



Penilee Nursery School Newsletter August/September 2023

Please find attached the dates ahead for nursery closures and nursery events...Please note some of our events may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Welcome Back- A warm welcome to you all. It is good to see you all back after the Summer break. I am delighted to say, so far, the children have settled back into their nursery. We are beginning to welcome new children and families to Penilee Nursery 😊

Teaching and Learning- This month in Penilee staff will be supporting children to settle back into nursery, reforming relationships and revisiting nursery routines. Should you have any questions please call the nursery.

SeeSaw- Just a reminder that our main form of communicating with you is through seesaw. This will either be seesaw messages or seesaw posts. Please ensure you check regularly to keep up to date with your child's teaching and learning as well as information on events, adjustments and closures

Safe Parking- There has been an increasing number of families parking their cars on the Zig-Zag lines. This is illegal as well as extremely unsafe for the children and families who attend Penilee Nursery. I appreciate that parking outside the nursery is tight but the safety of children comes first.

Woodland Groups: We have welcomed 1 new temporary staff member to Team Penilee. Emma McCulloch will be the keyworker to the Rabbits whilst Dominique continues her maternity leave.

A wee reminder of our groups and staff:

Rachel's group are the Deer

Brenda and Heather's group are the Wildcats

Kim's group are the Otters

Carolyn's group are the Dormice

Dominique's group are the Rabbits

Natalie's group are the Foxes

Lucy's group are the Owls

Jade's group are the Wolves

Our current Nursery Handbook will give you all information on all staff who make up Team Penilee 😊

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Things you need to know

Outdoor Play- As part of the Early Years Curriculum children access outdoor play daily in all weathers.

This is for: Free play, participate in planned learning experiences as well as to complete their daily mile. To do this comfortably children have to have appropriate clothing. We do have a stock of wellies, snoods, all in one suits and fleeces but find that some children do prefer to wear their own clothes. With this in mind we ask that you ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather and outdoor play whether this is in rain or sunshine.

Sun Safety- Again as children access outdoor learning in all weathers and, at times, we can experience hot weather we ask that you ensure your children are protected appropriately. You can make your child sun safe by:

*Applying sun screen to them before they come to nursery (For those children who access all day provision we will ensure their cream is topped up for the afternoon)

*We do have sun hats though if your child is particular about hats we ask that you bring in a sun hat to ensure it they are wearing one for protection.

*Covering little shoulders with t-shirts.....children burn easily 😊

*Ensuring shoes are suitable for outdoor play. Although sandals may be cooler there is a slip trip hazard as well as risk of little toes getting stood on when feet are not fully covered.

Can we ask that you ensure you put your child's name on all of their belongings, hats, shoes, jackets, cardigans and the like. This will ensure we have no mix ups of belongings due to children having the same items of clothing.

Personal Care- As children may get wet due to taking part in water play or having a toileting accident you **must** ensure that you provide several changes of clothes (Tops, bottoms, pants and socks). Please ensure your child's spare clothes are replenished should we have to use some in nursery. This will save any inconvenience that may be caused by calling you to bring clothes to the nursery for your child.

*Should your child require their nappy to be freshened we ask you provide **nappies, wipes and nappy sacs** that we will store in their own little box.....Thank you for your co-operation.*

Nursery Uniform- Order forms for uniforms are available from the office. Should you wish to order we ask that money is given in with the order form. An order will be placed at the end of September. Please note uniforms are not compulsory.

Nursery Fund- You may remember when you completed your child's enrolment paperwork that the Penilee Nursery Fund was mentioned. This fund is really important to the nursery to help buy special and everyday items for children to be safe, have fun, extend learning and receive treats.

The fund is £2 per week per child and can be paid weekly or monthly.....whatever suits you. These nursery funds are collected to purchase many items such as:

*Graduation gifts

*Christmas gifts

*Birthday gifts

*Easter eggs

*Goodies for parties and special celebrations

*Kindling for the fire pit

*Hot chocolate and snacks for cosy time round the fire pit

*Items to make playdough: Flour, oil, food colouring, essence

*Food tasting when celebrating occasions such as Chinese New Year, Burns Day, St Andrews Day, Diwali and Eid

*As well as additional resources needed to provide daily planned learning experiences to promote teaching and learning.

Without your contribution we will be unable to provide all of these additional items and fun events that Glasgow City Council does not provide a cash budget for.

