

Class of 2012

It has come to that time of year for our pre school children to take that bit step onto school. Over the years we have seen our children thrive through their time at nursery and as much as we are sad to see them go we wish them all the luck on their new adventure. To celebrate the children graduating and their time at nursery, staff and children worked together in preparing a graduation ceremony which I am sure brought a tear to many parents eyes. Our Graduates made a presentation of what they wanted to be when they grow up, some of their suggestions included teachers, a chef and a shop keeper. This years graduation outing took place at Animal Magic in East Kilbride where children enjoyed the huge soft play area as well as sitting down to a nice lunch together

Other exciting graduation activities that took place included a professional photographer coming to the nursery to take photographs of our graduates in their gowns and hats. A big party for their friends at nursery was held to wish our graduates good luck this involved a lovely cake, lots of nice treats and some crazy dance moves.



The Parents Council

We have a very informal meeting once every 6-8 weeks between 6pm-7pm. This gives parents/carers the opportunity to give their views, opinions and speak to other parents/staff allowing parents to become involved in monitoring the quality of the services which we provide. We also discuss fundraising ideas and organise events. Minutes from Parents Council meetings can be found in the front halls of both Early Years Bases. We would like to thank the parents that have been attending and would love to see some new faces at our next meeting. If you would like to come along to our next meeting then please speak to your child's key worker or alternatively you can have a chat with either Ashley at 123 or Lynn/Michelle at 29. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th May 2012. Creche facilities are available.

Points of Interest

- Graduation
- Events
- Fundraising Night
- Parents Council
- Dates To Remember
- Birthdays

Staff News

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Some of our staff recently took part in Makaton Training. Makaton is a method of communication using signs and symbols in which users are first encouraged to communicate using signs then as a link is made between the word and the sign, the signs can be dropped and the speech is allowed to take over.

Pauline Welsh and Alice Cassidy also attended 'Oh Lila—Learning Resource Training' provided by Health Promotion Team/Alcohol Focus. This training session is based around a children's book that emphasises if children get into trouble or make a mistake, it is always better to speak to someone they trust to help them.



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.

What have we been up to?

Outdoors & The Environment

The 3-5 Playroom have been concentrating on developing the Outdoor Area by creating various real life experiences. A beach area was created outdoors using tarpaulin covered with sand, resources including shells, buckets and spades were introduced. Children were then able to extend their learning by finding a variety of natural objects within our garden, using twigs the children began to write their names and make various shapes within the sand. Through engaging in discussion the children began relating to personal experiences of times they have been to the beach with their families.



Developing Literacy

The children have been learning about the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, exploring key celebrations and festivals in our society. The children were involved in making a book all about the Queen in order to do this the children spent a lot of time reading stories about Kings and Queens as well as British history. The week leading up to the Diamond Jubilee the children celebrated with a Jubilee party.

Responsible Citizens

On behalf of Indigo we would like to thank the parents, staff and children who participated in our Daffodil Tea. Staff, children and some family members were involved in baking lots of nice treats and cakes for the event in which family members and children were invited to come along to the nursery and join in the little gathering, chat and of course enjoying some tea and the lovely cakes we had on offer. Through this fundraising event the nursery helped raise £176.10 in aid of Marie Curie.

Communication Wall

As always your views and comments matter to us therefore if you could please take a moment to add your or suggestions to our Communication Walls that are situated in the front foyers of both bases, questions are thoughts posted monthly in order to hear your views and are then added to our comments book.

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. 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

The Sunlight Room would like to welcome Aaron Muir, Dylan Burrows, Mya Curran and Tommy Bradley and Reece O'Leary

The Moonlight Room would like to welcome Erin Gallagher

We hope you enjoy your time with Indigo!!!

Room Changes

The Sunlight Room would like to say a big good luck to Robbie Beer and Niamh Graham who have moved up to the Moonlight Room.

The Moonlight Room would also like to say a big good luck to Lennon McLaughlin, Amellia Nelson, Chloe MacDonald and Bobby Thomas who have moved up to the 3-5 Playroom and Summer Gillies and Carly King who have moved up to the Starlight

Indigo Early Years at 123 Castlemilk Drive

The Sunlight Room would like to welcome Tommy McMahon, Liam Gibb, Maya Gorshka, Lily Gorshka and Jay Smith

The Moonlight Room would like to welcome Lennon O'Donnell, Aaron Hall and Amelia O'Lone

We hope you enjoy your time with Indigo!!!

Room Changes

The Sunlight Room would like to say a big good luck to Mark McGuire who has moved up to the Moonlight Room.

The staff and children would like to say a big good luck to Reece O'Leary, Ava Duncan, Billie Brown, Maiyah Whiteside, Harrison Haig and Kieran Longridge who all moved up to our nursery at 29.

Information specific

Early Years at 29 Dunagoil Road

- Children have the appropriate clothing for outdoors this includes clothing that your child is comfortable in and that you don't mind getting a little messy to ensure your child gets the most from their outdoor experience.
- Please ensure that your child's purple bags stocked up with spare clothes.
- Please ensure your child has soft indoor shoes on before entering the playroom.
- As the Summer months begin, can you ensure that your child has a sun hat for outdoor play.
- Could you also please put your child's name on the inside of their jacket to limit any mix-ups.

Information specific to

Early Years at 123 Castlemilk Drive

- Could parents please ensure that their child has a change of clothes at all times and that these are kept in the purple peg bags provided. We would ask that any personal bags/pram bags are taken home as we have limited space in the cloakroom area.
- Can we remind parents to replenish supplies of nappies and wipes when required.
- You may have noticed our Achievement Wall in the hall area facing the pram store. Please add to our wall and we can celebrate your child's achievements together.
- Children's personal profiles are available within the playrooms, please feel free to have a look at your child's progress.



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

The nursery will be closed on the following dates;

- Monday 7th May
- Monday 4th—Tuesday 5th June

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



Indigo Fundraising Night

Tickets for our Fundraising Night are now on sale!!!!

Parents and staff from the Parents Council have been working very hard to arrange a Fundraising Night to raise funds for children's events and activities.

The Fundraising Night will be held on **Saturday 9th June** in the **Maureen Cope Hall** tickets are on sale at a bargain price of £3 The night will include a DJ so make sure you bring your dancing shoes!!! Raffles, Lucky Squares and other fun games will also be involved on the night.

For more information please see Ashley at 123 or Lynn/Michelle at 29

All Family and Friends Welcome!!!!



Happy Birthday

May

- 4th - Robbie B 2 years old
- 5th - Thabo Moral 1 year old
- 6th - Nia 4 years old
- 7th - Tony 4 years old
- 10th - Marli 4 years old
- 10th - Ben 4 years old
- 11th - Bobby 3 years old
- 11th - Alexander 5 years old
- 17th - Oscar 5 years old
- 18th - Robyn 4 years old
- 18th - Maiyah 3 years old
- 19th - Chloe 3 years old
- 24th - Carlton 4 years old
- 25th - Niamh 5 years old
- 28th - Molly 4 years old
- 31st - Mark 2 years old

June

- 1st - Grace 2 years old
- 2nd - Emily 5 years old
- 7th - Robbie Mc 2 years old
- 10th - Charlie 1 year old
- 15th - Paige 2 years old
- 18th - Leah 4 years old
- 22nd - Darcy 2 years old
- 29th - Ryley 4 years old

