



May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below some information regarding what we expect to be a very busy and exciting final term for session 2022/23.

Learning Opportunities

Our 2nd term was as busy as always. After experiencing some really cold snaps and experimenting with the endless amounts of ice we found in our garden, it was nice to finally have some dry spells and we even caught a glimpse of the sun.

The children have continued to enjoy many opportunities for making and baking. Recently we have had scrunchies being made in our sewing area. The children have used nettles from our garden to make nettle soup as well as baking lots of tasty treats for snack time. Our little ones continue to build on their own independence skills, and most are making playdough on their own without an adults help. Sometimes this takes a little problem solving if it is too wet or too dry.

Outside continues to be such a popular area for the children to explore, recently there has been much excitement down at our frog ponds. We had some spawn however we now have over 30 tadpoles and can't wait to watch them develop.

We have also recently welcomed 2 new friends Dave and Shelly to the nursery, they are giant African land snails. They were tiny when they arrived, but we are hoping over the next 6 months we can watch them grow together.

West Partnership Research

The West Partnership is a collection of local authorities across the West of Scotland who collaborate to look at outcomes for children in education across the country.

They are currently running a research project to collect data about the impact 1140 hours has had on children and families.

Shortly you will receive a link to a questionnaire about the impact this has had on you and your family. There are also a small number of children who we have been asked to gather data on. This goes by date of birth, and I will personally speak to families if your child falls into the category they are looking at for research purposes. This is all voluntary and if you do not wish data to be shared about your child then you can opt out.

Lending Library

We have been delighted with the response to our lending library. Most children are keen to take a book home with them and we love hearing stories of the books they have enjoyed at home. To ensure this runs smoothly please make sure your child brings their bookbag with them daily. Unfortunately, our rule is if you do not have a bookbag you cannot take a book home as we can't ensure they will survive in our unpredictable weather traveling to and from nursery.

If you are unable to purchase a bookbag please speak with myself or Mrs Greenhorn.

Parent Committee

Our Parent Committee met in February and a small action list was created. There is still time to join/help out, if this is something you would be interested in. We are having another meeting on Wednesday 17th May at 11am.

Our Parent Committee are keen to set up our own EL&CC uniform shop. This would allow the EL&CC to make a small profit on any uniform or additional items purchased. For session 23/24 we will continue to sell the bookbags but have also received a sample for a shoe bag. I am sure you will agree the peg area can become quite congested and a shoe bag would take up less space than some of the backpacks that are used just now.

Moving On, Moving Up

This year our Moving On, Moving Up celebrations will take place in the school on Wednesday 14th June 2023 over 2 shows. All families will receive 4 tickets, following feedback from our Christmas performance all children who attend on a term time place will be given 2 tickets per show. All other children will be given 4 for the performance they feature in.

Due to the size of the hall and high numbers we are unable to invite siblings from the primary school to the performance. If you wish to have your child's sibling at the performance this will have to be discussed with the school and your child would then use one of your allocated tickets.

Wednesday 14 th June 10.15am	AM Children 2.5 days (M,T,W) Term Time
Wednesday 14 th June 2.00pm	PM Children 2.5 days (W,Th,F) Term Time

Fun Day

On Wednesday 21st June 2023 we are hosting a Fun Day for the children. There will be a bouncy castle, hot dog stall, ice-cream van and a range of games. The children have been busy in our sewing area making hair scrunchies and we will have some available to buy for a small price.

We would like to invite our parents along to the Funday to visit the stations with your child. In order to raise some funds for the nursery we are planning to have some stations costing 50p. More info will follow on this soon.

Wednesday 21 st June 10.30 - 11.30am	AM Children 2.5 days (M,T,W) Term Time
Wednesday 21 st June 2.00 - 3.00pm	PM Children 2.5 days (W,Th,F) Term Time

Resources

The staff team outside are on the lookout for any buckets and spades you may have going spare. As these resources are kept outside in all weathers, they tend to need replaced more often than other resources.

We also would request you continue to bring in any recycling for our junk modelling station. This continues to be extremely popular however it can only run with the help and support of our families.

Important Dates

Fri 26 th May - HOLIDAY	EL&CC closed for Term Time children
Mon 29 th May - HOLIDAY	EL&CC closed for all children
Tue 30 th May - IN-SERVICE DAY	EL&CC closed for all children
Wednesday 14 th June	Moving up, Moving on Celebration
Wednesday 21 st June	EL&CC Fun Day
Tue 27 th June - Last Day of Term	Term Time children finish up for Summer break

If you would like to contact us with queries or ideas, call 0300 300 1477 or alternatively you can email laura.anderson@renfrewshire.school or helen.greenhorn@renfrewshire.school and we will get back to you.

Yours sincerely

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