

Help Indigo Grow!!

We have had an exciting month organising our gardening group at 29 Dunagoil Road. We have recently been granted a Learning Outdoor Fund in order to develop our Outdoor Learning Environment, with this fund the children involved in our Gardening group have been drawing up plans and making mind maps of how they wish the garden to be developed. They have ordered a variety of outdoor resources online and have also visited the local B&Q where they had the chance to pick up useful tools and some plants for our garden. We have also been in contact with local tree surgeons in the hope that we can source some old logs and tree stumps as well as been in touch with the local TA who have supplied us with camouflage netting for the children's den area. Staff family members have also been involved supplying us with large electrical reels.



Our Early Years base at 123 Castlemilk Drive have also begun developing their Outdoor Learning Environment by firstly erecting bamboo fencing. This will give the children privacy for outdoor learning to take place without distractions. They then have lots of exciting ideas to develop this space! They have been given tyres from a garage which we will fill with sand, soil, use to plant flowers and also use in physical activities as stepping stones. They have also been in contact with a local tree surgeon who is keen to supply us with a tree trunk for the area. We will keep you updated on the progress of this application.

As always, we are keen to hear your views, opinions and suggestions. If you have any ideas for the Outdoor Areas in either of our bases, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

The Parents Council

As you may be aware, we have recently formed a 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 and allows parents to become involved in monitoring the quality of the services which we provide. We also discuss fundraising ideas and organise events. For example, at the moment we are organising a Fundraising Night. 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 which will take place on Tuesday 17th April 2012. Creche facilities are available.



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.

Points of Interest

- Gardening Group
- Events
- Fundraising
- Parents Council
- Dates To Remember
- Birthdays

Staff News

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Book Bug Training—Gail, Vicky, Lesley and Alison

REHIS—Claire McCabe attending the food handling course

Smile Too—Our support staff Louise, Natalie, Claire, Barbara and Alison. Our Peri Worker Eileen and Nancy, one of our Sessional Workers.

Grow your own—Lynn

Severe Allergy Training—Carly

What have we been up to?

Outdoors & The Environment

We have been working extremely hard in order to promote the benefits of outdoor learning. Did you know ?.....

- Children can sometimes behave differently outdoors. Quiet children may speak more while others may become more calm and focused.
- The multi-sensory experience can help children to retain knowledge more effectively. Giving children the opportunity to learn with their whole bodies on a larger scale
- Scottish Universities have made several studies on the benefits of Outdoor Learning and have stated that children who have experience diverse natural settings are more physical active, more aware of nutrition, more civil to one another and more creative!



Developing Literacy

This month we have been celebrating 'World Book Day' each playroom has been putting an extra emphasis on the fun of early literacy through exploring and extending the children's knowledge of rhymes and stories.

On Thursday 15th March, Marilyn Yates from Osborne Books will be set up a book stall in the foyer of 29 which children whereparents could purchase a variety of books, each child will receive a £1 voucher from their key worker that can be used. Our Early Years base at 123 Castlemilk Drive will be having their book fair on Tuesday 20th March 3pm-5.30pm. Again, all children will receive a £1 voucher which can be used on this day.

Parents please note that all books must be paid for on the day.

Responsible Citizens

On Friday 23rd March, we will be walking a mile for 'Sports Relief'. Parents are welcome to come along and support the children. All money raised will be sent to different parts of the world in order to help disadvantaged children. On the day it would be great if your child could wear red and appropriate outdoor clothing, donations are also welcome.

Developing Friendships & Physical Activities

The children from our Early Years base at 123 Castlemilk Drive have been accessing the Dance Studio within Castlemilk Swimming Pool once every fortnight. They have been engaging in physical activities such as Sticky Kids, Action games and movement to music as well as having some free play.

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

A big welcome to Nico in the Moonlight Room and a big good luck to our friends who have moved from the Moonlight Room to the Starlight Room

Room Changes

You may have noticed some changes within our 0-3 playrooms. Marion has now moved into the Sunlight Room and will now job share with Natalie our fulltime support worker. Debby has moved to the Moonlight Room and will job share with Dawn Moffat while also working in the office at the end of the week. All staff have been involved in room visits in order to get to know their new groups and ensure the children are happy within their day at nursery.

Indigo Early Years at 123 Castlemilk Drive

A big welcome to

Thabo, CJ, Kacper, Ava D and Kobi and their families.

We hope you enjoy your time with The Indigo Group

Communication Wall

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

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.
- Can we remind parents to take used clothing home and to ensure that they check they are taking home their own children's clothing.
- Again can we remind you to check which playroom you require before using the entry buzzer
- Can you also ensure your child removes their jacket & outdoor shoes before entering the playroom.
- 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 for spring holidays on
Friday 6th April—Monday 9th April

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

www.indigogrp.com



Marie Curie Fundraiser

Mark Hutton our part time Support Worker is undertaking an AMAZING CHALLENGE by trekking of the Great Wall of China in order to raise funds for the Marie Curie Cancer Fund. Sadly Mark's brother-in-law recently passed away through cancer and as he has received a lot of help and support from the charity Mark would like to give something back. In order to participate in this trek Mark needs to raise £3000, he has been working very hard organising fundraising nights and passing out sponsor sheets. If you would like to help Mark achieve his goal and give to a great charity then please see a member of staff for a sponsor sheet or go directly to www.justgiving.com/markhuttonchina

We would like to wish Mark all the best on his venture and are so proud of his efforts

Indigo Staff Run for [our children's] fun!!



The Indigo Group staff team are participating in this year's Woman's 10K held on Sunday 13th May. All money raised will go directly to resources for our children. Sponsor forms will be available nearer the time. Children and family members are also welcome to come along to cheer along the staff as they complete the route in their 'Indi-gogo' themed tutus and feather boas.

Happy Birthday

March

3rd—Amy K 1 year old
3rd—Kai 5 years old
3rd—Tia 4 years old
11th— Joseph P 2 years old
16th—Zak 2 years old
17th—Summer 2 years old
22nd—Megan R 5 years old
29th—Lucie 2 years old

April

3rd—Ava B 2 years old
3rd—Calan 3 years
3rd—David 5 years old
6th—Harrison 3 years old
12th—Lennon 3 years old
15th—Mia McD 4 years
17th—Aimee 3 years old
18th—Carli 4 years old
21st—Lana 4 years old
21st—Billie 3 years old
23rd—Logan Mc 4 years old
23rd—Kobi 1 year old
29th—Amellia 3 years old
30th—Kyran 3 years old