

Carmichael Newsletter - October 2023

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Message from Head of Centre



Dear Parents and carer's

I hope you have had a pleasant and relaxing time over the September weekend. I know you have all been affected by the recent strike so this has been understandably a bit more unsettling.

There is definitely an autumnal feel to the weather now but this hasn't stopped the children at Carmichael from learning outdoors. Children access outdoors daily and as with indoors the experiences are very much child led and recent interests include the mud kitchen, recycling plastic bottles to make bird feeders, using loose parts to role play and build, developing their awareness of forces using tyres and loose parts and developing their special awareness.

Indoors, our young learners have been very busy throughout September and particular interests include den building, Incorporating the three bears story into block play, modelling with clay, reading stories, mark making and exploring sensory resources. The children have chosen to make fairy cakes in the baking area and are learning to follow a recipe and measure the ingredients. Our story of the moment is "All are welcome" and staff are sparkling the word welcome.

Through your child's online journal (Seesaw) we will be documenting some of the learning your child has been involved in and we continue to share our learning on twitter. Please consult both regularly and share the photographs and learning experiences with your child as this is a great starting point for talking about learning.

Our numbers in Carmichael continue to rise and we have welcomed many new families since the start of the new school year in August. Our children have a variety of different patterns of attendance throughout the week to meet the needs of the individual families. We strive to ensure they all access the full range of experiences regardless of their pattern of attendance.

Yours faithfully

Julie Shields

Head of Nursery

Eco-Friendly Nursery



As an eco-friendly nursery, we will email and post the link to our monthly newsletter, and any other important information, to all parents who have given us their email address. If you require a paper copy please collect one from the nursery office. Don't forget to keep us up to date with any changes to contact details including your email address or mobile phone number.

Lunches



Our new free flow lunch routine is working very well and feedback from staff and children is very positive. The lunch menu is written daily on the chalk board in the corridor and is posted onto Seesaw monthly. It is a rolling four-week menu so is the same every four weeks. Occasionally there are changes made to this on the day and we will update this on the chalk board in the corridor. Staff keep a record daily of what children have eaten and this can be found on the wall when entering the Diamond room.

Parent Consultations



We have formal consultations with parents/carers twice a year-

Week beginning 13th and 20th November 23. Your child's key worker will be in touch with you to arrange a time a date that suits you. Consultations can be carried out face to face in nursery or over the telephone if this is preferable to you.

Week beginning 11th March 24- for children who begin Carmichael after November 23. Your child's key worker will be in touch with you to arrange a time a date that suits you. Consultations can be carried out face to face in nursery or over the telephone if this is preferable to you.

Week beginning 27th May and 3rd June 24. Your child's key worker will be in touch with you to arrange a time a date that suits you. Consultations can be carried out face to face in nursery or over the telephone if this is preferable to you.

These are formal meetings to discuss your child's progress with their keyworker.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of us at anytime if you wish to discuss your child and how they are doing out with these dates.

End Period Poverty



If you or any member of your family require sanitary products, please speak with a member or email and we will arrange a discreet collection of the required items.

Children's Belongings

We know that children have a lot of items to carry to nursery each day however it is important they bring the following items daily as we go outdoors in all weathers.

- Wellies
- Indoor shoes
- Waterproof clothing (dungarees/trousers and jacket or full suit)
- Hats and gloves
- A change of clothing including socks and underwear- they may have a toilet accident or get wet/muddy during outdoor play or at the water tray



All items should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Please do not use carrier bags as these are unsafe in our cloakroom area and pose a suffocation risk- please use a cloth bag or rucksack. If you need us to provide a shoe bag please ask.

Hallowe'en



From Wednesday 25th October until Tuesday 31st October we will be enjoying some Hallowe'en type experiences throughout the nursery. While there is no formal Hallowe'en party this will include opportunities for songs, games, dooking for apples, carving pumpkins and other Hallowe'en activities throughout the week. Children do not need to dress up every day (Unless they want to) and they should not bring accessories.

Celebrating Learning and Achievements

We record children's learning and achievements in their online journal and our achievement wall. Please feel free to add your children's achievements from home into their online journal. Alternatively, they can be added to our achievement wall at any time. We will use this to display photos and comments celebrating successes- simply select a postcard from the basket to record this and hand to a member of staff. Photos can be shared on twitter, Seesaw or emailed in for printing if required. Postcards can be picked up from the basket at the parents sign ins.



Parental Involvement Working Party

The parental involvement working party have been working alongside the staff in the Literacy Area to develop our new space. The staff and children are continuously working hard to ensure it is a warm, inviting and enjoyable area to explore stories.

This month we are inviting our parents/carers to come in and share a story with us in our new story area. This can be a story brought from home, or a nursery story. We would also encourage any of our parents/carers who wish to share a story with us in their home language, or a story that is

significant to their family. There is no pressure for this activity you are welcome to share one quick story or stay for a bit longer, we are just happy to have our families involved.





