



# Lennoxtown Early Years Centre News



October 2020

Welcome

Dear Families, a warm welcome to this month's newsletter. Firstly, I'd like to thank all families for their continued support and consideration in regards to pick up/drop off and general routines. No-one could have imagined the times we find ourselves in but the spirit of togetherness really does make it so much easier. The staff in the nursery are working very hard to keep everyone as safe as possible and also ensure your child has a warm, nurturing, action packed experience in their time with us. We obviously miss the 'footfall' of seeing you face to face on a regular basis but the team are doing everything they can to stay connected and keep you up to speed with everything that's going on. If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to lift the phone. We'll continue to update you on a regular basis and I hope you enjoy catching up with this month's news.

Very best wishes to all.

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It is really important that you keep us informed of any changes to telephone numbers and e-mails address and let us know if you think we may not have the correct details.

We will also communicate using learning journals and if you respond to a message this will come direct to Isabel's e-mail, we do not however receive notification of comments made on observations/stories and staff monitor these as best as they can. Please give us a call or drop us e-mail if you have any question or if you want to chat about child's experience in nursery.

We are now able to offer a virtual meeting via Teams and have been using this to meet and update children's personal learning plans in the 3-5 room. We are now planning to move on to the under three's so watch out for your invitation e-mail.



## Drop off and Collection of Children

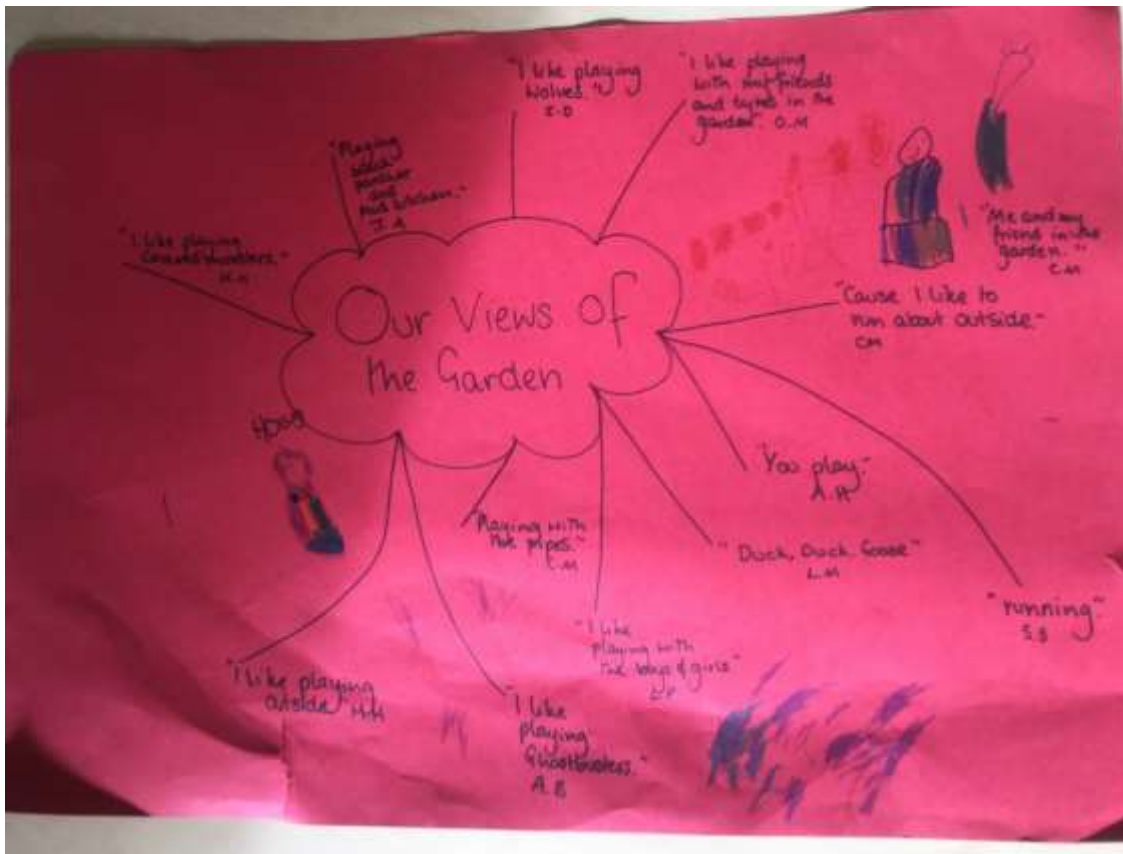
Thank you for your support in wearing face covering at drop off and collection time. As you are all aware infection rates are on the rise again and this is just one way we can protect staff, the children and their families.

