coronavirus-1-1.pdf>

The Bumps to Bairns website is a fantastic resource full of ideas and support. Please click on the link below to find ways in which your child can learn at home. There are also ideas for helping your child to deal with stress and worry during this challenging time. <https://bumps2bairns.com>

FOREST SCHOOL DAYS:

This term we will continue to take our learning and fun up to our outdoor classroom located in balmacaan woods. 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.

Oak Room - Wednesday

Chestnut Room - Thursday

MODERN APPRENTICE POST

We have an opportunity for a three-year modern apprentice post at the Glen Urquhart Childcare Centre for a young person aged 16-24 years living in the Glenurquhart/Strathglass area. We are looking for someone with an interest in childrens education and care who is ready to work towards their qualification. For more information or if you would like to apply, please contact Audrey Maclennan at manager@glenurquhartchildcarecentre.co.uk

LATENESS CHARGE

Don't forget to stick to your booked ELC funded hours, early arrivals or late picks up will be added to our registers and charged at the end of each month. Thank you for your understanding

Grants and Fundraising

We would like to thank you all for your continued support to our childcare centre, we are a not-for-profit organisation and rely on extra funds to assist with our service and care for the children in our community.

£51.60 - Rag Bag

£48.00 - Rag Bag

£350 - Bonfire night

£65 - Chantelle Lee

£20 - Mau Maclean

£165 - Jen Macrae

ELC UPDATES

The New lunch and Snack menu for this term is now available on our website and will also be displayed each week outside on our notice board. This menu was put together using suggestions from the children and parents who currently attend the centre, we look forward to trying some of your yummy ideas. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any cultural or dietary needs that we are unaware of.

Archie "Green soup, all the green vegetables"

Logan "Tomato soup! No, the one with the pasta"



By being shortlisted for the Scotmid Community Connect award, we are in with a chance of winning £15,000 for our very deserving nursery. To help us win, all you need to do is become a Scotmid member (for the cost of £1). You

Important Dates

W/B 24th Jan - Visit from the Glen Urquhart and Balnain primary teachers

14th Feb - GUPS transition

18th Feb - Balnain Transition

21st and 22nd of Feb - Centre Closed

23rd Feb - Holiday Club Day

W/B 21st March - GUPS Transition

25th March - Balnain Transition

4th - 8th of April - Easter Holiday Club

11th - 18th of April - Centre Closed

Don't Forget...

Soirbheas

Investing in the communities of Glen Urquhart & Strathglass

Soirbheas
Tattie
Project

This year we are delighted to be taking part in the Soirbheas tattie project. Our Children will be helping to grow the tatties in nursery which we will then use for snack and lunch time. We will also have a variety of tubers for sale at the beginning of March, so families can grow their own at home too. More information to follow

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.



will then receive a goodie bag and card which you can collect points on every time you shop – it's that simple! So please, please sign up and start collecting points for us. We have some forms here in the office, or alternatively you can pop into the Scotmid and collect a form from there. Spread the word far and wide and help us win!!!!
<https://scotmid.coop/community.../current-groups-north/>

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

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