



*Lyoncross Nursery School/Sgoil Àraich Lyoncross
Newsletter - May/June 2021*



Dear Parent/Guardian

A Phàraint/Neach-cùraim choir

First of all, my apologies for this having to be a May/June newsletter. Where did May disappear to as I seem to have completely missed it? Thank you as always for your continued support this term. From supporting our pre-school home learning packs to fundraising, it has been a very successful time.

*I know we are all extremely disappointed that we are unable to invite families in for the graduation celebrations. We will be recording the performances that will take place outdoors on **Thursday 17 June 2021 at 1:30pm** and will share this with you on a DVD as a keepsake. Not quite the same as the real thing but we must continue to follow national guidance during these times.*

*If your child is moving on to primary school after the summer and does not normally attend on a Thursday afternoon, please drop them off at **1:00pm** and pick them up again at **2:30pm**. Likewise, if your pre-school child normally attends a Thursday morning only, we will keep them here at the nursery and provide them with lunch. They should also be picked up at **2:30pm**.*

This is very much a bittersweet term with all the celebrations surrounding transitions and the sadness of saying goodbye. Although I have only been with Lyoncross Nursery for a short time, I have become very fond of the children and families that make it such a special place to work in.

So, with much love and pride, I wish all our children and families moving on, the happiest and most successful futures. Please do not be strangers.





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Curriculum

Curraicealam

Throughout this final term there has been a great emphasis on emotional wellbeing as we prepare to wave goodbye to our pre-school children. This is not just an emotional time for those leaving but it can also prove difficult for those being left behind due to the strong friendships made, including the adults!

The children have also had lots of fun developing their literacy skills through expressive arts experiences as they practise for the graduation celebrations. So many opportunities have arisen to support their talking and listening skills.

The outdoors has also provided many numeracy experiences for all. From measure to problem solving, the children have had lots of fun exploring these concepts, independently and as a wider team.

As the sun continues to shine, we have leaped at the opportunities to develop our knowledge and skills within Science. Many children have enjoyed planting and caring for the nursery garden. We have also been delighted to see how they have taken on the challenge of transferring these skills at home when growing their sunflowers.



Outdoor Learning

Lonnsachadh a-muigh

We have been very lucky to have worked with Cameron and Rich again from Stramash. They continue to support our practice outdoors by sharing their knowledge and expertise in the field. The children benefited from the staff training on the use of ropes, hammocks and fire building within the nursery and Crookston Woods.

We are also excited about the playground work planned for the summer. The fencing currently separating the Gaelic and English Medium rooms will be removed with the Gaelic



ground also being resurfaced. I look forward to involving you and the children in the plans going forward. I would very much like our nursery and its grounds to become central to the community so your suggestions for providing exciting spaces to grow and learn, despite age, are welcomed.

Transitions

Caochladhadh

Although our transition plans may not have gone completely to plan in terms of school visits and graduation celebrations, we have worked closely with the primaries to share all information about each individual child moving on. This will ensure a smooth and positive transition when the time comes.

Your Voice

Guthan

In our last newsletter, I asked you to kindly complete a form to let me know what day and time would suit best to meet virtually using Google Meet. Below are the results from the 23 responses received.

1. What day of the week suits you best to meet?

[More Details](#)

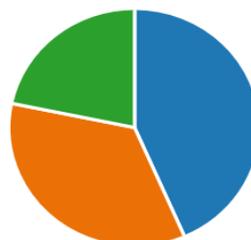
Monday	7
Tuesday	3
Wednesday	4
Thursday	4
Friday	5



2. What time of day suits you best to meet?

[More Details](#)

10.00-11.00am	10
2.00-3.00pm	8
6.00-7.00pm	5



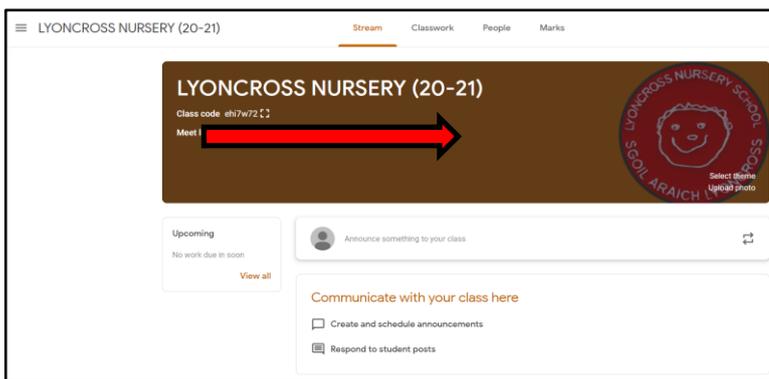


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*As you can see, it is impossible to suit everyone, however, I would like to give **Monday 21 June 2021 at 10am** a go to see how we get on. We could certainly vary the days and times moving forward to try and maximise the number of families engaging. Experimenting over the summer to find out what might work best may be a start.*



Please log into Google Classroom using your child's details already shared and click on the 'Meet Link' as shown above. You will be asked if you want your camera and microphone to be accessed.



Social Media

Meadhanan Sòisealta

Unfortunately, there have been technical issues with our nursery blog. I am currently liaising with the authority technician service to resolve what appears to be a permission problem and will let you know as soon as it is resolved.

