



# Glen Urquhart Childcare Centre

## May 2022 Newsletter

### This Term...



We begin this term with some fantastic news – We are the 2022 winners of the Scotmid Community Grant!! The funding from Scotmid will provide the opportunity to develop sensory areas within the nursery enabling children, particularly those with Additional Support Needs, to fully participate in centre life.

We look forward to a busy few weeks in the centre as we approach the summer holidays with lots of exciting activities, learning opportunities and transition visits with our local schools Glen Urquhart and Balnain.

### News from the Oak Room



The Children from the Oak room are beginning to explore signs of spring - So far, they have identified colours changing in their local environment and are developing their knowledge on flowers and pollination

Flora “the bee uses his tongue to lick the flower”

### News from the Chestnut Room



The Chestnut room are continuing to explore their topic of ‘People who help us’. The children have been investigating all about our emergency services and are now learning about the dentist and the importance of looking after our teeth.

Siggy “You call 999 if you need Fire Fighters, Ambulance, Policeman, Helicopter if you are stuck on a mountain”

### COVID – 19 SYMPTOMS AND PROCEDURES:

Children and young people (those aged 18 and under) with mild symptoms such as runny nose, sore throat or slight cough – but who are otherwise well – do not need to stay at home and can continue to attend education settings.

They should only stay at home if they are unwell and have a high temperature.

## **SPORTS DAY**

We are excited to announce that this year's sports day will be held on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. We look forward to welcoming all parents and families to join us on the field behind the nursery at 10.30am – Don't forget to bring your trainers for the parents race!

## **MUSIC**



We are very happy to have Liam back with us every Tuesday at the centre for music and fun. Liza from music matters will also be continuing to join us every Thursday with her accordion for some music, singing and movement. Look out for updates, pictures and videos on our blog.

## **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 - To make a booking or to be added to our monthly booking email list contact us at [assistantmanager@glenurquhartchildcarecentre.co.uk](mailto:assistantmanager@glenurquhartchildcarecentre.co.uk)

## **MODERN APPRENTICE POST**

Congratulations to Iris Erskine who has been awarded the modern apprentice post at our centre. This post is funded by the Soirbheas Apprenticeship Grant Scheme - We look forward to welcoming Iris to the centre very soon.

## **BETTER WEATHER**



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.

## **LUNCH UPDATE**

Our Funded ELC lunch menus have been updated for the term and are available on our website. Fresh soup will also be provided each day to encourage choice. This collaboration will be held with Café Eighty2.

## **SOIRBHEAS PHOTO COMPETITION**

The annual Soirbheas photo competition is back. Over the years the childcare centre has been very lucky to have received over £600 through winning entries. Please email Nicky:

[nickymaclennan@soirbheas.org](mailto:nickymaclennan@soirbheas.org) for more info or visit Soirbheas webpage: [www.soirbheas.org](http://www.soirbheas.org)

## **END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS**

Join us on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June from 2pm – 3pm in the nursery garden for some songs, a small graduation ceremony for our school leavers and some drinks and cakes.

## **VISITS TO THE CARE CENTRE**



Our relationship with the care centre is so important to us, and the children and staff are so delighted that our monthly visits have begun again. So far this year we have joined them for our easter celebrations, story time, parachute fun, and we look forward to joining them soon down at their centre for lunch and Alpaca feeding. These visits provide a great opportunity to bring different generations together and provide a different learning space for children to grow and flourish.

## ORAL HEALTH

The visits from our dental health team have resumed at the centre – this is a great opportunity for the children to learn about oral health, chat about what foods keep our teeth healthy and practice brushing our teeth together with all our friends.

## NEW RESOURCES

Funding from the MFR cash for kids and the Ward discretionary fund has been used to buy new equipment for our outdoor area, new bikes, trikes, balls, bats, bean bags, new balls for ball pond, rounders kit, sand and road safety kit have all been purchased for the children to enjoy. Ask your child which one is their new favourite.

## PHYSI-BALL WITH LOOPY LOU



Massive thank you again to Louise Fraser who has been taking the kids out for Physi-ball sessions this year. During these classes the children are developing skills such as balance, jumping, hand-eye coordination, rhythm awareness and cognitive ability, all while having lots of fun. We look forward to more classes in the future.

## HEAD LICE

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 lice comb located in our foyer.

## FOREST SCHOOL

The children got such a surprise when they visited the nursery forest school den last week. The fairies have been very busy making a special garden for us to explore and look after. Thank you so much fairies!!!

## LOOK WHAT I CAN DO

We will be sending home copies of our 'look what we can do' sheets over the next couple of weeks, please add your children amazing achievements from home or from an experience out with our setting onto the sheet and return to the centre so we can share with all our friends and staff.

## 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.

£78:80 – Rag Bag

£32:50 – Christmas Cards

£22.67 – Easy Fundraising

£300 – RJ Macleod donation

£73.20 – Rag Bag

£17:20 – Tattie Sale

## Important Dates

W/B 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Forest School Transition with GUPS

27<sup>th</sup> May – Balnain Transition

3<sup>rd</sup> June – School closed (ELC open as normal)

7<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery Sports Day

13<sup>th</sup> June – GUCC AGM

28<sup>th</sup> June – Leaving ceremony

1<sup>st</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> July – Centre Closed for Summer holidays

18<sup>th</sup> July – 12<sup>th</sup> Aug – Summer Holiday Club

15<sup>th</sup> August – Centre Closed for Inservice

£177:10 Café 82 (Xmas fair entry fee)

£2574 – MFR Cash for Kids

£3000 – Covid Grant Highland Council

£500 – Soirbheas Tier 1 Grant

£2364 - HC Ward Discretionary Fund

£100 – Donation from Parent

£200 - Accordion sale

**Don't Forget...**



**Look out for this  
summers holiday club  
schedules – coming soon**



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)

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.

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