



Lyoncross Nursery School/Sgoil Àraich Lyoncross

Newsletter – September/October 2021



Dear Parent/Guardian

A Phàraint/Neach-cùraim choir

A huge welcome to all our new families who have joined us over the past few weeks. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you all. It has also been great welcoming our term time families back. I can't quite believe how the children have grown in such a short period of time.

As always, the days turn into weeks, and the weeks turn into months. Oh, no! I sound like my mum! Anyways, Autumn is now upon us and with it the wonders of the changing colours and the wetter weather. Since the children have full ownership of learning outdoors or indoors, we encourage appropriate clothing to be worn and extra changes to be kept in bags (especially socks). Even on the driest of days, the children are keen to play with water, often making mud as they do.

With mitigations continuing to suppress the transmission of COVID-19 and the resulting loosening of the number of adults permitted to meet indoors and outdoors, I am keen to have more involvement with families within the nursery. Of course, the health and wellbeing of all is paramount, and these may take place outdoors such as our Into the Woods programme, but I am sure you will agree how important it is. Suggestions such as Outdoor Stay and Play sessions are welcomed. Just let me know what you are comfortable with.





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Curriculum

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The start of a new term brings lots of changes – we see children returning to make new friendships as others have left to move on to school, and new children finding their feet as they venture into the nursery from the familiar settings of their homes. Such adjustments can be difficult for all involved – big and small. For that reason, we have spent a lot of time reconnecting, building new relationships and familiarising ourselves with new routines. The health and wellbeing of everyone in Lyoncross Nursery is fundamental to its success and we therefore do not apologise for the time spent doing so.

As staff interact and make observations, planning for the next steps in learning for the individuals in their groups continues to be a priority. By following the children's interests and personalising experiences there has been a variety of learning going on across the nursery. Lots of gross motor skill development, and personal and interpersonal skills growing with the variety of outdoor experiences on offer, and many literacy and numeracy based activities using phonological awareness and rhyme, number recognition and counting, continue to be shared both indoors and outdoors.

At the foundations of all learning taking place in Lyoncross Nursery, those all important social and emotional skills remain a focus. As does the talking and listening that goes on in almost every interaction. Remembering, that some of the most valuable learning occurs without a word spoken and where words are heard using our eyes only!

With COP26 just around the corner, as a nursery we will be focusing on sustainability and the role we play in looking after our planet. It also links in very well with the long term plans for our outdoor area. Watch this space for the numerous STEM learning experiences that will be offer across the nursery during this extremely important time.





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Outdoor Learning

Lonnsachadh a-muigh

A huge thank you to our staff who have led the 'Nurture Through Nature' programme over the past few weeks. I have enjoyed hearing about the relationships being built and seeing the photographs of the different experiences on offer. These types of opportunities to engage parents/carers in their child's learning is priceless. The positive impact on the children is truly beyond understanding!

So, the fencing separating the Gaelic and English Medium rooms was finally removed and the Gaelic ground resurfaced over the holidays. The children have just thoroughly embraced the opportunity to play and work together when outdoors. It is an absolute pleasure to watch.

We have started to consult as a staff team using observations of how the children use the space and speaking with them through the use of visuals to find out what we would all like our playground to look like and what we want it to provide. It is important that you are also part of this planning process, so I would encourage a small short-term working party of parents/carers to get together that would be interested in moving the plans forward and possibly leading some fundraising for resources. A space for the community to be involved in would be the perfect vision! Please get in touch if this is something that you would be interested in.





Your Voice

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Many thanks to the families who contributed to our new vision, values and aims that can be found below.

OUR VISION

Ensuring the best outcomes for all by valuing positive relationships and a strong sense of community, that inspire and nurture a life-long love for learning in each unique individual.

OUR AIMS

Together, we aim to create a nurturing, inclusive and provocative environment that captures a sense of curiosity and wonder, and that allows every member of our Gaelic and diverse community to thrive - big and small.

By celebrating the uniqueness of all, and by meeting individual needs, we will work in partnership to ensure our children and community, independently and collectively, are successful.

