



# Auchinairn Early Years Centre

## Newsletter

### January February 2022

#### Happy New Year

A warm welcome back from all the staff and we hope you had a lovely time over the festive season. The staff would like to thank everyone for the kind gifts and cards they received, they are most appreciated. We welcome our new children and hope they enjoy their time at Auchinairn EYC.

#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Now is the time for **everyone** to do their child's **enrolment** for next year.

You can register your child for your **catchment primary school** by completing the online registration form between **Monday 3 January 2022** and **Friday 21 January 2022**.

You will be required to upload your current **Council Tax notice**, a recent **utility bill**, **Child Benefit** details/**Tax Credit Award Notice** (TCAN), your **child's birth certificate** if your child attends a school or Early Years Centre **out with** East Dunbartonshire. If you are registering at a denominational school and your child has been baptised, you may also upload their **baptismal certificate**. In cases where children are residing with relatives, **legal confirmation of guardianship** will also be required.

If you wish to **defer** your child's school entry you should still **register your child at their catchment primary school and complete an application for Deferred Entry / Additional Year of Early Learning and Childcare**.

The entry to a primary school in East Dunbartonshire is at the start of the new session in August each year. If your child has not had their fifth birthday before the **first day of term in August**, you are entitled to **apply to defer your child's entry to primary school**.

If your child's fifth birthday falls in January or February, **they are automatically entitled** to receive an additional funded year of early learning and childcare.

If your child's fifth birthday falls between the **first day of term in August and the 31 December (inclusive)**, they are **not automatically entitled** to an additional year of early learning and childcare. Parents/carers can **apply** to the Council for funding for this additional year. The process for applying for funding is set out in the Deferred Entry to Primary School Guidance. It is important to let Janet or Michelle know as early as possible if you are thinking of applying for deferred entry for your child, and they will assist you in collating any information that may be required to **support** your funding application.

It is now time to apply for your child's funded early learning and childcare place for the **academic year 2022/23**. The **online application form** for 3 and 4-year-old places opens on **Friday 7th January 2022** and will close on **28th February 2022**. Please visit

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-early-years-centres-and-learning/early-years>

to apply. Any applications made after 28th February 2022 are considered as **late applications** and are processed after the applications made on time.

You **should** complete the online Early Years Application Children Aged 3 and 4 **if**:

Your child has their 3rd birthday between 1st August and the last day of February in the up-and-coming academic year. **This application will cover your child's three and four year old place for the two-year period, if you live within EDC and are applying to an early years centre in EDC.**

Your child has their 3rd birthday between 1st March and 31st July in the up-and-coming academic year. Your child is entitled to a funded place from the day after their third birthday until the last day of July. If your child's birthday falls within a holiday period, their funded place commences from the first day of the next funding period.

Please Note: if you are applying for the additional funded time between March-July, you must also re-apply using this same form for your child's two-year funded three and four year old place.

Your child is returning for their four-year-old place, but you wish to apply for a different early years centre.

**You do not need to complete any online forms if:**

Your child is **returning for their four year old place** to the same early years centre on the same pattern of attendance. **Auchinairn** will be in touch to confirm you are **wishing to remain on the same pattern for your 2nd year of funding.**

### **Chinese New Year**

According to the Chinese 12-year animal zodiac cycle, the Chinese New Year on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February is the year of the **TIGER**



### **Children's Learning**

We are observing the children's interests and we will be focusing on what they would like to learn. Children love to **play**, and play often mirrors what is important in their lives at one particular moment. When asked about play children talk about having **FUN**, being with **friends**, choosing their own activities, and being **OUTDOORS**. Play can be **quiet** or **noisy**, **messy** or **orderly**, **funny** or **serious**, **strenuous** or **effortless**. It can take place inside or outside and develops as your children grow and change. Children play for different reasons. **Sometimes** they are **exploring** or learning new things. At other times they are **consolidating** existing learning or **practising** a skill. Play can also be a way of building or strengthening a relationship. Children often play simply for fun and enjoyment. They bring their own interpretations of situations, events, experiences, and expectations to their play. They like to be challenged and learn new skills....everyday is a learning day! We are sure there will be loads of ideas coming from the festive season and winter. In addition, we will be learning about Robert Burns and about the importance of being Scottish.



## Treat Fund

The treat donation is now due, it is £2 per week or if you prefer £25 up to the Spring break. It is important that we receive these donations to ensure we can buy a good variety of healthy snacks and give the children treats throughout the year.

## Birthday Roll

## Happy Birthday!

### January

Rosie 3 Georgie 3 Ava McS 5 Hussain 4 Olivia 4 Michael 5 Annabelle 4 Cora 4 Arlo 3

### February

Ciara 4 Magnus 5 Hiromi 5 Archie 4 Eloise 4 Mia 3

## **Dates for your diary!**

### January

Burns Day 25

Big Garden Birdwatch -3



### February

Chinese New Year 1-3

National Storytelling 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

National Children's Mental Health week 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Winter Olympics - 4-20

National day of Woman Girls and Science 11<sup>th</sup>

Darwin Day (Science) 12<sup>th</sup>

Valentine's Day - 14<sup>th</sup>

**Smile:**

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.  
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin.  
When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.  
I thought about that smile, then I realized its worth.  
A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth.  
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.  
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

**A Poem by Spike Milligan**

