

The Official Launch of Our New 3-5 Room



The Indigo Group celebrated the launch of our new 3-5 room on Wednesday the 2nd of November. This exciting new service was officially opened by Councillor Sadie Docherty, children, parents, staff, colleagues and funders all helped us to celebrate this amazing event. The opening of the new room gives us the opportunity to provide Flexible Childcare Services options to meet the needs of working parents.

Young Writers: Successful entrants of the National Young Writers Competition recited their poems at the launch.

A very big well done goes to:

Brayden McCord, Lexi Clark, Emily Wilson, Mia Grant, Ava Murray, David Mitchell, Tia McCafferty, Megan Gilfillan, Mia McCamley and Carli McElhinney.

Name the Beaver: Jude McCulloch was interviewed by his Key Worker Pamela on baby beavers born in Argyle. Following the birth of the beaver, naming the baby was part of their learning topic within the playroom.

The 3-5 room children decided the beaver should be called Justin. Whilst we didn't win, we can't help but agree that Justin Beaver is indeed a great name.



The Parents Council Meet Up!

Thank you to the parents who came along to the meeting of what was the second Parents Group this educational year, on Tuesday 8th November 2011.

Parents agreed that it would be less confusing and more meaningful if we changed the name of the group to Parents Council, so here it is!

The parents council had some great ideas for fundraising suggestions to raise money for special treats and fun activities including Christmas gifts, parties and entertainers.

Information of how you can help with this will be displayed on the Communication Wall in both nurseries. Your help and support with this means that every penny raised goes directly to your children

Next meeting in the New Year, new members are always welcome.

You can follow what they are up to by visiting our website and by clicking 'like' on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ingidogr.com



The Indigo Group Now Has Facebook:

As from October The Indigo Group now has a Facebook page, where you can view information and pictures of recent events and activities going on in the nurseries and OOSC.

Special points of interest:

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Staff News

We would like to welcome the following faces to the Indigo Group Team:

Donna Tochel Early Years Child Development Officer.

Welcome and congratulations (new and promoted staff)

Early Years Support Workers:
Natalie Matthews,
Claire McCabe,
Georgia Moore,
Mark Hutton &
Louise Thomson

Last but not least welcome to new members to the Sessional Childcare Staff and Admin Team
Michelle Coyle,
Jade O'Neil,
Robert Devaney,
Steph Grant &
Lauren Connolly

Staff New Babies:

Louise Burrows and Baby Dylan
Ashley Turner and Baby Lola

What have we been up to?

Outdoors & The Environment

Gardening: Our under three's have taken part in Urban Roots Project which involved the children learning about the environment and some basic gardening skills. They also made some herbal tea from the petals they picked by themselves. This was a great new learning experience for them.

Woodland Walks: The 3-5 room have been out and about taking part in seasonal walks over the Cathkin Braes with Richard Bolton our local Community Woodlands Officer. They have had great fun looking at the local plant and wildlife and finding out some very interesting facts.

Developing Literacy

Library Visit: The children in the Starlight room have been involved in a number of exciting Literacy opportunities this term. Some children have been on library visits to East Kilbride, Castlemilk and the library in the Gallery of Modern Art. Another group visited Waterstones and bought some books for the lending library. Next term the lending library will be in full use! We will let you know soon what day you can change your book.

Storytellers: We have also had a number of visiting storytellers reading us their favourite dinosaur stories. Thank you to the parents who kindly offered to help. We will be looking for more story-tellers this term so if you are able to share a story with our children please let Alice know. A librarian from the Mitchell Library will be among our first storytellers next term.

Responsible Citizens

Both Early Years bases held Pudsey Pyjama Parties to raise money for Children In Need. The children sold cakes, shortbread, raffle tickets and had a "guess Pudsey's birthday" competition. The children of the 3-5 room at 29 performed a dance number to the official Jump Up & Dance for Pudsey Children In Need song. The video footage to this will be uploaded as soon as possible. So far we are delighted to announce we have raised an amazing £695.39. We are very proud of the staff and children who all worked so hard to create a fabulously fun day for everyone involved.



Sensory Room

At our Early Years base at 123 Castlemilk Drive we are in the process of developing a Sensory Room. Introduction of a Sensory room can engage children who can learn through play. From following bright lights, shapes and patterns with their eyes to pressing buttons that make the resources change colour, the multi-sensory experience teaches children to become interested in their environment. The sensory room can also be used to calm and relax children.

Developing Friendships & Physical Activities

The children in the 0-2 playrooms in both bases have been working on developing the skills and confidence needed to establish friendships with other children in the room. By encouraging the sharing of toys and resources, assisting other children in physical activities, the children have been learning the importance of taking turns and considering others.

Parents Evenings

Thanks to parents who attended Parents Evening, the evaluation sheets have been read and your comments welcomed. As you know we have reviewed how we plan and assess children's learning with support from Glasgow's Education Department and our seconded teacher, Diane McCann. We understand that the change from the Summative Reports to the new system is a little different.

What we can tell you is that by our next Parent's Night in May next year each child will have their own profile folder. This folder will contain observations and assessments about children's learning in every curricular area with a particular focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. The profile folders, termly personal learning plans and learning wall will ensure that staff, children and parents work together to gather evidence about learning. This will enable us to understand how much and how well children are learning, where their strengths and developments lie and how to plan their next steps in learning.

