

Important Dates for your Diary

Fri 29th Mar	-	Last day of term
Mon 15th Apr	-	Return from Easter hols
Fri 19th Apr	-	CLOSED – GOOD FRIDAY
Mon 22nd Apr	-	CLOSED – EASTER MONDAY
Tue 23rd Apr	-	CLOSED – STAFF INSERVICE DAY
Fri 26th Apr	-	Oak trip to Auchingarrich Wildlife Park
Thu 2nd May	-	Acorns trip to Active Kids
Mon 6th May	-	CLOSED – MAY HOLIDAY
Tue 7th May	-	Sponsored “Triathlon” – North Inch
Tue 14th May	-	Dad’s group – cooking on the fire (2-3pm)
Thu 30th May	-	Sports day and family BBQ
30th May to 4th Jun	-	Book Fair
Wed 26th Jun	-	Leavers celebration - morning
Fri 28th Jun	-	Last day of term – CLOSED AT MIDDAY

Other nursery news

Story Safari has been taking place for Louise’s group in the Acorns—thank you to all the parents who have come along with their children to encourage their involvement with stories!

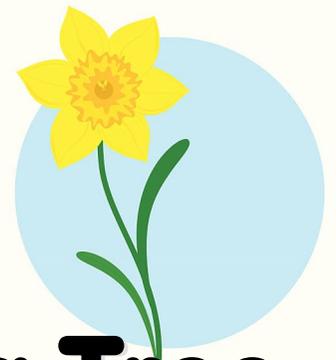
We know that Dads are very important in children’s lives and can have a crucial role in supporting their learning. We also know that Dads do not always want to come to groups at nursery! We are starting up a Dad’s stay and play on Tue 14th May 2-3pm where we will be cooking on the fire. There will be a leaflet soon.



We will be holding a sponsored “Triathlon—walk, bike, run” on Tue 7th May am to raise funds for both COPECC but also for the Special Care Baby Unit at Dundee Ninewells Hospital to support the amazing work that they do. More info soon but this will be starting at Bells Sports centre and some balance bikes will be available to borrow.

 PLEASE PROVIDE A LABELLED BOTTLE OF SUNCREAM TO NURSERY—SUNSHINE IS ALMOST UPON US, HONEST!

City of Perth Early Childhood Centre



Our Learning Tree

March 2019

The Oak Room

What we've been doing

We have been using blocks to measure how tall we are, and talking about who is tallest and shortest

We have been comparing heights

We have been starting to read some fairy tales

Talk to me about
Who is "taller than"
and "shorter than" and
"tallest/shortest"

What we are learning

Developing our maths and numeracy skills—the first language to use is comparing ("taller", "shorter", "tallest") then move on to counting measurements (e.g. "12 blocks high")

The Acorn Room

What we've been doing

Exploring paint outdoors

Exploring mud and puddles in the wet weather

Listening to "We're going on a Bear Hunt" and doing the actions with it

Talk to me about
The stories I have
read in nursery

What we are learning

To listen to stories and talk about the stories we hear

To explore outdoors and hearing new words to describe how things feel, such as "oozy mud"

What's happening at nursery?

We are starting to do growing and planting of seeds at nursery, to help the children learn about natural changes, seasons and growth. We will link this with stories and literacy through stories such as Jack and the Beanstalk, as this is the best way for children to learn. Please support these experiences by watering any plants that come home and talking to your child and your child's keyworker about changes that happen.

This year we are having separate nursery trips for Acorns (Active Kids) and Oak (Auchingarrich Wildlife Park). See dates on next page. We will need plenty of parent helpers—please complete the permission form and parent helpers forms (coming soon).

Steve and Carmen are starting development of an internationally recognised approach to supporting children's progress called "Visible Learning". This week some short videos have been made with children about their learning and this helps us to know how aware children are now of their own progress.

Our Look at a Book project aims to encourage children and families to read at home. Email your photos of reading at home to Lisa (Lpeebles@pkc.gov.uk) and our hallway celebration of home reading will have winners chosen to receive book vouchers. Our own lending library also will start very soon to support parents to borrow an exciting variety of books for home at no cost.

How can I help at home?

Read with me and help me to retell stories.

Talk to me about what I am doing and use new words to help me build my vocabulary.

Ask to be measured for our height wall in the Oak room—we want to know who is the tallest parent!

What's happening in the community?

Clairvoyant Night—this Saturday, 7pm at the Letham Club. Tickets from COPECC or at the door. £5. Funds go towards resources and activities for the children at COPECC.