



## June 2021

Welcome

Dear Families, I can't quite believe we've reached the summer! What an absolutely unique experience we have all had. Thank you all for your patience and support over this past year, it has made such a difference to us and allowed our service to run smoothly.

Moving forward, we don't yet know what lies ahead but we are certain, that regardless of challenge we will continue to work in true partnership and we will offer you the best service possible.

I wish all families the very best for the summer weeks that lie ahead and let's hope for some lovely weather!

*Rona Goughlan*

Head Teacher

### Drop off and collection

Thank you for your support in making the drop off and collection of children as safe and smooth as possible.

Can we please ask that you leave the playground as soon as possible after dropping off or collecting your child as when the school is closed we will be making as much use as possible of all the outdoor areas.

Please remember to hand your child's bag to the staff member collection them at the gate.

### Children's Belongings

- Please use the drawstring bags that were supplied by the nursery to transport the children's belongings to and from the nursery. These bags should be **carried by an adult** and handed over to staff.
- Children should arrive at nursery dressed ready for outdoor play as they will be given the choice of staying out or going in when they arrive.
- Please ensure your child has indoor shoes for when they are playing indoors.
- Recently we have had to call some parents to bring a change of clothes, please ensure your child always has spare clothing in their bag at all times and if toilet training they may need multiple changes.
- Please also ensure if your child is in nappies or pull ups that you always check with staff if they need more nappies/wipes or pull ups.
- The windows will be opened for ventilation so please put a jumper or zipper in your child's bag in case they need it.

Unfortunately, we do not have space to store indoor, spare clothing, outdoor clothing or shoes so please use the bag to bring these daily. If you have lost or misplaced your child's bag please let us know and we can give you another one.

## Children's Learning 3-5 Rooms

### Banana Pods

The children have really been enjoying risky play. They have been jumping off different heights to see how far and how high they could jump, balancing on beams and using a variety of resources to make climbing frames.

They have also been participating in physical activities such as obstacle courses, tig and hide and seek.

We have visited the school garden a number of times the children have enjoyed exploring all the new things the children from the school have built. Over the course of these visits the children's confidence has grown with climbing, balancing and jumping.

The children have been participating in various Science activities. They been learning about solar systems, names of the planets and painting their own planets.

We've been exploring real food in the house area and using playdough to make different foods, they made loads of yummy cakes and biscuits with it.

The children have been showing a big interest in dinosaurs they explored ice and melting it to discover the dinosaurs inside. They also took part in a dinosaur number hunt. They have been learning all the names of the dinosaurs and what ones were carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.

### Strawberry Pod

One of our Dad's very kindly came and dug up the garden area and the children have planted a wild flower bed which they hope will attract lots of insects in the future. They have also planted flowers and vegetables and are looking after they well, hopefully they will have some tasty vegetables soon. The children have also been visiting the school garden and making use of the space to develop their gross motor skills as well as explore the natural environment.

The staff and children have been participating in mile long walks whenever possible and I am sure they would be happy to show you their route.

Some of the children have started a block of Play on Pedals and another group will be starting up soon.

There have also been some starts and the children have been supporting them and helping them to feel safe and secure and build relationship with the staff. The older children have been working hard to get ready for school with a range of different experiences.

## Children's Report

Some of the children asked if they could tell me what the like for the newsletter so of course we said yes.

The children said they like to read books, build with the lego. Playing outside is the best, the tree house in the school garden is fun and so is the see-saw but the Strawberry Pod said theirs is broken so we need to get it fixed. Last but not least one of the thinks they like to do is, you guessed it, play in the water.

Thank you to the boys and girls in the Banana and Strawberry pods for their newsletter information

## Children's Learning 0-3 Rooms

### 2-3 Room

In the 2-3 room we have been practicing our self-help skills. We have been tidying up after ourselves, helping to give out our friend's snack and lunch dishes and using knives and forks to cut up our own lunches.

We have been enjoying the good weather in the 2-3 room with lots of outdoor play. We have had new sand in our sand box making castles and burying treasure. Lots of water play watering our plants, painting the walls, washing the cars, bathing the babies and sometimes squirting our friends.

There's been lots to see outside aeroplanes, animals, new flowers and trees we have even been growing our own tomato trees. We have been making pictures of all these things to decorate our shelter in the garden.

Our new nursery rhyme for the month is "The sun has got his hat on" let's hope the more we sing the more it stays that way.

### 0-2 Room

The baby room is becoming really busy and the staff and children have welcomed a lot of new starts recently. The children have all settled well and are forming positive relationships with staff and children. The children's favourite story at the moment is "Painter Bear". The story is helping the children to learn their colours and they have been taking part in a selection of messy activities related to the story and painting pictures for a wall display.

The children really enjoy outdoor play and even more so during the recent spell of nice weather (we do hope it continues). There have been many picnics in the garden and the children are taking good care of their plants. Hopefully they will have some vegetables to eat soon.