## Outdoor Play

"playing outdoors promotes children's mental and emotional wellbeing by helping to reduce stress, increase self-esteem and confidence. "

Out to Play, Published by The Scottish Government, December 2018

The staff have been talking to the children about what they like to do in the garden. We thought it would be nice to share what they think.



Remember the children will enjoy outdoor play much more if they have they have warm and waterproof clothing. We can help with this if needed, just give us a call.

## Holidays

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Centre Closed-reopens Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb – Centre closed – reopens Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Apr - Centre closed reopens Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Apr

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Centre closed reopens Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Centre closed reopens Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> & Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Centre closed reopens Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Jun

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Jul – Centre closed reopens Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Jul

End of nursery place for pre-school children will be Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021



## 2-3 Room

This month's nursery rhyme has been there a spider on my knee. Here is the word so you can do this together at home.

There's a spider on my knee, on my knee  
There's a spider on my knee, on my knee  
There's a spider on my knee, and he' is so tickly  
There's a spider on my knee, on my knee  
(clap, clap)



The children have been making spider pictures, sing other songs about spiders and playing games to develop their numeracy skills such as counting the spider's legs.

## 3-5 Room

### Strawberry Pod

As the outdoor area in the strawberry pod is a little smaller than the other areas the children have been enjoying using the softplay area and garden in the school after the children have left.

During the October break they have been in the garden lots, even having a picnic snack. The children are keen to keep using the garden so if they are not around when call to pick up just give us a call and we will get them back for you.

Indoors the children have been involved in lots of role play. They have been using their imagination and the resources in the construction area to create their own spaces, building kitchens and bedrooms and then using these in their play.

### Banana Pod

The children have set up an ice cream shop in the garden. Talking about how many scoops they want and the prices of each type of ice cream. The children were also using checklists "ticking off" orders for when completed them. We added menus and signs for the children to look at and they used these in their play.

They turned the mud kitchen into a shop and were using clipboards to take orders.

Donna has introduced story stars We're going on a Bear Hunt, the children are really enjoying the story and using the props for each part of it.

Due to the children's interests in shops and café we introduced money. Looking at it, talking about if they have money, how they save it etc. and all the different coins we use to make 10p.



## Baby Room

We have had new children starting in the baby room and have been working hard to ensure they are happy and settled.

All the children enjoy stories and rhymes and this is helping them to learn new words. Some of the children have either just started walking or trying really hard so staff are providing lots of opportunities for them to practise these new skills both indoors and outdoors.



## Treat Fund and Fund Raiser

Thanks you to everyone who has responded to our appeal for ways we can raise funds for the children's Christmas gifts and treats.

The suggestions so far include

- £1 dress up day
- £1 Halloween movie day
- Guess the sweets in the jar (parents to donate sweets)
  - Guess the bears birthday
- Make and sell keyrings, canvases, stone family trees
- Wellie walk (we could video or do a live Teams feed)

Any other suggestions will be gratefully received.

Thank you also to everyone who has contributed to the treat fund so far.

## Family Champion and Family Learning

We are working hard to get our family learning and home links up and running so look out for interesting development coming soon.

Nancy our Family Champion is available for 1 to 1 parenting support either by telephone or Teams meeting (video call). Just give us a call and we can arrange a time that suits.

## Reporting Absence

Please inform us as soon as you are able if your child is not going to be in nursery. Please ensure you give us the reason for their absence if leaving a message as we have additional reporting procedures in place due to current pandemic and we are required to inform the Care Inspectorate if we have any children off with possible symptoms of Covid 19.

Can we also remind you not to bring your child to nursery if they are unwell and require any medication such as antibiotics or Calpol. These medications could mask possible symptoms of Covid 19 and we need to ensure we are doing our best to limit the spread of infection.

We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone by our main priority is to ensure we do our very best to protect each other. Thanks you for your support.

## Website & Twitter

How you visited our website lately we have added lots of new information on the children's learning, lunches, snacks and much more.

<http://www.lennoxtown.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/early-years-centre/welcome/>



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