

Penilee Nursery School Newsletter May/June 2024

Diary Dates

Staff Training Day: Friday 3rd May (Nursery closed to all families)

The training that staff will be taking part in is All Behaviour is Communication to enhance knowledge in supporting all children in all situations. There will also be some digital development as staff will explore various digital resources to enhance children's learning experiences at nursery.

May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May (Nursery closed to all families)

Report Calls to Parents: From 12th May (See dates below: Please let us know if you wish to be called at a specific time)

May Holiday Weekend: Friday 24th May and Monday 27th May (Nursery closed to all families)

Sports Day: Tuesday 4th June (Times for AM and PM to be confirmed) PLEASE NOTE SHOULD THE WEATHER BE ADVERSE WE MAY HAVE TO REARRANGE.

Summer Fun Week: Monday 17th June

Graduation: Friday 21st June

End of Term Tea Party: Monday 24th June

Summer Break: Nursery will be closed to term time families from Wednesday 26th June and reopen on Wednesday 14th August

Fair Monday: 15th July (Nursery closed to all families)

August 2024...New Term 24/25:

Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th August 202 In Service Training (Closed to all families)

Nursery Reopened to all Families: Wednesday 14th August

Teaching and Learning: Children have had a keen interest in living things from plants to mini beasts to all sorts of animals. Due to this we will be focusing on the story of The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

Grownups will be providing learning opportunities to children with aspects of the story in mind for example learning about:

Caring for the flowers and plants in the garden and playrooms	Learning about foods that are healthy and help us grow
Watching caterpillars' stages of change into butterflies.	Finding out how to take care of the wildlife in our garden
The lifecycle of animals.	Making art using parts of flowers and plants
Creating amazing pictures of wildlife	Exploring flowers and their parts

And much more!!

Staffing Update: As you may be aware Heather, keyworker to the Wildcats (Wednesday to Friday) left Penilee last week to pursue a new career in local high school. Given this Emily will be working with Brenda as one of the keyworkers to the Wildcats.

You may have noticed that Sarah, our Team Leader has returned to work. Due to this we have said goodbye to Kayleigh who was covering Sarah's post.

We will be welcoming back Dominique, keyworker to the Rabbits, at the beginning of June, as she returns from her maternity leave where she has been spending time with baby Arlá.

As Dominique returns we will be saying goodbye to Rachel, at the end of May, as she begins her maternity leave.



Our big announcement is that Catriona had her baby on Sunday 14th April.

Catriona and her baby boy Jude are home and doing amazing. It is exciting times with all of our Penilee babies.

Graduation: As stated above the Children's Graduation will be held on Friday 21st June 2024. The plan, again, is for this to be an outdoor event this year due to lack of space within the nursery building.

We will be getting together with the Pupil Council and Graduation Task group to plan for the event.

We aim to get the times of when your child's ceremony/celebration will take place by mid-May.

Twitter (X): Did you know we have a Penilee Twitter page? Give us a visit @penileenursery. We always share fun learning and useful information on our twitter page.

To date we have 484 followers on Twitter. Can you help us to make it 500!! **Remember-** You do not have to have a Twitter account to access Penilee's Twitter just visit our website to access this.

Report and Careplan Calls: Staff will be sharing wellbeing reports with you over the next few weeks to share how your child is doing at nursery and to update Careplans.

Wildcats Tuesday 7th May	Otters Wednesday 8th May
Foxes Thursday 9th May	Wolves Friday 10th May
Owls Monday 13th May	Dormice Tuesday 14th May
Rabbits Wednesday 15th May	Deer Thursday 16th May

Calls/appointments will from approximately 10.15 to 3.15

If the date or time is not suitable please contact us and we can arrange another time and date.

Personal Care: Even if your child is fully toilet trained they may have a toileting accident or get wet through play. Given this you must ensure that you bring a change of clothing for your child every day. We do not have appropriate spare clothing children to change them into.

Lost Property: We have a small coat stand with lost property and cannot match them to their rightful owners as there are no names on them. Please have a look when you are leaving nursery to see if you recognise any of the items and Please, please, please put your child's name on their belongings to ensure they are matched to the correct owner.

Nursery Resources: Unfortunately, lot of our small resources/toys are going missing. I appreciate that children sometimes take a shine to something and may really want to take it home but this results in children not being able to use things properly due to there being pieces missing. This also means we will have to buy the item again using up extra money 😞 Given this I ask that if you happen to find any toys or objects that do not belong to your child can you please bring them back into nursery.

There will be a small tub left at the nursery entrance, under the bee chair, so that you do not even have to tell us that some of our toys have managed to get to your house 😊

Thank you for your co-operation.



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 both 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.

Unfortunately, we only have a small percentage of parents contributing to then nursery fund which means we will have to cut back when purchasing the items below:

**Graduation gifts*

**Christmas gifts*

**Birthday gifts*

**Easter gifts*

** Sun Screen*

**Baby wipes*

**Stickers for rewards and for occasions such as taking part in YOGA Bears, Lending Library and PAThS*

**Goodies for parties and special celebrations*

**Kindling/cotton wool/petroleum jelly for the fire pit*

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

**Resources to make playdough- Flour, oil, salt and colouring*

**Resources for messy play-Shaving foam, cornflour for gloop.*

**Fresh citrus fruit and herbs for the children to experience real items in the home area as well as to stimulate children's senses with the fresh smells*

**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.*

** At times we may have to purchase larger items to aid outdoor play for example gazebos and outdoor clothing such as waterproofs, wellies and sun hats...or items to enhance the environment to make it cosy and homely for all children for example plants, rugs, cushions and lighting.*

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 this can be paid in cash by handing into the office or can be paid via bank transfer straight into the Nursery Fund Account **Sort Code:832106 Account Number:00149979**. Should you choose to pay this way we ask that you put your **child's full name along with NF (Nursery Fund) as the reference.**



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As always if you have any comments or suggestions please email or call using the details above.

Thank you for your continued support

Amanda and Team Penilee