



# Auchinairn Early Years Centre

## August 2022



### Stay and Play

Come and join us for our Stay and Play days on a Tuesday or Thursday. A diary is in the foyer; just add your name to the date you would like to come in. It is a great way to see your child's play and learning. The first session will be the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### Welcome

A huge welcome back to all our returning and new children and families. Each play space has 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.

### Child Protection

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



### August

Emma 4  
Nova S 3  
Arjun 4  
Nour 4  
Paul 4  
Bella 3  
Shae 3  
Jensen 3  
Shaun 3



### September

Antonio 4  
Francis 4  
Max 4  
Dharla 3  
Clay 3  
Louis 3

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup> 2023). 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 give your treat fund money to Linda or pay by bank transfer. Please use your child's name as the reference.

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### Parent Participation

Auchinairn EYC has an open door policy and parents are encouraged to become involved in every stage of their child's development. We recognise the importance of the partnership with parents and strive to build and maintain a sound and effective relationship with each parent. Your involvement will contribute greatly to all aspects of your child's wellbeing and education. We will need volunteers to help us on trips and visits to local community (shops, library etc.) If you can help us, please give your name to your key worker. We look forward to working with you and making this a very successful partnership year. Remember we have a parents' room which you are more than welcome to use at any time during nursery hours. Why not pop in and make yourself a coffee or tea and have a chat to other parents.



### Learning focus in August

Our learning focus this month is **All About Me and my Community**. This helps younger children with the transition from home to nursery, and allows our older children to reinforce their learning about the rules and routines of nursery. We will be learning about all sorts of things to help us day to day in the nursery, like snack/lunch routines, tidy up time, personal hygiene (washing hands) taking turns to talk, listening when a grown up is speaking and how to share nicely. Many of our boys and girls are already very good at these things, and we will continue to reinforce them as the year goes on.

Our **Literacy** focus will be mainly based on talking and listening, using the children's family and home life as a stimulus, talking about brothers and sisters, pets, favourite foods and so on.

Our **Maths** focus will be based on **All About Me** too, looking at things like our ages, heights, birthdays, time and so on.

We will also have an emphasis on **Health and Wellbeing**, concentrating on what makes us similar or different, what makes a good friend and how we try to be healthy at nursery (tooth-brushing, healthy snack, outdoor energetic play)

As always, children will be provided with a range of activities to choose from, to cover all the curricular areas: **Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing, Science, Social Studies, Expressive Arts, RME, Technologies**. If you have any questions about our Curriculum, please speak to our teacher **Meera**.



### Staff

We would like to welcome Early Years Worker **Heather** to our team.

**Janet – Head of Centre**  
**Michelle– Depute Head of Centre**  
**Meera - Nursery Teacher**  
**Katie – Senior EYW**  
**Lauren B– Senior EYW**  
**Linda – Clerical Assistant**  
**Daina- Clerical Assistant**  
**Paula – Housekeeper**

### We have 8 groups:

**Elm Group** – Keyworkers – Eilidh, Ronnie and Amy

**Oak** – Keyworkers – Alana and Alan

**Myrtle** – Jackie, Liam and Geraldine

**Cherry** – Gill, Lisa and Michelle

**Beech** - Claire and Heather

**Hawthorn** – Susan and Jodie

**Hazel** – Lauren, Katie and Cara

**Willow** - 2-year old room –, Fiona D, Lauren L, Shannon, Caitlin, Samantha, Amarjit

Good luck to **Katie** (2nd year at Strathclyde University) **Samantha** (3<sup>rd</sup> Year at Strathclyde University) **Alana, Lauren L and Shannon** (4<sup>th</sup> Year at Strathclyde University) studying for a **BA** in Early Childhood Practice, **Jacqueline** her SVQ9 in Childhood Studies and **Cara** her 2<sup>nd</sup> year of her apprenticeship.



#### Dates to Remember

Staff in-service days **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August** – **NO NURSERY**

Nursery re opens **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

Photographer – **30<sup>th</sup> August**

Big Scottish Breakfast – **14<sup>th</sup> September (more details to follow)**

Curriculum Evening (come meet the team) **15<sup>th</sup> September 6.30 – 8pm**

September weekend - **23<sup>RD</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Inclusive** – **NO NURSERY**

Nursery re opens **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

In- Service Day **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – **NO NURSERY**

Nursery re opens on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

#### Nursery Hours

The nursery opening times

8am - 6pm Monday - Friday

Morning Sessions - 08.00 - 12.45pm

Afternoon Sessions 13.15- 18.00

(You must be here for 1.15 for lunch or give your child their lunch at home if they will be late. Thanks.)



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 eyc)  
EDC Early Years [0300 1234510](tel:03001234510)

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.

## Our Vision

We aim to provide a safe, secure, nurturing, inclusive, fun learning environment in which children become capable, confident, resilient and responsible individuals.

## Our Values

**F**amily friendly, safe, secure and welcoming environment, in and outdoors

**A**pproachable staff, responsive, differentiated, open ended and challenging learning opportunities

**M**otivated, highly skilled and supportive staff

Inclusive Early Years Centre that treats all children and their families equally and with respect.

**L**istening and reflecting and continuously improving on our previous best

**Y**our nursery, your community, your positivity

*'Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn'.*

— [Benjamin Franklin](#)

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## Aims

- The learning environment will promote quality experiences indoors/outdoors and the local community.
- Children are empowered to be fully involved in their play and learning through skilled interactions of staff by extending and scaffolding learning
- Professional trained staff provide quality provocations in learning to open doorways for developing creativity, critical thinking, and meaningful questioning habits.
- Provide a safe, secure and nurturing setting where children feel valued and respected by positive role models.
- Provide support and help to develop resilience through all transitions.
- To create a community of staff, families and other professionals who will be actively involved in the nursery and contribute to children's learning and care.
- Our centre will have an ethos in which the wider community feel welcome, valued, consulted, respected and supported
- The centre will promote an enriched communication and language friendly environment where children, families are included and involved.
- Provide an environment with natural materials and resources for children to engage in calm learning both indoors and out.
- Quality outdoor experiences that provide children with a learning environment that allows creativity, thought provoking ideas, and risk taking activities