



Twechar Early Years Centre
Spring/Summer Newsletter 2022



Dear Parent/ Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. I am writing with news of exciting changes, reminders and upcoming dates. We hope everyone is settling well into the new term. The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the children and their families who have recently joined us.

Exciting Changes

Over the past few months a few exciting changes have been taking place at Twechar Early Years Centre. We have opened up the playrooms in the nursery, meaning that the children aged 2-5 all play and learn together. This is helping the children to develop their independence skills and learn from each other. In the playroom, we have several inviting and engaging areas, which are set up daily with provocations/activities for the children to access if they wish to. These areas include: small world, block play, house corner, malleable, book area and creative area.

Since Covid-19 restrictions have eased, we are enjoying café snack again. This runs in the morning between 9.30-10.15am and in the afternoon between 2.30-3.15pm. During these times, the children can access a healthy nutritious snack option whenever they feel hungry. The children will always have a variety of fruit to choose from at both snack times.



We have a Fairtrade Committee, who are looking for Fairtrade packaging. Please hand in anything you have/find with the Fairtrade badge on it to a member of the team. Thank you.



Last year we secured a grant for planters for the nursery garden. We would love it if any parents/carers could help us build these. Please let a member of the team know if you are willing and able to help.

Staffing

Deborah Bolt has joined our team as an Equity and Excellence Lead and will be at Twechar EYC until August 2022. During Deborah's time with us, she will be working with the team to create a language and communication friendly environment. If you would like more information on this project, please do not hesitate to ask.

Congratulations to our Early Years Worker, Lorna Tennant, who has been successful in securing a post as an Equity and Excellence Lead in Stirling Council. We will update parents when the recruitment for Lorna's post is complete.

Transitions

At Twechar Early Years Centre, we believe that transitions, which are well planned, and child centred, can provide children with positive experiences as they move from early years into the school setting. As part of our nursery to primary transition, myself, Mr Glancy and Mrs Smith have

been working on creating a transition programme to support the pre-school children through the transition process to Primary 1. Further details of this will be sent in due course.

Learning Journals

We have been very busy in the nursery and the children and staff hope you have been able to see all of our fabulous experiences on our online Learning Journals. Please let us know if you have any issues with the journals and feel free to comment on them or post photos and stories from home. The journals provide you with a great way to engage with a child's learning and development.



Parent Group

We are lucky to have a very committed parent group supported by Gordon and Elaine from the nursery team. At the Centre Spring Fayre they raised £250 for the nursery. I would like to thank each of you for everything that you do.

If you would like to join the Parent Group, please speak with a member of the team. It is great fun and there is no set expectation. The next Parent Group meeting is 19th May at 4.45pm in the Centre cafe.

Housekeeping

There are many items of lost property in nursery. If you are missing something, please let a member of the team know when dropping off or picking up a child and you can come in to get it. These items will be held at the nursery for a period of 4 weeks.



Can parents/carers please ensure they label their child's clothes with their names. We do our very best to keep a track of everyone's things but jumpers can be removed in random places or put on the wrong hook without our knowledge.

We need **boys** clothing for when children get wet playing etc. If you have any you could donate, please hand to a member of staff. Thank you.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from nursery, can parents/carers please ensure that they make contact with the nursery or Kerry in the office by 9.30am on 0141 955 2334/2331. If we do not hear from you, we will make contact after 9.30am each day.

Treat Fund

The treat fund is a voluntary contribution of £2 per week per child. We use this to buy the daily snack for the morning and afternoon and for events such as graduation, Easter, Christmas and trips.

Diary Dates

19th May - Parent Group meeting
27th May - Nursery closed
2nd and 3rd June - Nursery closed
17th June - Graduation

Many thanks, Nicola and staff team