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**March Newsletter 2025**

**Drumchapel Family Learning Centre**

**Dear Parents/Carers and Families,**

Please accept my apologies, I’m sending this month’s newsletter out a little later than planned, I feel as though March is running away from me!

Please find some useful information included in this month’s newsletter.

**Gentle Reminders**

**Nut Free Zone**

Can I please remind everyone that we are a **nut free zone** at DFLC. We ask that you do not bring in food/snacks that contains nuts into the building, this limits the dangers to our children and staff who are highly allergic.

Thank you.

**Drop Off and Pick Up Times**

Our staff team work in shift patterns to meet the needs of the service. They also work to strict ratios as set out by the Scottish Government. It is for this reason that sometimes staff will ask you to stick to your set session times. If we can support you or accommodate you when staffing allows, we will try our best however, we ask that where possible you are mindful of your session times. I know sometimes a wee 5 mins here or there may not seem like it makes a difference but across the whole service there is often a bigger picture and your child’s safety is paramount to us. Please know we mean no offence when we gently remind you that we cannot always take you in when you are early or accommodate you when you are late.

If session times are a problem or you have any queries, please pop in and speak to Kat or Kathleen and we will see if we can help you out. We always want to try our best to support you when you need it. Thank you for your understanding.

**TLC Tuesdays (Talk, Laugh, Chat)**

Please join us on the **25th March** for an informal event in our new Family Room to encourage parental relationships and build on our sense of community. Hosted by Gill (CDO 0-2 room) we want to invite you in for a wee cuppa and a biscuit. We can accommodate 2 different times to support children’s sessions so we would offer you the chance to **pop in at 8.30am or 1pm at drop-offs**. We are very excited to provide you with a cosy space for future events and hope to see you there on the 25th.

**World Book Day 6th March**

To celebrate World Book Day on 6th March our staff teams across the nursery were working hard to promote and offer rich literacy experiences for all children. We took the opportunity to trade in World Book Day tokens at WH Smith so that each child would receive a free age and stage appropriate book this month. If you haven’t received one yet, please speak to your child’s keyworker. Children in the 0-2 room have books arriving w/b 10th March so keep an eye out for them coming home!

**Staff Development**

All staff at Drumchapel FLC are encouraged and supported to develop their knowledge and skills to offer the children the best care and learning experience possible. This month we have staff attending the following training:

* Kat (HoN) – Inclusion Working Party Group, Keeping the Promise Train the Trainer, Changing Hearts and Minds Programme and Data Collection for Self-Evaluation and Improvement
* Kathleen (Depute) - Keeping the Promise Train the Trainer and HR
* Claire (CDO) – Nature Play in ELC
* Nicola (CDO) – Nature Play in ELC and Block Play
* Lisa (LPA) – Quality Improvement Framework and Inclusion
* Leighanne (CDO) – Music and Phonological Awareness
* Maureen (CDO) – Supporting Bereaved Children

**Easter Fundraiser**

This year to raise funds for Easter celebrations we are planning a Bike/Trike-athon/Toddle on **Friday 28th March**. Children can bring in their bikes/scooters (or use nursery ones) to cycle/scoot or walk around the school perimeter stopping off halfway for a much-needed snack to help fuel them for the next half. All children/all ages can take part with children in the 0-2’s being supported by staff to toddle round. Sponsor forms will be available from **Friday 14th March.**  Parent helpers/volunteers are welcome to support us on the day, please speak to Kathleen (Depute) to arrange – we really appreciate your support to help us with our nursery funds! Thank you.

**Transitions for School**

Over the next wee while we will be informing parents of children who are going to school this year of transition dates that will take place to support children in their next chapter. This will also include enhanced transitions. Once we have confirmation from local primary schools and meeting dates for enhanced transitions, we will let you know.

**Important Dates**

* 25th March – TLC event for parents – cuppa tea/biscuit and blether!
* 14th March – Easter Fundraiser sponsor forms given out
* 28th March – Easter Fundraiser - Bike/Trik-athon/Toddle

**ASN Author in Residency**

Our ASN Author in Residency Award is coming to an end. We have had 12 sessions with author Maria Cairnie since January 2025. Fiona Girvin (CDO 3 – 5 room) has worked alongside Maria and led literacy experiences to support sensory storytelling, helping our children with additional support needs to access the curriculum in a more inclusive way. We have also received funding as part of this award which has allowed us to buy some fantastic new books for all children to enjoy. Fiona will be sharing her knowledge about the ASN Author is Residency project at the next city Heads Meeting which is around the theme of Inclusion with colleagues across the authority to highlight inclusive practice. We feel very grateful as a setting to have been successful in our application and look forward to building on our new knowledge!

**Kind Regards,**

Kat Connelly (Head of Nursery)