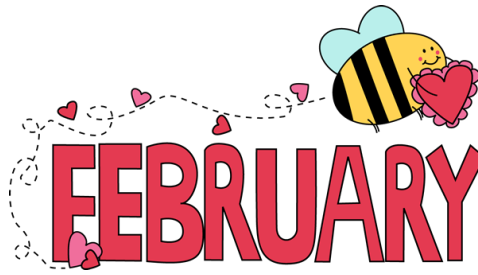
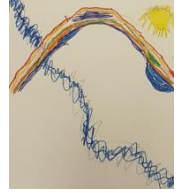


Yokerburn Nursery

Parent Newsletter February 2023



STAFF NEWS

Firstly, we would like to welcome our new member of staff Ash! Ash has joined us as a CDO and will be working in the 3-5 room. We hope you will all join us in giving Ash a big Yokerburn welcome!

We will also be welcoming back our CDO Kirsten who will be returning from her Maternity Leave in March.

Kirsten will be returning to the 3-5 room - welcome back Kirsten!

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to our CDO Chloe who has decided not to return after her maternity leave. I hope you will all join us in wishing Chloe well - we'll miss you Chloe!

Another bit of sad news this month, our fantastic Family Support Worker Paula is leaving our area and will no longer be able to work with our children and families. We know that many of our families have worked with Paula over the years and so we have arranged a goodbye tea on **Friday 10th March at 9.30am**. Any parents / carers and families who would like to attend to give Paula a good send off are more than welcome to come along! I am sure that you will all agree that Paula has been an invaluable support for our families and she will be sorely missed.



ILLNESS

If your child is unwell and unable to attend nursery we would ask that you please contact us by phone on 0141-952-9962 at your earliest convenience.

We would also like to remind parents/carers that if your child has experienced any sickness and/or diarrhoea they must be off nursery for **48 hours from the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea**. This is vitally important to prevent the spread of illness within the nursery.

We would ask that you please consider if your child will be happy to attend nursery when they are unwell. Although children can attend if suffering from a cold or mild illness they may not be feeling themselves within the playroom environment and may not feel entirely comfortable. We would ask that you please consider this before sending your child to nursery unwell.



LOST PROPERTY

There is a small table outside the 3-5 room containing lost property items - please have a look through and take anything that belongs to your child. If anything remains within the lost property by the beginning of March this will be donated to charity.

We would ask that all parents/carers please ensure that your child's full name is on all of their clothing and shoes - this helps us to quickly identify any items that have been left within nursery and return them to their rightful owners. Thank you!



BABA APP

We have been provided with information regarding a new app that has been developed for Young Parents / Carers.

The BABA app is Scotland's first tool and resource for Young Parents/Expecting Parents created by Young Parents. You can find all the BABA app resources and BABA app Demo the short user guide video (including how to download the app) at [this link](#), and the 'live' flyer is attached as a PDF. The app is available at [this link](#).



APPARELXCHANGE

Apparelxchange is a social enterprise dedicated to the reuse, repair and recycling of childrenswear. They use unwanted clothing and footwear donations as a valuable resource. Families can shop second hand clothes, footwear and school uniform on the website. Visit the website to find out more <https://apparelxchange.co.uk/>



WELL-FED SCOTLAND CIC

Well- Fed Scotland are a community organisation based in South Street, Scotstoun. They are launching a new venture to support the local community - The Stork Store.

Every Friday at The Unit, parents of children under 3 and expecting mothers can come along and take away essential items for their babies, absolutely FREE. This will include things like nappies, formula, baby wipes & baby clothes. There is no referral process required, just that people complete a basic registration form. The store can be found at The Unit, 870 South Street, G14 0SY (enter via the back door in car park). The store is open every Friday between 10am and 2pm.

The store also accept donations which can be dropped in to the The Unit any time Monday - Friday 9am-5pm. Any questions regarding this service you can contact 0141 954 7720.



SEESAW

The staff have been trialling SeeSaw over the past few weeks and we are hoping to launch this to the 3-5 parents / carers by the middle of March. If you have not yet signed and returned the SeeSaw permission form please see your child's keyworker or pop in to the nursery office.



DATA PROTECTION

Each year staff within Yokerburn complete a refresher training course online about Data Security and Protection. This includes internet safety and other IT safeguards and also important data protection aspects for children and adults such as Confidentiality and Child Protection. We maintain confidentiality for our children and families through all aspects of our practice. From initial application process, settling and enrolment to day to day sharing of information about occurrences/ accidents or incidents and most importantly on Child Protection matters.

We have an 'open- door' policy on information for parents and carers with regard to their own children however at all times child protection issues take precedence for reporting to the appropriate authorities or services. One of our August In-service days includes an annual reminder of National and Local Authority Child Welfare and Safety policy and practice with guidance issued from Glasgow City Council and discussion between management and all staff.

Safety and wellbeing of every child is ensured by the UN Convention on the Rights of the child and we undertake to uphold this right within Yokerburn.

Our parents' room is always available to provide privacy for conversations either between yourself and your child's keyworker or even yourself and other parents. **We value parents and carers support to ensure equal security of information and to maintain confidentiality in all aspects of our work.**



LUNCH PICK UP TIMES

We would like to remind all parents/carers of 52 week children who are usually collected at 12.30pm that you **pick up around 1pm**. This helps to avoid you having to wait for your child to finish their lunch. If you could please pass this on to anyone who collects your child at this time.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 2nd March**. Children are welcome to attend nursery dressed as their favourite book character if they wish. We will also be running our first ever **World Book Day Book Exchange!** We are asking children to bring in one book from home that they no longer read and they can exchange it for another book to take home and keep. Each child will also receive a World Book Day Token that entitles them to one free world book day book or £1 off a book at selected retailers. Visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/> to find out more!



FAMILIES CONNECT

Families Connect is an evidence-based programme developed by Save The Children UK that supports parents to engage in their children's learning. Families Connect focuses on three key themes: Social and emotional development, Literacy and language development & Numeracy and mathematics. We will be running this 8-week programme on Wednesday Afternoons for the parents or carers of our pre-school children. If you are interested in taking part please let Avril know.



STARTING SCHOOL

Tuesday 7th March 6pm - 7pm - Starting School Transition Evening (Rescheduled from 17th Jan)

An opportunity to find out some useful information about starting school and a chance to meet some of the teachers.

Wednesday 14th June 6pm - 8pm - School Leavers Graduation

Finish dates for all children starting school in August:

TERM TIME CHILDREN - Friday 23rd June 2023

52 WEEK CHILDREN - Friday 4th August 2023



TOY FUND

A big Thank You to all of our parents & carers who have donated to our Toy Fund. Your continued support helps to ensure that we can provide the children with special experiences, birthday presents & cards & other things to enhance their time at nursery. Every child has a Toy Fund donation envelope - if you are unsure of where to find this please ask your child's keyworker. All donations can be posted in the Toy Fund donation box at the main office. **THANK YOU!**



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Easter Holiday - Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April 2023 (TERM TIME CHILDREN OFF)

Good Friday - Fri 7th April 2023 (NURSERY CLOSED - ALL CHILDREN OFF)

Easter Monday - Mon 10th April 2023 (NURSERY CLOSED - ALL CHILDREN OFF)

A list of all holiday dates for the year is available from the nursery office.