OUR VALUES

- *Relationships*
- *Respect*
- *Resilience*
- *Responsibility*



Wonder, Inspire and Thrive Together!



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As part of the final stages of the process, could I please ask you to spend literally a couple of minutes completing the following form by clicking on the link.

[V, V & A PARENT/CARER FORM](#)

I am keen to maximise the number of families engaging with their child's learning and therefore open to any suggestions that you may have to encourage this. Please do not hesitate in getting in touch.



[Social Media](#)

[Meadhanan Sòisealta](#)

Please continue to follow us on Twitter ([@LLyoncross](#)) to keep up to date with our daily adventures. As it is one of our main sources of communication during these times, we welcome your comments on the posts so don't be afraid to share your thoughts. If you would like to share photos or videos from home, please send these to headteacher@lyoncross-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk with a short blurb that could accompany the post. These will then be added to our account.

[Nursery Funds](#)

[Maoinean Sgoil Àraich](#)

The children and staff would like to thank you all for your generosity over the past couple of months. Your weekly contributions to the Toy Fund have funded numerous resources and experiences, ranging from trains, tracks and cars, dolls clothing, to food and ingredients for both our woods visits and our cooking and baking experiences. It has also allowed us to purchase our fish and all that comes with looking after them. We have also been able to make new additions to our environments to make them much cosier – material, mirrors, plants, lights, rugs etc. Many thanks as always for this support.



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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***

*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.*

Staffing

Luchd Obrach

Over the past couple of months, we have said goodbye to Peter our janitor, and Car one of our SFL workers from the Harris Room. We wish them both much luck in their new adventures.

We have also welcomed Nicola and Brian to the Lyoncross Team. Brian has enjoyed working with our English medium children on a temporary basis, and Nicola has been busy working with Arlene in the office. You may have also met James our temporary janitor and June one of the Lollipop Patrol who has been helping maintain our grounds. It's a pleasure to have them all with us.

Finally, both Chloe McG. and Chloe McS. celebrated their 21st! birthdays within a matter of weeks of each other. Lots of fun was certainly had.



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COVID-19

It is important that we remain vigilant and ask that you do not send your child to nursery if they display any signs of COVID-19. I am aware that as the weather changes and we see more viruses such as the common cold and coughs appear, it is not as easy to differentiate between the symptoms. However, a dry continuous cough and temperature remain signs of possible infection, so we urge you to err on the side of caution.

Please continue to keep us informed by phone or email (headteacher@lyoncross-nursery.glasgow.sch.uk) if your child is not attending nursery due to COVID-19 or for any other reason. Recording accurate reasons for absences from the nursery is an important aspect of our job.

Your support in wearing face masks and following the one-way system when dropping off and collecting children also continues to be appreciated.

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 or Nicola in the office immediately of changes made to any contact information currently on file.



Polo-shirts/Sweatshirts

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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/ Nicola in the office to speak with me.

Thanking you all for your continued support,

Angela & the staff team





APPENDIX 1

Dates for your Diary/ Laithean Sonraichte

TERM TIME	
<i>Friday 8 October</i>	<i>In-Service Day 3</i>
<i>Monday 11 October - Friday 15 October</i>	<i>October Break</i>
<i>Monday 18 October</i>	<i>Children return</i>
<i>Thursday 23 December</i>	<i>Nursery closes at 2.30pm</i>
<i>Friday 24 December - Tuesday 4 January</i>	<i>Winter Break</i>
<i>Wednesday 5 January</i>	<i>Children return</i>
<i>Monday 14 February - Tuesday 15 February</i>	<i>February Break</i>
<i>Wednesday 16 February</i>	<i>In-Service Day 4</i>
<i>Thursday 17 February</i>	<i>Children return</i>

52 WEEK	
<i>Friday 8 October</i>	<i>In-Service Day 3</i>
<i>Friday 24 December</i>	<i>Nursery closes</i>
<i>Monday 27 December - Tuesday 4 January</i>	<i>Winter Break</i>
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APPENDIX 2

