



# Clobber Nursery News

February 2019

## Fair Trade Event

To mark this year's start of Fair Trade Fortnight we would like to invite children and parents to a special event happening on 28<sup>th</sup> February between 1.00pm-2.30pm at St Mary's Nursery Kirkintilloch. At this event, children will have the opportunity to share and develop their knowledge, skills and experience via a series of fair games and associated activities. If you are interested in this event and would like to attend with your child please speak to Louise McHugh or Ann Shields who is our Fair Trade representative at Clobber.

## Forest School Volunteers

We are looking for parents of children who have not been involved in the Forest School programme to come forward and volunteer for our next block starting the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The block lasts for 5 weeks and we would require volunteers to commit to all sessions to provide continuity for the children. If you are available to help out please speak to Louise who can give you more details.

## Stay & Play

We will be having another stay and play on week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> February. Please look out for sign in sheets in the coming week. Each day there will be the opportunity to participate in activities both indoors and outside. We would like to invite all parents, carers and grandparents to these events. If you have a special talent or skill which you would like to share with the children please speak to a member of staff.

## Nursery Registration

The nursery registration process has changed. Registration for nursery funding for 2019-2020 will now be applied for by parents online. Registration opens on 14th January and the closing date for applications is Friday 28th February. **Parents are responsible for applying for funding annually. Late applications will be dealt with after all other applications are allocated.**

Please click on the link below to access the funding page for East Dunbartonshire Council. Guidelines on how to complete the form can be found on the web page. If you have any difficulties completing the application please speak to Louise McHugh.

Link:

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

## Nursery Feedback: You said, we did!

Our suggestion box in the foyer is the perfect opportunity for parents and children to put their thoughts and ideas forward. Our most recent suggestion was to assist the children in choosing their lunch that perhaps we should use pictures to show option. So that's what we have done. Now when selecting a lunch option with your child we have provided a picture menu for the children to see the options. We hope this is working out better and is making the ordering process quicker for parents.

## Social Evening

We are planning on holding a Nursery & Primary 1 social evening on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March for parents, grandparents, childminders and friends. Please see the attached letter for more details of the evening and how to purchase your ticket.



**Chinese New Year Fun**



**Self registration**

## News from the 3-5s

The children have been learning all about Chinese New Year. Did you know it's the year of the pig? Food tasting, Chinese fan dancing, making a Chinese dragon and creating Chinese style music and lanterns are just some of the learning experiences going on. We have been lucky enough to have some of our parents and grandparents provide us with resources and tips too. We have also had the pleasure of having Ray's dad visit the nursery. He is a chef and he brought in lots of goodies from the restaurant.

## Resources

We regularly send games, activities and resources home with your child. Please return all resources when stated by a member of staff. If you find objects or pieces are missing please let us know and we can replace or change these.

## News from the 2-3s

We have been busy learning how to count out objects to 5 using bricks and penguins. We counted our friends before going outside and played counting games like Monkeys Jumping on the Bed. We are learning to play co-operatively with each other in the water, sharing paints and taking turns playing on the floor piano. We have been exploring what's in the box and describing what we see. Some of the children have been showing an interest in their names and are beginning to recognise this in the written form. We will continue to encourage this through looking at our names on our pegs and change bags. We will be looking further into the schema of positioning as the children have been displaying this in their play.



## Staff news

Amy has recently attended First Aid at Work training through the Stewart First Aid Training centre in Glasgow. Having completed a 2 day course she is now a fully qualified First Aider.

We are happy to welcome back Sarah Blades to Clober nursery. After a short period of time working with South Lanarkshire Council she has returned as an afternoon member of staff.

## Credit Union

We have a number of children who are now regularly saving with Scot West Credit Union bringing money into nursery. The Credit Union is a good way for us to reinforce the importance of saving and general financial education. The Credit Unions runs on a Tuesday and new members are welcome. For more information or for a membership form please speak to Frances our nursery teacher.



## FEBRUARY

MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> & TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> – MID TERM (EXTENDED ONLY)

WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> – IN-SERVICE DAY

MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> – FAIR TRADE WEEK

MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – ANTE-PRESCHOOL MEETINGS – PURPLE

TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> – ANTE-PRESCHOOL MEETINGS – ORANGE

## MARCH

FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH - ANTE-PRESCHOOL MEETINGS – RED

MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - ANTE-PRESCHOOL MEETINGS – BLUE

TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - ANTE-PRESCHOOL MEETINGS – GREEN

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - ANTE-PRESCHOOL MEETINGS – YELLOW

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – NURSERY SOCIAL EVENING – 7:30-10PM

## APRIL

MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL – FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – EASTER HOLIDAYS (EXTENDED ONLY)

TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – YELLOW GROUP SPRING WALK

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – RED GROUP SPRING WALK

THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – PURPLE GROUP SPRING WALK

FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL EASTER WEEKEND

WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – ORANGE GROUP SPRING WALK

THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – GREEN GROUP SPRING WALK

FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – BLUE GROUP SPRING WALK

## Burns Day/Grandparents Day

Thank you to all of the Grandparents who were able to join us for our Burns Day celebrations. We enjoyed listening to Scottish stories, singing Scottish songs and even taking part in at our weekly SFA class. We received £27.55 of donations for wearing tartan to nursery with which we are going to buy Scottish themed books for our children.

## Teacher tips

To improve fine motor and literacy skills draw a line on a piece of paper and ask your child to draw over it. They can use rice, stickers or small objects to follow the line as closely as possible.

You can also draw different shapes of your child's name to make it a little trickier.