

Curriculum Development

We have been undergoing changes to our Curriculum Planning and Assessments, Our staff have been working very hard over the past few months to ensure that we are providing the best possible learning experiences for our children. This is now up and running throughout our early years bases.

Our 3-5 rooms have already put in place their children's personal profile folders which will contain various developmental paperwork as well as artwork and photos, these will be held within the playrooms and are accessible to parents. The 0-3 rooms are in the middle completing their personal profiles and should be available to parents over the next few weeks.

As always we value your opinion therefore any feedback is welcome, we also have our Communication Wall in the foyer of both early years bases in which we post monthly questions, if you could spare some time to share your thoughts with us.



The Parents Council Meet Up!

Our 3rd Parent's Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st January at 6pm at our 123 Castlemilk Drive base, please let staff know if you wish to attend. Crèche facilities will be available.

Indi-gogos!!

Lynda Scott of the Sunlight Room at 29 Dunagoil Road has come up with a great fundraising idea for our children. Some of our staff from both bases will be taking part in this year's Woman's 10K held on Sunday 13th May, all sponsorship proceeds will go directly to our children, therefore if you wish to donate or take a sponsor sheet for us that would be great, also if any willing parents and children wish to come along to cheer on the staff then details of the run will be given nearer the time.



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:

- New Planning/Profiles
- Events
- Fundraising
- Parents Council
- Dates To Remember
- Birthdays

Staff News

We would like to say 'Well done' to our Sessional staff member Steph Grant who was successful in gaining a Youth Worker position within our up and coming Indi-Youth Project.

Training

Pamela Montgomery and Kelly McSporry took part in a 'Creative Confident Children' course and came back with lots of great ideas.

Brooke McGovern and Mark Hutton will both be attending pre-5 football coaching which will be very exciting for our children.

What have we been up to?

Outdoors & The Environment

We have been successful in gaining an Outdoor Funding grant to aid us in the development of our outdoor area at 29 Dunagoil Road, over the next few weeks the children will be involved in planning and ordering equipment and hopefully by the summer you will see a lot of little green fingers around.



Developing Literacy

The Book Bug will be coming to visit all our 2-5 children on Friday 10th February, they will be hosting sessions of storytelling, songs and drama for the children to participate in, after which our children will receive a book to take home and enjoy.

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

Our children have been developing an understanding of different cultures and beliefs. Throughout January you may have noticed that we have been celebrating 'Chinese New Year' and 'Robert Burn's Day'.

Chinese New Year.—The playrooms have been involved in tasting a variety of Chinese foods such as noodles, rice, prawn crackers & various sauces, activities have included making lucky envelopes, Chinese writing and as it is the year of the dragon some of the playrooms have made a giant dragon and are participating in a dragon dance along with Chinese music.

Robert Burn's Day—We are having our very own Burn's supper of 'haggis, neeps and tatties' along with dancing to traditional Scottish music, learning and exploring Burn's poems and Arts & Crafts activities such as tartan pictures and porridge oat collages.

Developing Friendships & Physical Activities

Since coming back from the Christmas Holidays the Sunlight room at 29 Dunagoil Road have noticed a big difference in the children's mobility as a lot of the children are showing signs of early walking and increased movement, therefore the staff have decided to change the layout of the playroom in order to give the best possible physical experiences to their children.

Toilet Training.

We have lots of our children showing signs of being ready for toilet training, in order to help and continue this important stage in their development could we please ask that you provide a few changes of clothing each day for you child, in the early stages accidents can happen therefore we encourage parents to provide us with several changes of underwear and easily assessable clothing such as shorts and skirts, also footwear such as jelly shoes can be quite useful as they are easier to clean and wash if needed. Staff are always on hand and available to offer any assistance and support with toilet training.

Smiley New Faces at Nursery

Indigo Early Years at 29

We would like to welcome all the children who have moved from the Moonlight Room into our Starlight Room and 3-5 Playroom and the children who have moved from our Sunlight Rooms to our Moonlight Rooms.

A big welcome to Courtney Hendry & Stephen McGuiness to our 3-5 Playroom

Mia McKay & Jax Gribbon to our Moonlight Room

And

Finn Hunter Nicholas & Robbie McElhiney to our Sunlight Room

We hope you enjoy your time with The Indigo Group

Indigo Early Years at 123 Castlemilk Drive

A big welcome to Ryan Drum to our Moonlight Room

And

Maci McCrimmon, Lola Turner & Charlie Patterson to our Sunlight Room

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Information specific

Early Years at 29 Dunagoil Road

- Could parents ensure that they press the correct playroom buzzer as it can upset some of our children's play.
- As we encourage our children to explore and experiment throughout their day, they can get quite messy therefore if parents could please ensure that their personal purple bags are continually checked and stocked up with spare clothes.
- For your child's comfort and health & safety could you please ensure that children have the appropriate indoor/outdoor footwear.

Information specific to

Early Years at 123 Castlemilk Drive

- As we encourage our children to explore and experiment throughout their day, they can get quite messy therefore if parents could please ensure that their personal purple bags are continually checked and stocked up with spare clothes.
- Could you also ensure that you do not leave any children's personal bags on their pegs as we have limited space.
- Could you please ensure that you sign your child in and out each day.



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

Our Early Year's bases will be closed on

Wednesday 15th February

For In-service training

Please remember the dates of all our 2012 closures can be found on our website

www.indigochildcaregroup.com

Festival & Cultural Dates

Chinese New Year

23rd January 2012

The year of the Dragon



Rabbie Burn's Day

25th January 2012



Happy Birthday

January

4th Mika 4 years old

5th Ellis 3 years old

9th Louie 1 year old

13th Abigail 4 year old

14th Jude 4 year old

14th Bethany 4 year old

15th Hollie 1 year old

20th Finn 1 year old

25th Liam 4 year old

30th Mia McD 5 years old

February

8th Kendo 4 years old

12th Kendyl 3 years old

12th Brayden 5 years old

13th Courtney 4 years old

26th Kai 3 years old

27th Luke 4 years old

28th Luke 1 years old