Please note **Nursery Fund** can be paid via bank transfer straight into the nursery account, sort code **832106** and account number **00149979**. Should you choose to pay this way we ask that you put your **child's full name along with NF as the reference**. Payment can also be made in cash when you drop or collect your child at nursery. Just ask for an envelope and make sure that you put your child's name, the date and the amount you have placed in.

Children's Savings Club- Did you know we have a savings club for children to save their pocket money?

The aim of this is to promote financial education as well as save a wee bit of money for a special something for a rainy day ☺

Big News

Dominique, keyworker of the Rabbits, welcomed her baby girl, Arlá Marella Baker, on Wednesday 21st June.... the day after Graduation!! A huge congratulations from All of Team Penilee to Dominique and Connor

Another congratulation to Rachel, keyworker to the Deer, who got married on Thursday 6th July.

I am sure you will join me and Team Penilee in wishing Rachel and David all the best as Mr and Mrs Grubb.

Did you know we have a Penilee Twitter Page and Website? Give us a visit Twitter.....@penileenursery

Website: www.penilee-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk

As always if you have any comments or suggestions please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support

Amanda and Team Penilee

Please see dates ahead on the next 2 pages ☺

Date	Event/Holiday
14 th and 15 th August 2024	Staff Training Day (Nursery closed to all families)
16 th August 2024	New Nursery Term Starts
Friday 22 nd - Monday 25 th September 2023	September Weekend (Nursery closed to all families)
Tuesday 10 th October 2023	Come and see our nursery!
Friday 13 th October 2023	Staff Training Day (Nursery closed to all families)
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th October 2023	October Week (Nursery closed to term time families)
Begins Wednesday 25 th October 2023	Halloween Fun Week
Begin 6 th November 2023	Report Calls/meetings with Parents <i>You can choose whether you would like a meeting or a call ☺</i> (Exact dates and times for each group will be sent out nearer the time)
Wednesday 22 nd November 2023	Stay and Play Event AM: 10.20-11am PM: 1.45-2.30
Thursday 7 th November 2023	Christmas Fair 4-5.30 pm in Penilee Nursery
Week Beginning 18 th December 2023	Christmas Fun Week (Dates for events will go out soon)
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Christmas Party
Last day Friday 22 nd December 2023 Return Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Christmas Holidays (Closed to all families)
Last day Friday 22 nd December 2023 Return Monday 8 th January 2024	Christmas Holidays (Nursery closed term time families)
Monday 22 nd January 2024	Scottish week and Burns Day Celebrations
Monday 13 th -Tuesday 14 th February 2024	February Mid-Term (Closed to Term Time families)
PROPOSED DATE Tuesday 14 th February 2024	Photographer will be visiting the nursery- More details to follow. (All families, whether children are in nursery this day or not, are invited in to get photographs taken)
Wednesday 14 th February 2024	Staff Training Day (Nursery closed to all families)
Tuesday 20 th February	Stay and Play
Begins Monday 11 th March 2024	Health Week
Begins Monday 25 th March 2024	Easter Fun Week
Monday 3 rd to Friday 14 th April 2024	Spring Holiday, Easter (Closed to term time families)
Friday 7 th and Monday 10 th April 2024	Easter Weekend (Nursery closed to all families)

Tuesday 25 th April 2024	Stay and Play Event (Exact dates for each group will be sent out nearer the time)
Thursday 2 nd May 2024 (To coincide with UK elections)	Staff Training Day (Nursery closed to all families)
Monday 6 th May 2023	May Day (Closed to all families)
From 7 th May	Report Calls/meetings with Parents <i>You can choose whether you would like a meeting or a call ☺</i> (Exact dates and times for each group will be sent out nearer the time)
Friday 24 th and Monday 27 th May 2024	May Holiday Weekend (Closed to all families)
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	Sponsored Sports Day
From Monday 17 th June	Summer fun week. Dates and events TBC
Friday 21 st June 2024	Graduation (Information of times will be given at the beginning of May)
Monday 24 th June 2024	End of term Tea-Party and
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	Nursery Closes (to term time families)
Monday 15 th July 2024	Glasgow Fair (Closed to all families)
Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th August 2024	In Service Training (Closed to all families)
Wednesday 14 th August 2024	New Nursery Term Starts

We hope you find being given the dates ahead useful to enable you to know what is happening in the life of the nursery.

Please see the monthly newsletters for what's happening in Penilee Nursery and the timings of significant events.

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