



Gartconner Early Learning and Childcare

May/June 2019

Parents/ committee/ helpers

We are always looking for input from parent/carers. Some parents/ children and staff are currently designing a new logo for Gartconner. We are revisiting our 'Vision, Values and Aims'. If you would like to participate please see Rachel or Caroline.

Staffing Updates

Congratulations to Ross in the Butterfly Room who got married on Saturday 11th May 2019. We wish the newly weds all the best for the future.



New starts

Megan Kane and Leanne Ritchie will be two new staff who will be starting in the afternoons (1-6pm). Both staff bring a range of experience and knowledge – we look forward to them joining us in late May.

Staff training

Angela Curtis recently attended training on Sun safety.

Caroline Cowan recently attend training on Learning Journals.

All new staff will receive induction training on May in service day.

What we are learning about?

Butterfly Room

Learning basic colours through play

Developing our outdoor environment

Looking at mini beasts/ sun safety

Caterpillar Room

This term the children will be learning all about

Summer – appropriate clothing

Minibeasts – patterns/ symmetry/ counting

We will continue to be responsive to children's interests as they change and incorporate this into the environment.

If your child has any particular interests/ likes at home please let your child's key worker know and we can add this to our planning.



Created by:

Millie

Millie (age 4)

Dates for your diary

Big Chef, Little Chef –Thursday 30th May
2019

Stay and Play Week –3rd June 2019 – Focus
- **Dads, Grandads and Uncle's week**

School closes 27th June – 15th Aug 2019-
*If you require holiday provision for nursery
see a senior member of staff*

**Nursery graduation – Thursday 20th
June 2019**

Nursery closed

Thursday 23rd May 2019

Friday 24th May

Monday 27th May

You are welcome to join us for **Stay &
Play** or **Big Chef, Little Chef** Sessions -
Speak to staff if interested

Look out for numeracy home link bags.

General updates

Due to a recent change in weather, please
ensure your child has their own sun cream
and sun hat provided for the nursery.

Forest Kindergarden

Caroline, Heather and Ross are currently
introducing the '*Forest Kindergarden*'
initiative (more info to follow). As part of this
children will have the option to go to the
local 'forest' in the nature park on a weekly
basis. *For additional info please speak to a senior
member of staff*.

Visual screening

As you are all aware most pre school children
participated in the visual screening
programme.

For any child who missed this date, the
optician will return Wednesday 22nd May 2019
– speak to a member of staff if you would like
more info.

Nursery Graduation

The nursery graduation will take place on
Thursday the 20th of June 2019 at 10.45am.
****More information to follow****

Your views matter

We will be sending out online surveys
with questions in relation to the nursery.
Please look out for these.

We will be reviewing one policy per
month. Please look out for this in the
nursery entrance area and add any
comments/ ideas.

We will be sending out evaluations of
parent/carer meetings please look out
for these.

Meet The Team

Depute Head of Centre – Mrs Rachel Travers

Senior Early Years Worker – Caroline Wright

Caterpillar Room



Nursery Teachers – Elizabeth Wilson, Lynsey
Docherty

Key Workers – Jan Robinson, Simone Donnelly,
Suzy Wright, Heather Woollon, Megan
Hutchison, Beverley Gray, Monica McKernan,
Linda McColl, Claire Holmes, Sarah McBride,
Shauna Turner, Alyson Ramsay, Caroline
Cowan

Butterfly Room (2-3)



Alison Berrie, Ross Harrison, Angela Curtis