*In the meantime, please continue to follow us on Twitter (**@LLyoncross**) to keep up to date with our daily adventures. Rather than duplicating work, we will cease use of our Facebook account at the end of the month. Twitter and the blog will therefore become our main source of communication with regards to learning experiences. With restrictions still in place, we are very conscious of using any creative means to build that bond with you all, so please do not be afraid to make suggestions. I am only a phone call away!*



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Summer Parties

Partaidh an t-samhradh

Our summer parties will take place on Wednesday 23 June 2021. Children have been receiving their invitations stating whether it is the morning or afternoon party that they will be attending on that day. As we are unable to mix bubbles and are limited with numbers, children will only attend for the party and not the full day. If there are any issues with this, please do not hesitate in contacting me.



Nursery Funds

Maoinean Sgoil Àraich

The team would like to thank you all for your generosity over the past couple of weeks. You successfully raised a total of £1702 for our sponsored scavenger hunt which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Our local community also took the opportunity to support us at this time with Joanne 'A' Munch and Peanut Contracts LTD both donating money to the fund. Every penny of this will go straight to the children in the form of graduation celebrations and the purchase of some new resources identified by the children themselves.

Your weekly contributions to the Toy Fund continue to fund our regular experiences such as birthday presents, baking, cooking, treats for the woods visits etc. Many thanks as always for this support. For those families just joining us, the Toy Fund is £2 per week/£3 per week if two children are attending the nursery. This can simply be handed into the nursery, or if you would prefer to pay electronically, the nursery bank details are as follows:

Sort Code- 873733

Account Number - 72863862



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Please note that in order to identify who has paid into the account it is important that you use your **child's name as the payment reference**. Some parents even prefer to set this up as a standing order that can be paid weekly/monthly.



Sun Protection

Dionadh bhòn Ghrian

After our recent spate of glorious weather (long may it continue), we would encourage sun cream to be applied before attending nursery with us topping up throughout the session as normal procedure (with consent). We would also recommend that your child wears long sleeves and a sun hat to ensure the best possible protection.

Staffing

Luchd Obrach

This month we have said goodbye to one of our catering staff, Willie, who has moved on to another job. We wish him much luck.

Emma Byres, one of our CDOs who has been on maternity leave, will return to Lyoncross Nursery at the end of June. She will be working with the Iona children, and we all look forward to her joining the team once again.

Cara Honeyman, one of our Gaelic CDOs, celebrated a very special birthday this month. Happy 21st! I can only wish I could remember far back enough to mine.

Finally, as I have already informed you, we unfortunately lose Julie McGowan this summer after her successful interview for Head of Helenslea Nursery in Parkhead. Although, I am personally and professionally sad at having to say goodbye, I could not be happier for her. Helenslea Nursery do not know how lucky they are.



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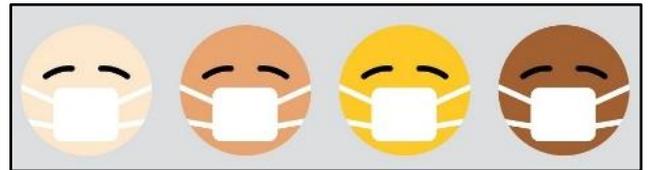
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COVID-19

Please inform us immediately if your child or in anyone in your family develops the signs/symptoms of COVID-19. It is best to do this by email (headteacher@lyoncross-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk) as these messages can be picked up out of hours. It is paramount that details of a positive test result are shared immediately so we may follow procedures and help contain any possibility of transmission.

Your support in wearing face masks and following the one-way system when dropping off and collecting children is also appreciated by all families and staff. It is important that we continue to work together to ensure we protect our community.



Change of Details

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It is imperative that we hold the correct details to contact you in an emergency. Please inform Arlene in the office immediately of changes made to your or other contact information currently on file.



Polo-shirts/Sweatshirts

Ièine-t/Geansaidh

Polo-shirts are available through the Tesco website <https://myclothing.com/contact>. Just simply follow the link and search for Lyoncross. Please note that uniform is not compulsory.



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Complaints and Suggestions

Gearan Agus Molaidhean

It is our aim at Lyoncross Nursery to work in partnership with you throughout your child(ren)'s time at the nursery. To do this successfully, we need to ensure our communication is open, honest, purposeful and accessible to all. During such unprecedented times where we miss the regular face to face contact with each and every one of you, I would welcome any suggestions on improving our communication.

This also applies to any other aspects of our service, whether that be suggestions for improvement, or concerns that you may have about your child(ren). Therefore, please do not hesitate in making an appointment with Arlene in the office to speak with me.

Thanking you all for your continued support,

Angela & the staff team





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APPENDIX 1

Dates for your Diary/ Laithean Sonraichte

TERM TIME	
<i>Thursday 17 June 2021</i>	<i>Graduation</i>
<i>Wednesday 23 June 2021</i>	<i>Summer Parties (9-00-12-00pm or 1-00-4-00pm)</i>
<i>17 June 2021</i>	<i>Graduation Ceremony</i>
<i>Thursday 24 June 2021</i>	<i>Nursery closes at 1-00pm</i>
<i>Monday 16 August 2021</i>	<i>Children return to nursery</i>

52 WEEK	
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<i>Wednesday 23 June 2021</i>	<i>Summer Parties (9-00-12-00pm or 1-00-4-00pm)</i>
<i>17 June 2021</i>	<i>Graduation Ceremony</i>
<i>Monday 19 July 2021</i>	<i>Glasgow Fair Holiday</i>
<i>Friday 30 July 2021</i>	<i>Pre-school children begin family holiday period before starting school</i>

