



Gartconner Early Learning and Childcare

September 2019

Welcome to all of our new and returning children and families!

Staffing Updates

As you know Rachel Travers is the nursery Depute Head of Centre and is in charge of the daily running of the nursery. Rachel has reduced her days to Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday to support her young family. Jan Robinson will be doing the 'Acting Depute' role to support Rachel on a Thursday/ Friday at present. If you have any questions please speak to the Depute in centre on that day.

We have a new Modern Apprentice – Jenna who will be joining us for the year and an Early Years Support Worker – Katey.

New Logo

The nursery logo is now available on our children's uniforms. If you wish to purchase a nursery uniform please ask that office and they will direct you to the website.



What we are learning about?

Butterfly Room (2-3s)

Providing opportunities to support transition i.e. into nursery/ into 3-5 playroom. Providing a calming environment and supporting children to build relationships.

The Blossom Room (3-5s)

This term the children will be learning all about (see planning attached)

We are Going on a Bear Hunt

Dinosaurs

My Family

Superheroes

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.

'Wonder Woman'



M. P. Q. H

Created by: Megan

Dates for your diary

Our Big Chef Little Chef and Stay and Play sessions are on every month – usually the last week – Please keep your eye on up and coming dates or ask a member of staff.

Stay and Play – WB: 23rd Sept 2019 – everyone is welcome -

Nursery Open Day – Wednesday 25th September 2019 - 9.30am- 11.30am/
1.30pm-3.30pm

Big Chef Little Chef – Wednesday 25th Sept – As part of Open Day – see your child's key worker for more details.

Nursery Closed

Friday 27th September and Monday 30th September 2019

1st October 2019 & 11th October – Inservice Days

Monday 14th October 2019 – Friday 18th October 2019 – If you wish for holiday provision please ask for a form from a member of staff.

General Updates

The children and staff have voted on new names for the nursery playrooms. These names are in line with our revised Vision Values and Aims (see displayed in nursery).

Our Vision statement is: *Where Curious Minds Flourish and Grow*

The room names are:

Under 3's playroom – **The Butterfly Room**

3-5s playroom – **The Blossom Room**

Note to Parent/carers

Please ensure you label all of your children's clothing. No toys or items from home to be brought into the nursery.

Please ensure you have completed a Personal Learning Plan with your child's key worker.

Exciting News

Staff now freshly bake healthy snacks with the children every day. Children also have access to daily snacks as always i.e. fruit etc.

Each child has the opportunity to choose ingredients, measure, prepare and bake along with the member of staff based in the snack area.

Recently we have been baking our own bread and scones. The playrooms smell delightful! If your child has any allergies please inform a member of staff to update care plans.



Meet The Team

Depute Head of Centre –Rachel Travers

Acting Depute Head of Centre (Thur/Fri) – Jan Robinson

Senior Early Years Worker – Caroline Wright

Nursery Teachers – Elizabeth Wilson, Lynsey Docherty

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

Alison Berrie, Ross Harrison, Angela Curtis

Early Years Support Worker – Katey Bodle

Modern Apprentice - Jenna MacHattie