



Auchinairn ELCC Newsletter November/December 2020



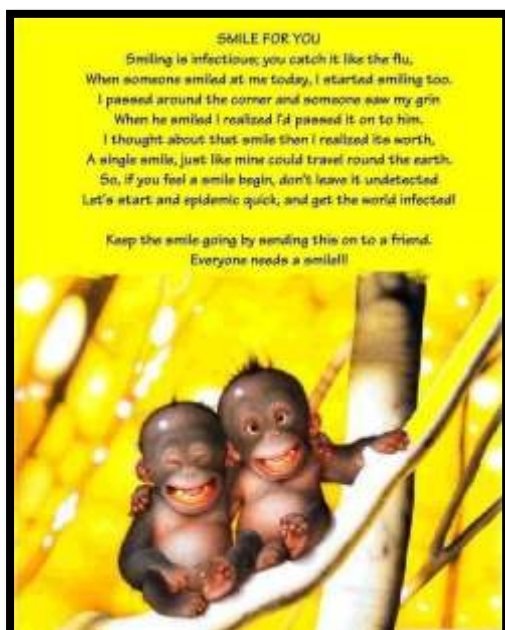
As challenging times continue and our lives change daily, some things stay the same. The leaves are changing colour, we see reds, yellows, oranges and golds. There is an Autumnal nip in the air and many of us have (if a little reluctantly) packed away our flip flops and embraced the cosy comfort of boots, scarves and hats. Covid 19 has changed much in our lives but it cannot change the joy we feel when we hear the laugh of a child, the pride we feel when a child makes a breakthrough in their learning, or the love we feel for your children in our roles as keyworkers in their lives.



As **winter** is just round the corner can we just remind everyone to dress your wee one for the season. We have windows and bi folding doors open at all times to allow for free flow outdoor access and it can be cooler in the playrooms, you could put on an extra layer (vest/ jumper or both) and appropriate winter jackets, boots or shoes, hats scarves and gloves. We will be out in the garden doing a lot of outdoor learning as often as we can.

Vision Values and Aims

We are in the process of developing our new Values, Vision and Aims and we will send them to you soon to review and feedback. Remember and check your email and junk mail regularly.



For young children being special to and cared for by someone who is important to them is essential for their physical, social and health and wellbeing. Health and wellbeing underpin and determine children's responses to their environment, to people and to new experiences. At Auchinairn EYC we pride ourselves in our nurturing, thought provoking, risk taking bubbles that make children smile, laugh and have fun. Keep smiling everyone!



Virtual Parents chat to staff

All parents will be invited to have a virtual video meet or a phone call with their child's keyworker and hear about their child's progress in nursery. Dates and times will be sent soon.



Staffing News

There have seen many changes in our staffing since we reopened in August, we welcome Ronnie, Hayley, Jacqueline, Lindsay, Alan, Natasha, Mags and Billy. We have been very fortunate in our playrooms to have staff from the 3 new centres which are being built, Arran, Jodie, Sarah and Yasmine. They will remain with us until Oakburn, New Lairdsland and Milngavie EYC's are completed.

Rhythm and Rhyme

Using Rhythm and Rhyme is a great way to help your child develop their language and communication skills. Not only is it fun but it is also a great way to get to know each other. Children's communication skills develop at different rates but there are many things parents can do to help their child develop the skills to read, write and communicate effectively.

They love stories and rhymes and if you forget the words, make up your own, the funnier the better! Giving children a sense of joy and excitement about language will naturally help to boost their desire to read and write.