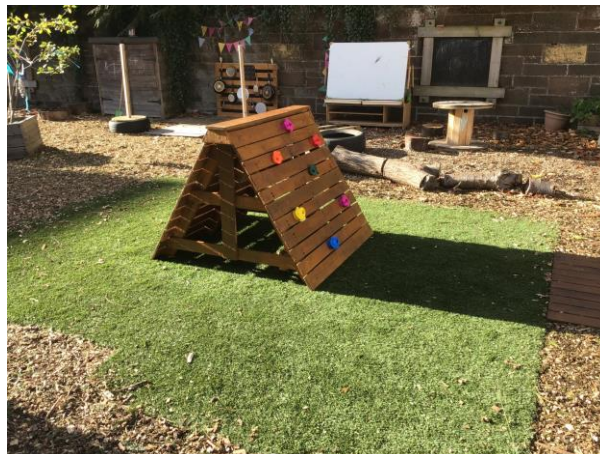
Outdoor Working Party

We have been developing our outdoor space and this is one of the priorities on our improvement plan and we are delighted to share our progress with you.

We would like to give a huge thank you to Martin, one of our parent/carer helpers who has given up his time to help us in this process. Martin has built us a climbing frame, a water wall, and a car using all recycled and donated resources. All the staff and children at Carmichael Nursery really appreciate all you have done for us.

If there is something you would like to help out with or offer up your skills, please speak to a member of staff, we would be delighted to have your support.

Last month our Outdoor working party provided some home link bags. These encouraged families to reuse and recycle to create bird feeders. We would like to thank all our families who got involved. If you have any suggestions for other home link bag ideas please do not hesitate to get in touch.





Parent/Carer Committee



The parents/carers committee play a vital role in supporting and promoting the work of Carmichael and play a particular key role in fundraising. Please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 25th October at 9.15am.

We really appreciate you taking time out of your busy lives to help support us in the work that we do.

Dates for your diary



All children can attend throughout the year except for the children with a term time place who should attend in line with schools only. Non term time children have a 48 week place and can attend each day except public holidays and in service days.

If your child is not term time, please ensure you also advise us if your child is on holiday or not going to attend during any school holiday periods.

Please note the following dates:

October

- Friday, 13 October 2023 (In-Service Day)- Nursery Closed
- Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 October 2023 (October Week)- Nursery closed to term time children

December - Christmas and New Year

- Monday, 25 December 2023 - Tuesday, 2 January 2024- Nursery Closed

January

- Wednesday 3 January 2024- Nursery re opens to 52-week children
- Monday 8 January 2024- Term time children return

February

- Monday 12, Tuesday 13 February 2024- Mid-term break for term time children
- Wednesday, 14 February 2024 (In-service day)- Nursery Closed

April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

- Good Friday 29 March 2024- Nursery Closed
- Easter Monday 1 April 2024- Nursery Closed
- Monday, 1 April - Friday, 12 April 2024 – Nursery closed to term time children
- Monday, 15 April 2024- Term Time children return

May

- Thursday, 2 May 2024 (In-service day to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)- Nursery Closed
- Monday, 6 May 2024 (May Holiday)- Nursery Closed
- Friday, 24 May 2024 and Monday, 27 May 2024 (May Weekend)- Nursery Closed

June

- Wednesday 26 June 2024- Term time children stop for summer break

July

Monday 15 July (Public holiday) – Nursery Closed

Nursery Fund





At Carmichael nursery, we ask parents/carers to contribute to our nursery fund, this money is used to supplement resources, in particular for sensory activities such as shaving foam, making playdough and gloop. We purchase additional items to help make our environments attractive such as flowers for the lunch tables, plants for the playrooms. We use it to purchase additional snack items such as for special occasions and celebrations, baking and to purchase items for our Family Learning Bags. We collect £3 per week and our preferred method of payment is for parents/carers to set up a weekly standing order: **Account number: 00182706. Sort code: 801506** with your child's name and base room as a reference. Alternatively, you can pay by cash or cheque if you wish. We will be having a member of staff in the corridor at certain times throughout the week who you can pay cash or cheque to, these can also be handed into the office if you prefer. We are very grateful for your contributions as without it we would be unable to provide these activities and experiences for the children so please can we ask that you make regular contributions

Nursery Absence



In Carmichael, we value regular attendance and encourage you to bring your child each day unless they are unwell.

If your child is going to be absent from nursery please e-mail Headteacher@carmichael-nursery-glasgow.sch.uk to inform us prior to their session starting. Alternatively, please telephone (0141 649 5668) before 9.30am (Morning/full day children) or 1.30pm (Afternoon children).

Please ensure you advise us if your child is on holiday at anytime.

Your Feedback



If you have any questions or feedback please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please send any questions, feedback or suggestions using any of the methods below,

Contact Us

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Complaints

We hope that you are happy with our service, but if you have any concerns whatsoever please do not hesitate to speak with your child's key worker or to the Head of Establishment, Julie Shields as quickly as possible.