

# Auchinairn Early Years Centre

## Newsletter

### August 2020



#### **Birthdays August 2019**

Cali 4 Saxs 4 Gracie 4  
Calum 4 Mason 4 Olivia 4  
Dionne Lily 4 Zak J 3

We hope all our children who had birthdays during lockdown had a lovely time with their families and friends.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

#### **Child Protection**

Auchinairn Early Years Centre follows East Dunbartonshire council guidelines and procedures. These guidelines are in the policy folder in the foyer

#### **Parent Participation**

**Normally** Auchinairn EYC has an open door policy and parents are encouraged to become involved in every stage of their child's development. Unfortunately, due our COVID 19 health and safety guidance from the Scottish Government, we need to protect our families and staff and have as little a footfall that we can in the centre. We ask you to wear a mask, for your own safety and our staff. We understand your frustration but if we follow the guidelines we can get back to normality sooner rather than later. We recognise the importance of the partnership with parents and strive to build and maintain a sound and effective relationship with each parent through Learning Journals, emails, text messaging and facebook. Your involvement will contribute greatly to all aspects of your child's wellbeing and education. Remember we are just at the end of the phone and we can make ourselves available in one of the centre's meeting rooms if you wish to speak face to face (wearing masks and social distancing)

#### **Learning focus in August**

Due to Covid 19 we will be concentrating on recovery and Health and Wellbeing. Children will be outdoors as much as possible and we will continue to Plan for the Moment taking children's ideas forward.

#### **Stay and Play and Family Learning Initiatives**

Stay and Play days are postponed until we get guidance from Scottish Government and EDC Early Years Team.

#### **Welcome**

A huge welcome back to all our returning and new children and families. Things are a bit different in our centre and playrooms. Your children have been placed in pods(bubbles) with their keyworker and they will remain this way until we get the all clear from the Scottish Government. Each pod has the same opportunities to expand the children's learning by encouraging spontaneous and planned purposeful play opportunities. Children are encouraged to identify and manage risk, investigate and explore their continually changing world; both indoors and out. Our children are provided with opportunities to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for future learning, life and work. It is values led and relevant to the lives of all of our children and families in Auchinairn, offering equity and excellence.

#### **Treat Fund**

The treat fund is now due and you can pay £2 per week, £25 per term (4 Payments) or £100 (payment covers August 2020– July 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 It is very important that **ALL** families contribute. This fund allows us to buy our healthy daily snacks, birthday, Christmas, Easter, Diwali and other cultural celebrations throughout the year. We buy Graduation gifts; we also have special visitors and other treats for the children. We go out on trips and these are all taken from the treat fund. (If you have an issue with the treat fund please speak to Janet or Michelle) We will give you a list of the purchases on a regular basis.

Please place cash in an envelope and give it to Linda in the office, you will be given a receipt. Sorry but we do not have a pay by card facility in the centre.

## Staffing

Our ever changing team has a few new recruits, please see below. Michelle returned from her secondment at the beginning of lockdown and managed the hub for keyworkers with Kirsty from Cleddens EYC. Staff from Auchinairn, Cleddens and Meadowburn worked together in the hub and we are extremely grateful to them. Ashleigh, Charlene, Karen, Michaela, Natalie and Nicola have all started their new posts and we wish them well. More recently Stacey secured a full time, term time Team Lead post with West Dunbartonshire, she was a fab Depute when Michelle was on her secondment and we are all sad to see her go, but we wish her well on the next chapter of her life's journey.

## Staff 2020/21

Janet Brady - Head of Centre

Michelle Durham- Depute Head of Centre

Meera Menon - Nursery Teacher (Now full time )

Katie Cooper (Acting Senior Early Years Worker)

Lauren Brown - Senior EYW (on mat leave)

Lauren Livingstone (Acting Senior EYW covering mat leave)

Linda Scouller - Clerical Assistant Monday to Wednesday 8-6 and Thursday 8-2

Daina Whitehall - Clerical Assistant (Thursday 2pm - 5pm, Friday 9am -5pm)

Paula Dickson - Housekeeper 11am-3pm

Cheryl Hughes - COVID 19 cleaner - 9am - 3pm

## We have 8 groups:

**Elm Group** - Keyworkers - Eilidh Campbell (AM) Scott Lindsay (FT)

**Oak** - Keyworkers - Amarjit Kang AM Meera Menon/Adele Clark(FT) Yasmine Doig (25)

**Myrtle** - Jacqueline Richardson (FT) Caitlin Burns (PM)

**Cherry** - Ronnie McKinnon (FT) Liam Gillies (8-2)

**Beech** - Samantha Sloan (FT) Gemma Green (8-2)

**Hawthorn** - Hayley O'Donnell (FT) Susan Hare (PM)

**Hazel** -Katie Cooper(FT) Jodie Kane ( temp until new nursery opens)

**Lilac** - Geraldine Dolan (8-2) Lindsay Cairney 30 hours rotational)

**Willow** 2year old room - Lauren Livingstone (FT) Fiona Diamond (8-1) Shannon Donnachy (PM) Claire McPhelim (PM) Shanice Beck (8-2)

## Early Years Support Workers

Hazel Reid (30 hours)

Jan Nunnery (30 hours)

Alan Winchcole (30 hours)



Good luck to **Michelle** (3<sup>rd</sup> year at Strathclyde University) **Samantha, Lauren L and Shannon** (2<sup>nd</sup> Year at Strathclyde University) studying for a BA in Early Childhood Practice and Jacqueline her SVQ9 in Childhood Studies

## Dates to Remember

**September weekend** - 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Inclusive - **NO NURSERY**

Nursery returns on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September



## Nursery Hours

The nursery opening times

8am - 6pm Monday - Friday



Can you please drop off and pick up your child at given times. On a crossover Wednesday it is important that we remember 12.45 for pick up and 1.15 for drop off times.

Useful information: Email - [auchinairnelcc@auchinairn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk](mailto:auchinairnelcc@auchinairn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk), [jbrady@auchinairn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk](mailto:jbrady@auchinairn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk), [earlyyears@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@eastdunbarton.gov.uk) Phone - [01419552289](tel:01419552289) Facebook- Janet Brady Auchinairn elcc

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If you wish to speak to Janet or Michelle please be sure that you can do so in complete confidence. Just ask to speak to us....we are always here for you.