A child who knows four nursery rhymes by the time they're four will naturally be a better reader at eight years old. **Make sure Santa has at least one book in his sack for your child.**



Birthdays

November 2020

Kayden Bell 4
Arya Mackie 4
Nico Docherty 3
Olivia Johnstone 4
Amara Aden 4
Ethan Veroni-How 4
Jack Draffan 3
Kaiden McMaster 4
Chloe Lehuray 3
Zak Hamid 4
Callum O'Dowd

December 2020

Alyssa O'Neill 5
Charlie Ritchie 4
Theo Brady 4
David Smith 3
Nieve McWilliam 3



Belated birthdays in October

Jack Wallace 4
Abhiram Dara
Sean Feeley 4
Zoey Clyde 4
Kaila Peacock 4
Jax Miller 4
Max Compton 4

Learning focus this month

Over the next few weeks children will continue learning all about different celebrations, traditions and festivals from around the world. Children will continue learning about special birthday parties, Halloween traditions, Bonfire night, Remembrance day poppies, Diwali and Christmas. We will be focusing on being kind, caring and helping others (our reverse advent for food bank) Children have been learning to go a two wheeler this month, well done Jack and Ruaridh on mastering this



Rainbow Bubble -2 year olds

The children have been talking about pumpkins. Some of the children went pumpkin picking with their family and this led to buying pumpkins for the nursery. We explored the pumpkins in various ways, rolling, spinning and transporting. Staff prepared adult led provocations that included pumpkins, lentils, rice and sand. The children explored these open ended experiences that developed their curiosity, imagination, fine gross motor skills, turn taking and sharing opportunities.

Outdoors our children explored the black sensory tent with light up sensory resources. The children were engrossed in this activity which encouraged language development with a small group experiences led by an adult.

Halloween week was filled with fun activities from baking, 'dooking' for apples, carving pumpkins, dressing up and learning new rhymes and songs. The children and staff had so much fun dancing and playing with their friends.

STARS Bubble – Cherry, Hawthorn, Beech and Oak groups

This month the children have been busy learning through **role-play**. The children have been dressing up as doctors and nurses, they have really developed their confidence as they dress up in various costumes, masks and hats. The author of the month –**Claire Freedman – children love her books** including **Aliens Love Underpants** and **Dinosaurs Love Underpants**. Autumn arts and crafts have given the children the opportunity to discuss the changing seasons, the trees and the darkness. We made sensory bags –feeling different textures. We had great fun with jelly and shaving foam.

Outdoors the sunshine bubble carved pumpkins – exploring seeds and textures inside. Mixing colours with palate paints and painting on mirrors and rocks

SUNSHINE Bubble – Lilac, Elm, Myrtle and Hazel groups

In the sunshine bubble children have been exploring their senses by making sensory bags and bottles. Children have been busy carving pumpkins and investigating the textures, smells and seeds inside. Children have used pumpkin seeds and Autumn treasures they have collected imaginatively in their loose parts play.

Adults have been supporting children to use the big dice to collect and count conkers and develop their understanding of dice patterns. Tartan weaving activities to celebrate Janet's big Scottish birthday. We explored the inside of Pumpkins/ Carving pumpkins. Children have continued their love of reading and storytelling by exploring with our new author of the month **Jill Murphy** best known for the **Worst Witch** novels and the "**Large Family**" picture books and **Peace at Last**. Transient and imaginative art with loose parts – buttons/seeds/stones/string was a hive of learning provocations.

Outdoors children have really enjoyed the mud kitchen and have been busy creating lots of muddy treats. The children have also been busy doing lots of big mark making outdoors, learning to mix paints and using the big brushes to make pictures. Children have been enjoying the mud kitchen and have loved using water from the water butt to make their creations and potions.

We will be doing fun activities next **Friday (13 November)** for **Children in Need** The children have voted to have a pyjama day so get the pj's on for a big slumber party. We will have a 'chuck it in a bucket' at each sign in and please donate what you can.

Dates to Remember

November

9th - November – 4th December – Reverse Advent (Food Bank)

11th November Remembrance Day

14th November – Diwali and Children in Need

16th – 22nd Road Safety Week

20th - World Children's Day

30th St Andrews Day



December

Dates to be confirmed for our run up to Christmas

24th – Christmas Eve we finish for Christmas holidays– closed until 5th January 2021

A PHOTO GALLERY OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER IN THE SUNSHINE AND STAR BUBBLES. LOOK OUT FOR MORE PHOTOS FROM THE THREE BUBBLES ON OUR WEBSITE SOON!