Lunches/ Lòn

LUNCHES – WEEK 1	
Monday	Homemade Soup Quorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice and Fresh Veg Milk/ Water
Tuesday	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding with Potatoes and Veg Yoghurt and Fruit Milk/ Water
Wednesday	Homemade Soup Fish Fingers with Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Milk/ Water
Thursday	Sweet Chilli Quorn Pitta Pocket with Side Salad Yoghurt and Fruit Milk/ Water
Friday	Homemade Soup Cheese Sandwich/Roll Milk/ Water

LUNCHES – WEEK 2	
Monday	Homemade Soup Baked Means on Toast with Fresh Veg Milk/Water
Tuesday	Savoury Mince with Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Yoghurt and Fruit Milk/ Water
Wednesday	BBQ Chicken Breast with Diced Potatoes and Side Salad Yoghurt and Fruit Milk/ Water
Thursday	Homemade Soup Cheese Sandwich/Roll and Side Salad Milk/Water
Friday	Homemade Soup Fish Fingers with Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Milk/Water

SNACKS – WEEK 1	
Monday	Cream Crackers, Cheese and Orange Fromage Frais and Apple
Tuesday	Banana Roll and Grapes Bread Sticks, Carrot, Cucumber, Yogurt Dip and Tangerine
Wednesday	Pitta Bread, Cheese Portion and Melon Chicken Roll and Apple
Thursday	Banana Loaf and Grapes Oatcake, Cheddar Cheese and Melon
Friday	Crumpet and Apple Turkey Sandwich and Banana

SNACKS – WEEK 2	
Monday	Bread Sticks, Carrot, Cucumber, Yoghurt Dip and Banana Cheese Roll and Cherry Tomatoes
Tuesday	Crumpet and Grapes Chicken Sandwich and Kiwi
Wednesday	Pitta Bread, Cheese Portion and Apple Fromage Frais and Banana
Thursday	Banana Roll and Melon Fairy Cake and Orange
Friday	Turkey Roll and Cherry Tomatoes Cream Crackers, Cheddar Cheese and Apple

LUNCHES – WEEK 3	
Monday	Quorn Goujon and Potato Wedges with Fresh Veg Yoghurt and Fruit Milk/Water
Tuesday	Homemade Soup Lasagne and Crusty Bread with Seasonal Veg Milk/Water
Wednesday	Homemade Soup Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding with Potatoes and Veg Milk/Water
Thursday	Sausages in Gravy with Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Yoghurt and Fruit Milk/Water
Friday	Homemade Soup Fish Cake with Potato Wedges and Seasonal Veg Milk/Water

LUNCHES – WEEK 4	
Monday	Homemade Soup Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread and Side Salad Milk/Water
Tuesday	Oven Baked Fish with Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Yoghurt and Fruit Milk/Water
Wednesday	Baked Beans on Toast with Fresh Veg Yoghurt and Fruit Milk/Water
Thursday	Homemade Soup Mince Pie with Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Milk/Water
Friday	Homemade Soup Chicken Fajita with Diced Potatoes and Seasonal Veg Milk/Water

SNACKS – WEEK 3	
Monday	Oatcakes, Cheddar Cheese and Kiwi Chicken Roll and Banana
Tuesday	Lemon and Sultana Muffin and Grapes Cheese Sandwich and Cherry Tomatoes
Wednesday	Banana Roll and Melon Bread Sticks, Carrot, Cucumber, Yoghurt Dip and Banana
Thursday	Tuna Sandwich and Apple Fromage Frais and Orange
Friday	Banana Loaf and Tangerine Pitta Bread, Cheese Portion and Apple

SNACKS – WEEK 4	
Monday	Bread Sticks, Carrot, Cucumber, Yoghurt Dip and Banana Chicken Roll and Banana
Tuesday	Pitta Bread, Cheese Portion and Apple Crumpet and Kiwi
Wednesday	Banana Roll and Melon Lemon and Sultana Muffin and Grapes
Thursday	Turkey Sandwich and Apple Fromage Frais and Orange
Friday	Banana Loaf and Tangerine Cheese Sandwich and Cherry Tomatoes