



# Glen Urquhart Childcare Centre Autumn 2022 Newsletter

## This Term...

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families, we hope you have all enjoyed your October break. Firstly, we are so excited to be able to invite you back into the centre, we have missed having you inside the building! It's so lovely for our children to be able to share their nursery experience with you and have the opportunity to show you all their learning experiences. We look forward to a busy term filled with lots of exciting new opportunities and fun.

### News from the Oak Room



The Children in the Oak room have had a busy term undertaking some exciting autumnal activities. They walked to our local woods to collect some sticks to take back to nursery to create their very own autumn wreaths to take home and display. The children chose the shapes they were going to make their wreath into and stuck various objects on such as leaves, dried oranges, pinecones and pumpkins. These all looked fantastic when they were finished, we can't wait to hear where you have all displayed your new wreaths

### News from the Chestnut Room



This term we learned all about Diwali the festival of light through internet research and stories, we made special candle holders with clay and coloured in some Diwali lamps. At the end of the day, we had our own light festival.

Sorley "It's a candle holder so you can light it and find the way home"

Abel "I made it for a candle to give to my mum"

Sydney "The festival of Davalla is that's what it's called"

## 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.

### SCHOOL TRANSITION

We are delighted to begin our school transition with both our local schools Glenurquhart and Balnain this month. We have emailed a schedule with the proposed dates and included them in the important dates section below: You can also find these dates on our notice board in the foyer and on our website: Feel free to contact us if your child is not booked in on these dates.

### NURSERY TRANSITION

We look forward to welcoming our January 2023 starts this month for some transition visits.

## **CHIDREN IN NEED**

This year we invite the children to come dressed in their pajamas with a £1 donation to raise money for children in need on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November – all teddies and stuffed animal welcome to join as well.

## **TESCO COMMUNITY GRANT**

We are delighted to announce that we came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Tesco Community Grant scheme, receiving a donation of £1500 for the centre – Thank you to everyone who supported us in their local stores by voting with the blue tokens – As always, the funding will go directly back to our children and provide us with new and exciting resources.

## **YOGA WITH HELEN**



Massive thank you to Helen (Sorley's Mum) who came to the centre last week to teach us some spooky Halloween yoga. The children had a great time and it got us all in the Halloween spirit. We always welcome any parental engagement and encourage parents to share their skills with us and the children in the centre. Let us know if this is something you are interested in or if you would like to discuss this in more detail

## **INDOOR SHOES**

Can we ask that all children have a pair of indoor shoes to be used inside our rooms and Gym Hall. With the weather changing please also ensure that appropriate clothing and footwear is provided on forest school days – limited jackets and wellies are available at the centre

## **STAY, PLAY AND LEARN**

Thank you for all the feedback from our Stay, play and learn sessions during our first term, we aim to provide a termly session with a different learning focus each time. We look forward to inviting you all for some Christmas themed activities on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 10am -12pm – Hot chocolate and mince pies will be provided.

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**



Again, this year we will be using 'My Child's Art' company to create our wonderful Christmas cards and Christmas gifts – Look out for your child's Art work slip and referral code which will be sent home in the next few weeks – Ask in the office if you are having any trouble with orders or purchases. A small donation from each order goes directly back to us at the centre so thank you for your support.

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

WE ARE BRINGING IT BACK - the staff and children are very excited to be bringing back our Christmas concert this year – We will perform a Christmas style nativity in the high school theatre on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December starting at 10.30am, we ask for an entrance fee of £3 per person at the door which includes a program and refreshments after. Raffle and adopt a teddy stall will be available on the day.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This years Christmas party will be held at the centre on the last day of term, 22<sup>nd</sup> of December from 10am – 12pm – We will have dancing, games, food and hopefully a special visitor with presents.



## **IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Our vision values and Aims at the centre are to continue to work in partnership with parents, carers, partner agencies, health professionals and other people /groups within our community, constantly maintaining and improving effective links. We continue to achieve this by sharing our learning experiences in our Floor Books and ask parents to contribute their thoughts and comments whenever possible. Our Floor books are located in the ELC rooms however we will display them in the foyer at drop off and pick up time for all to see.

## 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.

£35.00 – Caledonia Concepts

£1000 – Soirbheas Community Fund

£15,000 – Scotmid (ASN)

£1098.23 – Healthy Milk & Snack Grant

£8000 – Summer of Hope

£300 – Soirbheas Photo Comp

£154 – Rag Bag

£140.96 – Easy fundraising

£26.83 – Amazon Smile

£200 – Lunch Fundraiser

£2088.30 – Food Grant Scheme

## Important Dates

3<sup>rd</sup> of November – 1<sup>st</sup> GUCC Transition Visit

5<sup>th</sup> of November – Support us at the local Bonfire night

16<sup>th</sup> of November – January starts transition Visit

18<sup>th</sup> of November – Children in Need

8<sup>th</sup> of December – GUCC Transition (Christmas Craft)

14<sup>th</sup> of December – Stay Play and Learn (Christmas activities)

15<sup>th</sup> of December – Balnain Transition

21<sup>st</sup> of December – Christmas Concert

22<sup>nd</sup> of December – Nursery Christmas Party

23<sup>rd</sup> of December – Centre Closed for Christmas Holidays

9<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> day back of term

## 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)

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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