



Gartconner Early Learning and Childcare

October/November 2018



Please remember to pop a pebble into our question of the week pots. We value your feedback on how we are doing.



Updates

Mrs Boyd is working hard to develop our Daily Mile Initiative. We would ask all children attending session hours to keep their jacket and outdoor shoes on so we can go straight out to complete our daily mile at the beginning of the session. Any parents wishing to join us are more than welcome.

Big Pink Party

In aid of Breast Cancer Awareness Month we are holding a **Big Pink Party** on Thursday 25th October. We invite all children to wear something **pink** and enjoy the **pink** fun and games. All donations welcome, our donation bucket will be at the entrance all day.

What we are learning about?

Butterfly Room

We are currently learning about "Autumn". We will be looking at the different colours autumn brings by taking part in autumn walks and incorporating autumn into our arts and crafts. We will also explore different autumn objects using our senses of touch and smell.

Caterpillar Room

As part of our Halloween learning children will take part in a 'Spooky Week' from the 29th October to the 2nd November. Children will be able to dress up on a day of their choice and join in on Halloween themed games and learning.

(Please see Parents' Wall for all other information)

Blake

'Jack Skellington'



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Policy under review

We are currently reviewing our **Staff Policy** and would love to hear your views on how we can engage with parents/carers and children on the appointment of new staff members. This is displayed at the front entrance.

Dates for your diary

Daily Mile – Beginning of both sessions

Spooky Week – 29th Oct – 2nd Nov

Big Chef, Little Chef – 5th Nov -9th Nov

Stay and Play – 12th Nov – 16th Nov

Treat fund

Please could all parents remember to make a contribution to our treat fund of £2 per week.

Each child will be provided with their own individual purse to collect the money each week. These can be accessed at your child's group table at collection and drop off times.

Our treat fund not only contributes to your child's healthy snack and fresh fruit daily it also helps us to raise money towards new resources, outings and parties. Without this fund we won't be able to ensure all our lovely events.

Any parents who wish to discuss this further please contact Head Teacher or Team Leader.



Parents' Information Wall

Mrs Robinson has been working hard to create a place to share important information. We will display our planning and helpful tips in this area. It is displayed on the wall at the entrance door; please take a look next time you are visiting.

If you wish to join our Parent Council please speak to a member of staff. Your interest is much appreciated.

Nursery Hours

Morning funded session 8.40 am – 11.50 am

If your child attends the morning session please endeavour to have him/her in the nursery by 8.50am and ensure that he/she is collected between 11.40 am and 11.50am.

Afternoon funded Session 12.50 pm – 4.00 pm

If your child attends the afternoon session please endeavour to have him/her in the nursery by 1pm and ensure that he/she is collected between 3.50pm and 4pm.

Extended day places

Full extended day session 8am – 5pm or 6pm
Morning extended day session 8am – 12noon or 1pm
Afternoon extended day session 1pm – 5pm or 6pm

We appreciate children with siblings will be picked up around school finishing times, we ask parents who will be collecting their child to please come between 2:50pm and 3:10pm to ensure little disruption to the other children attending the session.