## Summer Learning and Fun

The staff are currently consulting with the children about what experiences and activities they would like be involved in during the summer. As with everything else at the moments things may be a little different to normal but we will get a timetable out to everyone by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

## Sun Safety

The NHS recommends that from March to October in the UK, children should:

- cover up with suitable clothing
- spend time in the shade, particularly from 11am to 3pm
- wear at least SPF30 sunscreen

Please help us keep your child safe by applying sunscreen before they come to Nursery and supplying spare to be reapplied when required. The nursery has an emergency supply of factor 50 \*\*\*\*\* rated suncream. If you need some, please ask a member of staff.

It is also important that children are suitable dressed with shoulders covered and wearing a hat. Sandals, crocs and flip flops are not suitable for children to wearing nursery as they are running and climbing and these can cause trips and falls very easily.

Thanks you for your support in keeping the children safe while they are with us.

## Important dates



Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Nursery Closed to all

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Last day of Term for all pre-school children (unless parents have requested to pay for additional hours if available)

W/B 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Virtual Graduation Ceremony (more detail below)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July – induction for new starts (details will be e-mailed)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2021 – First day of new term

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August – Nursery closed to all

## Treat Fund

Thanks you to everyone who has contributed to the treat fund. This fund is used to purchase snack and resources for messy play and making playdough etc. At this time of the year it also funds the children's graduation and some fun events for the children. It is a voluntary donation of 40p per day and any contributions are most welcome.

This year due to circumstance the treat fund donations have been really low and we do not have a large back up fund so if you are able to contribute anything it would be very much appreciated.

Thank You

## Family Champion and Family Learning

Just a wee reminder that you can still access advice on parenting issues through the Family Champion Initiative by telephoning the nursery on 0141 955 2268. I can still address parenting issues through the use of our Tip Sheets or, if you would prefer a more direct approach, I could arrange a chat on Microsoft Teams at a time suitable to us both. Please telephone me if you would be happy to do this. I am aware that some of you might not have appropriate resources like laptops or tablets to access these kind of sessions. If this is an issue for you, please complete the survey that Isabel has sent out, or contact me on the nursery phone number to see if we can offer any assistance with this matter.

Hopefully we are all feeling that wee bit more positive and can begin to see some light at the end of the long dark tunnel we have been in. Never again will any of take for granted the ability to drop into the nursery for a chat and a cuppa when we need to share our worries and concerns.

Stay Safe Everyone

Nancy

## Graduation

We were really hoping that restrictions would have ease and we would be able to have the children's Graduation ceremony this in person, but alas that is not to be.

Don't be downhearted though we have been working hard behind the scenes and we have a plan.

The Banana Pod children will be split into 2 groups and there will be two virtual Graduation on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

All Strawberry pod children will Graduate virtually on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> July.

The children will also have the opportunity to celebrate with their friends at a Graduation party.

Banana Pod will be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July and Strawberry pod will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

We know this is a little different but the staff have been working really hard to make it a memorable occasion for all. On the plus side if the children have family who live further away then they will be able to join us the children's special day.

## Staff Update

Jennifer, Lisa, Kelley-Anne and Kirsten will finally get to move to their new positions in Lairdsland Early Years Centre from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Aimee is leaving to continue her education and train as a Primary teacher.

We wish them all the best for the future and I am sure they will have many happy memories from Lennoxton EYC.

Zoe and Pamela are both expecting babies in Aug/Sept and will be working from home prior to their maternity leave. Fingers crossed that Covid restriction will be eased and they can visit with their babies when they arrive.

Bobbie the modern apprentice enjoyed her time so much she wanted to stay and was recently successful at interview and starts as a fully qualified member of staff next week. We are so pleased that Bobbie will remain part of the team.

We also have another member of staff joining the team soon and we will keep you informed of when she will be joining us,

There will also be some changes with staff moving area to support the needs of the service and allow them to continue to develop and share their knowledge and skills within the team.

### Under 3's Team

Senior - TBC (Pamela Mat cover)

#### Babies

Ashley Duncan  
Gwen Hendren (term time only)  
Donna Forbes (am)  
Geraldine Smith (pm)

#### 2-3 Room

Jenna Todd  
Sharon Percy (am)  
Chloe Stephenson (am)  
Tracy Corlett (pm)  
Bobbie Carr (pm)

### 3-5 Team

Senior - Nancy Temporal

Adam Stubbs (Teacher, term time only)  
Lynne Frew (term time only)  
Ainsley Gillen  
Donna Ryan (Tues, Wed & Thursday)  
Dominique Taggart  
Zoe Dickie (Mat Cover TBC)  
Kirsty Smith (pm)

Debbie Bryson (Thurs & Fri term time only)  
Natalie Andrews  
Kirsty McCormick  
TBC (Mon & Fri)  
Andrew Steven (pm)  
Jenna Blades (am)  
Jillian Russell (Early years support worker)

### The Rest of the Team

Isabel Bott (DHoC)  
Lynsey Kincaid (Housekeeper)  
Trisha MacDonald (Day Cleaner am)

Fiona Garlinge (clerical assistant)  
Margaret McFall (Cleaner)  
Debbie Jarvis (Day Cleaner pm)