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**May Newsletter 2025**

**Drumchapel Family Learning Centre**

**Dear Parents/Carers and Families,**

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

**Welcome**

We would like to give a warm welcome to Christine McMahon who will take on the role of acting Head of Nursery from Tuesday 6th May – we look forward to Christine joining us at Drumchapel FLC and will ensure our children and families are introduced to our new team member as soon as possible.

**Warmer Weather**

With the warmer weather approaching, may we ask that you bring sunscreen and a summer hat for your child to help us keep them protected from harmful rays. We also advise you to pop a long sleeve top in your child’s bag as we will be out on local woodland walks this summer and are mindful of the risk of ticks when skin is exposed. Thank you.

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

Please join us on the **10th June** for an informal event in our 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 arrange 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 10th.

**School Transition Project**

Please look out for information about our school transition project in the coming weeks. Our transition lead is our LPA Lisa Baynham and Lisa will keep you up to date with what’s going on.

**Garden Update**

The new 0 – 2 outdoor space we have allocated as a baby garden has recently had the ground area flattened out and a fence with a gate built around it. We are excited by the recent progress and can now develop the space further.

**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:

* Lisa (LPA) – Inclusion Training and Planning, Evidencing and Evaluating, Family Centered Transitions, Think Equal and Nurture Conference.
* Kathleen (DHoN) – Nurturing my Potential.
* Patrick (CDO) – Nurturing my Potential.
* Claire (CDO) – Family Centered Transitions.

**Nursery Graduation Plans / Information**

We completed a consultation recently to gather staff views on previous and future Nursery Graduation plans. Based on the feedback we have a proposed plan for graduation that we would like to share with you. A further questionnaire will be sent out to you to gain some feedback.

We wanted to offer an inclusive approach for all children graduating this year and so the celebration may look different to previous years. Staff have agreed that a smaller group approach outside in our nursery garden may be best to limit transitions and suit all of our children. We want to give children freedom of choice with what they wear to attend graduation; however, we will provide a ‘gown area’ if parents/families want to dress their child in this attire for photo opportunities.

The graduation will take place week beginning 16th June and will consist of parents joining their child/children’s graduating group with keyworker to participate in an intimate ceremony with a special snack and presentation. The following dates and times have been allocated below:

Tuesday 17th June – Blue, Green and Pink Group – 3.45pm to 4.30pm.

Wednesday 18th June – Yellow Group – 3.45pm to 4.30pm.

Thursday 19th June – Group – Red Group – 3.45pm to 4.30pm.

A questionnaire will be sent out to gather your thoughts and views on our approach this year but please note we have considered this approach to graduation based on what is best for the children graduating and their individual needs.

If you are unsure what colour group your child is, please speak to your child’s keyworker.

**Other Important Dates**

**Monday 5th May –** Bank Holiday – Nursery is closed.

**Thursday 22nd May – Inservice Day** – Nursery is closed.

**Friday 23rd – Monday 26th May –** May Holiday **–** Nursery is closed**.**

**Fundraising**

We will be undertaking a sponsored walk on Friday 16th May at 1.15pm. The children along with staff invite any parents that want to join us on a local walk at this time. Sponsor forms will be available from the 7th May. Please speak with Kathleen (DHoN) if you require further information.

**Farewell**

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the children, parents, families and staff at Drumchapel FLC who have supported me in my role since last year. I have had a wonderful time getting to know you all and will look back at my time at Drumchapel FLC fondly and with lots of happy memories. Friday 2nd May is my last day at the nursery, I welcome as previously mentioned Christine McMahon who will take over in an acting capacity until the vacancy is filled and a permanent Head of Nursery is allocated. I wish Christine and all the children, staff, parents and families all the best for the future. Take care of yourselves and enjoy a blissful summer when it comes around.

**Kind Regards,**

Kat Connelly (Head of Nursery)