Smiley New Faces at Nursery

Over the past few months we have had considerable movement in our playrooms with new children joining us and other children moving rooms. The opening of our new 3-5 playroom offering flexible services has given us the opportunity to offer childcare to even more working parents.

Indigo Early Years at 29

We would like to welcome Ava Adams, Hannah Corrigan, Jamie Mackie, Zander Rose, who have moved into our new 3-5 room. Also Cain Howard, Megan Gillfilan, Waheed Iqbal, Shay Canavan, Aidan Fitzpatrick and Piers Mayavo, Calum Welsh, Rodney Watupa, Jakub Chojnacki and Kieran James O'Leary who have all joined the 3-5 Room.

Summer Gillies, Lennon McLaughlin, Jack McLean, Lewis Greer, Brady Forbes, Darren McDowall, Cara Dickie, Marcella McBride and James Jnr Reilly have all joined the 2-3 Room.

A warm welcome into 0-2 Room for Adam Amerah, Zak Thallon, Summer Glassford, Finn Hunter Nicholas, Daniel Nicholas, Louis Brennan, Louie Galgani, Hollie Thomson, Paige Gault, Robbie Beer and Luke McLelland.

Indigo Early Years at 123 Castlemilk Drive

We would like to welcome into the 2-3 Room Xander Ferguson, Alexander Martin, Melissa Gibbons, and Ellie-Jane Ferguson.

Also we would like to welcome to the 0-2 Room: Avamarti Hughes, Cooper Burns, Zak Walbanke, Reece O'Leary, Mark McGuire, Amy Kane, James Toukam and Holly Reilly.

We hope you enjoy your time with The Indigo Group

How Good Is Our Nursery

As part of the evaluation of our service, we have self evaluation meetings on a fortnightly basis. This involves a group of staff discussing specific areas of our service and deciding on how we can improve.

As parental involvement in this process is essential, we would like to invite you to help us.

You can do help by coming to our staff self evaluation meetings or to the parents group meetings.

Dates for these will be posted on the door of the playrooms.

By working together we can improve the quality of care and education which we provide for your children.

Information specific

Early Years at 29 Dunagoil Road

The staff in all the play rooms would like to remind parents to put a change of clothes in their child's purple bag as the nursery does not have any spares.

Please do not leave your own bags as there is limited space. Also if all children could please remember to have a change of indoor shoes, soft plimsolls are perfect.

Wellies and warm jackets for 3-5 year olds please so that we can wrap up and get outside as much as possible during the Winter months!!

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Popping these on before your child comes into the room to help to keep the winter weather outside.



Toys and Cuddly things from home. To keep your lovely things safe please encourage your child to give favourite toys a hug and leave them with you while we are in nursery. Lost toys cause tears and so we are asking you to help keep all children happy.

Dates to remember

Wednesday 30th November: The Indigo Group staff will not be taking strike action. Indigo Early Years at 123 will be open as normal, at the moment we do not anticipate any disruptions to Early Years at 29 Dunagoil Road, any changes will be passed on as they happen.

Christmas Nativity

The children of the 3-5 room at 29 Dunagoil Road will be having their Christmas Nativity on Friday 16th December 2011 at 1.30pm

This year they will be performing - *Whoops a Daisy Angel*



Full details of times and ticket allocations will be made available as soon as possible.

Christmas Parties

The dates for the Christmas Parties have been confirmed, the dates of each party can be found below. The parties will take place in the morning and we have been told that Santa may even pop by to meet the children and give them an early Christmas present. All children are invited to the party in their room even if the party is on a day that your child would normally attend nursery, please bring them along to join all the festivities with their friends.

Early Years at 123 Castlemilk Drive

0-2 Room Tuesday 20th December 2011

2-3 Room Tuesday 20th December 2011

Early Years at 29 Dunagoil Road

0-2 Room Thursday 22nd December 2011

2-3 Room Thursday 22nd December 2011

3-5 Rooms Wednesday 21st December 2011

Please remember the nursery closes on Friday 23rd December 2011 and re-opens Thursday 5th January 2012.

Full details of all our 2011-2012 closures which can be found on our website

www.indigogr.com

Visit our website and 'like' us on Facebook for news as it happens.



Happy Birthday

October

2nd Mhariade 4 years old

6th Hollie 3 years old

6th Alexander 2 year old

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16th Xander 2 year old

17th Zak 1 year old

23rd Ross 2 year old

21st Melissa 2 year old

23rd Holli 3 year old

23rd Ross 2 years old

November

18th Lewis 2 years old

23 rd Niamh 3 years old

24th Louis 2 years old

25th Calvin 2 years old

28th Otis 3 years old

December

3rd Eva 3 years old

8th Rory 4 years old

9th Cain 4 years old

10th Luis 2 years old

11th Amy 4 years old

15th Shaun 2 years old

15th Reece 1 years old

17th Ollie 4 years old

17th Jamila 3 years old

22nd Callum 1year old

25th Daniel 1 year old

28th Holly 1 years old

30th Madison 3 years