



Twechar Early Years Centre  
Autumn Newsletter 2022



Dear Parent and Carers,

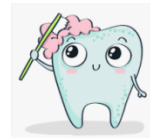
I hope you are all well. I am writing with information about changes in nursery, upcoming dates and reminders. We hope everyone is settling well in to nursery and Primary 1. The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to pass on our thanks for the many lovely gifts we received and to welcome all the children and their families who have recently joined us.

**Our Vision, Values and Aims**

Our vision statement, values and aims were co-created with our children, parents and all staff. You will notice our short vision statement, for our school and early years centre, at the top of our newsletter. We also have our school motto and values at the bottom of the page. These are the values that will enable our vision to be achieved. We are looking for your support to encourage and discuss these values with your child

**Exciting Changes**

Since some of our children moved up to Primary 1, we have all moved in to new groups. You will be able to see what colour your child's group is on their learning journal. We are brushing our teeth with our new group every day in nursery.



We have also re-introduced self-serve snack to help build children's independence and self-help skills. It still runs as café snack each morning and afternoon so children can join whenever they feel hungry. Children will also be helping prepare the snack.

Every child now has their own drawstring bag which they will leave in nursery at all times. This will save you bringing a bag backwards and forwards. If you haven't already, please could you supply two full changes of clothes, indoor shoes (preferably plimsolls as opposed to slippers), wellies and waterproofs. Please can you name all items of clothing. If required, please also supply nappies/pull-ups and wipes. We will let you know if any supplies are running low so you can replenish.

Results from the parental engagement questionnaire, a staff audit and a consultation with the children revealed re-establishing stay and play as a priority for Twechar Early Years Centre. We are working on how and when we deliver this so more information will follow soon.



We are always developing the spaces and experiences we offer our children. If you have any spare books for two- to five-year olds, please could you hand them in. Also, we are looking for dress-up items such as hats, low adult shoes, jewellery, belts, scarves, watches, clocks, ties, suit jackets and any old laptops.

**Staffing**

We are delighted to have Kathleen and Denise join our team Early Years Workers. Both are in nursery every afternoon. Congratulations to our Early Years Worker, Grant, who has been successful in securing a post as an Early Years Worker in Lenzie Meadow Early Years Centre in Kirkintilloch. Denise was recruited upon Grant leaving and Kathleen fills the position which Lorna once had.

*Omnes pro uno / All for one*

**Belonging**

**Respect**

**Fun**

### 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 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. Looking at their journal together with your child is a great way to engage with their learning and development.



### Parent Group

We are lucky to have a very committed parent group supported by Gordon and Elaine from the nursery team. If you would like to join us, please speak with a member of the team. It is great fun and there is no set expectation.

### Housekeeping

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 **girls' tops and children's socks** for when children get wet playing etc. We also need more sun hats to protect them during sunny days. 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



Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Macmillan and Maggie's coffee morning (donations of cakes (no home- baking) would be greatly appreciated)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – nursery closed for September weekend

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – nursery closed for inservice day

Many thanks, Nicola and the staff team