



Auchinairn Early Years Centre

August / September 2023



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 sessions start back on the 5th September 2023

Child Protection

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



The photographer will be in nursery on 31st of August and 1st September. More information to follow

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.

August

Dylan 4
Paul 5 Mylah 4
Bella 4 Nova 4
Shae 4 Sena 4
Jensen 4
AJ 4
Arthur 4
Shaun 4



September

CJay 4
Louis 4
Sonny 4
Marcus 4
Tommy 4
Myah 3
Dharla 4
Jude 4

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 2020– July 31st 2021) It is very important that **ALL** families contribute. This fund allows us to buy our healthy daily snacks, birthday, Christmas, Easter, Chinese New Year, Diwali and other cultural celebrations throughout the year. We buy Graduation gifts; we also have special visitors and other treats for the children throughout the year. We go out on trips and these costs are 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.

You can pay cash to Linda or you can pay in to our nursery fund via your banking app



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.



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 Improvement plan this year

Priority 1. The Rights of the child

Priority 2. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) including ECO and Woodwork

Priority 3. Language and Communication Friendly nursery including Early Language early math and H&WB

Priority 4. Family/parents engagement including establishing a parent/carer group

Staff

We would like to welcome Early Years Workers Leah (Hawthorn Group) and Rachel (Willow room) to our team in the next few weeks .

Janet – Head of Centre

Michelle– Depute Head of Centre

Meera - Nursery Teacher (Monday Tuesday and Wednesday)

Claire – Nursery Teacher (Wednesday and Thursday)

Adele – Cover teachers Macrone time (Thursday Friday)

Katie – Senior EYW (3-5)

Lauren– Senior EYW (2 year old room)

Linda – Clerical Assistant (Monday – Thursday)

Dora- Clerical Assistant (Thursday & Friday)

Paula – Housekeeper

We have 7 groups:

Elm Group – Keyworkers – Eilidh, Ronnie (Monday – Wednesday) and Amy (Thursday &Friday)

Oak – Keyworkers – Devlin & Shanice

Myrtle – Jackie. Liam and Geraldine

Cherry – Lisa, Tammy and Caitlin

Beech - Heather & Ellen

Hawthorn – Susan and Leah (Mat leave for Jodie K)

Hazel –Katie, Jodie H and Cara

Willow - 2year old room – Lauren, Fiona, Samantha, Amarjit, Amanda & Rachel

Good luck to **Samantha** (4th Year at Strathclyde University) studying for a **BA** in Early Childhood Practice and **Cara** on her 3rd year of her apprenticeship.





For one morning this year, Wednesday 13th September, we invite you and your friends, families, colleagues and neighbours to have breakfast together in the community centre hall to raise money for children affected by poverty across Scotland. All we're asking you to do is bring people from our community together to share a meal and donate what they can, to help children and families that need essential support. It's as simple as and as fun as that. Over the years we have held very successful BIG breakfasts, let's make this year the best yet!

Useful information: Email – eyc@auchinairn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk, jbrady@auchinairn.e-dunbarton.sch.uk, earlyyears@eastdunbarton.gov.uk Phone – [01419552289](tel:01419552289) Facebook- Janet Brady (Auchinairn eyc)
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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.



Dates to Remember

Photographer – 31st August 2023 & 1st Sept

STV Appeal Big Breakfast – Wednesday 13th September

September weekend - 22nd – 25th Inclusive – **NO NURSERY**

Nursery re opens Tuesday 26th September

In- Service Day Friday 13th October – **NO NURSERY**

Nursery re opens on Monday 16th October

Nursery Hours

The nursery opening times

8am - 6pm Monday - Friday

Morning Sessions - **08.00 - 12.45pm**

Afternoon Sessions **13.15- 18.00**

Please ensure that your child is picked up on time, 10 minutes early to allow you to speak to staff and get your child ready. Being late impacts on staff's other duties.

