



Apple Tree Nursery News



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September 2025



Celebrating our Rights Respecting School with our Gold Party 🎉



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Thank you Marco's Gran



Thank you to Marco's Gran for gifting sweeties and Prosecco to the staff at the Gold Party! ✨

Welly Rack

Please remember to put your wellies and shoes outside on the welly rack, this helps with keeping our reception area clean and tidy!

Woodwork

🔨 Our woodwork group would like to thank Andy for his generous donation of cut pieces of wood. These will help us enhance our learning as we create birdhouses for the nursery.



Rhys's Car Wash



Well done and thank you to Rhys who comes in every Wednesday afternoon to wash the staff's cars! 🧼💖🚗 If you would like your car washed please let us know.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

As part of FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT we welcomed Karen and Lyndsey from the big Co op who very kindly brought us FAIRTRADE products to support our discussion on the importance of buying fairtrade.



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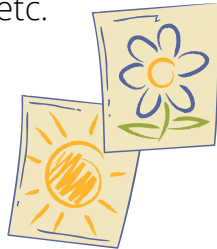
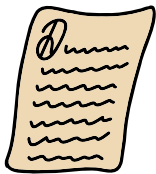
Gold Party - Rights Respecting Schools Award

Thank you to everyone who came along to our gold party to celebrate this incredible achievement!



Dookits

Remember to check your child's dookit for artwork and letters etc.



Robertson

Thank you to Charlie and Martin at Robertson for who kindly donated a log shed to us.



Thank you to Jack Dunn!!

Thank you to Jack Dunn for picking up our empty crates from the Co-op Food Share on his **DAY OFF!**



Apple Picking at Mount Stuart

The Eco Committee were joined by two of their peers for a trip to Mount Stuart orchard to pick apples.



The Eco Committee would like to thank everyone who responded to their recent post about getting creative with the apples picked. 🍏



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Parking at the Pavilion

During one of our outings on 12th September the Children's Committee identified that we couldn't cross the road. "The big cars are in the way" - Amina. Our committee wrote a letter to our friends at Robertson & Co working on the Pavilion to kindly ask if they could remove their vehicles from parking next to the junction.



This picture was taken on 19th September, we spoke with the Pavilion workers about the issue. We then checked the road again on the 26th September and there was no change. We will now send an email to Robertson & Co.

Parking in Keep Clear & Disabled Space

Please do not park in the keep clear space or disabled space unless you have a disabled badge.



Harvest Box Appeal

Our Eco Committee are working in partnership with the Phoenix Centre to create Harvest Boxes for our community. Please suggest family/friends/neighbours who would appreciate a Harvest Box.



Neonatal Donation Appeal

A Big Thank You for Supporting Our Neonatal Donation Appeal 🧡👶
After seeing an appeal on Facebook for essential items for local neonatal units, we travelled up on Annie the bus to the Queen Elizabeth Labour unit , to be met by very appreciative midwives .



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Stephanie - Sponsored Walk

The babies and Caitlin joined Stephanie for one of her fundraising miles as part of her "30 Miles in September" challenge for Cancer Research. Stephanie took on this challenge with her family in memory of her mum!

We then visited Rothesay Primary Pre 5 to walk a mile with Stephanie's niece and nephews who attend Rothesay Joint Campus to walk a mile with all the children.



Pumpkin picking at Mount Stuart

Some of the ELC children ventured out to Mount Stuart. Lisa, Archie's mummy, helped us to pick our pumpkins from the patch, ready for Halloween time! The children found a variety of pumpkins, all different shapes and sizes. 🎃



Well Done Caitlin

Well done to Caitlin using her DIY skills again to build the babies their new sandpit 🛠️🔨👷



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St. Andrews Community Cafe

The Rights committee and Amina went to St. Andrews to their community cafe. We had some delicious soup and most children had 2 cups! Then some yummy tray bake! Double thumbs up from us all and thank you for a welcoming afternoon treat!



Thank you Amina!

Thank you to Amina & her family for gifting the children and all the staff chocolates from Amina's home country Ukraine 🇺🇦



MCR Pathways Programme

Ellie is currently volunteering at Rothesay Joint Campus through MCR Pathways Programme, helping young people to experience equality of educational outcomes, career opportunities and life chances.



Thank you Paula Duncan!!

Thank you Paula for donating arts and crafts for our children to explore!



Health Promoting Nursery

Please remember we are a Health Promoting Nursery, please keep this in mind with packed lunches, regarding sweets, crisps and chocolate etc.

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Well Done Iona & her Mum!!

Well done to Iona and her Mum for sourcing us milk churns for the Farming Committee's Hitch & Harvest Farm Shop



Tree update!

We would love to see an update on the the trees that we all planted at the beginning of the year, please send us in a picture of your tree growing 🌳

ELC Forest

ELC have now completed their first block of Forest schools 🌳🔥🍂



Thank you Margaret McDonald!!

Thank you Margaret for donating glasses to the baby room, to enhance their role play and heuristic experiences! 🕶️



Question of the month

Thank you to everyone who answers our "Question of the Month" in reception every month and well done to Brody's Mum for knowing the "EYLog Question" off by heart!

Phoenix Centre Conversation Cafe

The Rights Committee visited the Phoenix Centre for their conversation cafe to enjoy some soup and cake, this was for learning disability week.



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Thank you Henry!

Thank you to Henry for gifting us flowers, they have certainly brightened up reception!



New beanbags

Evelyn & Chimamanda enjoying some relaxing time in our nurturing clubhouse with our new bean bags.



Babies milking adventure 🥛

The babies have been on a moo-velous learning adventure! 🙌 ➡️ 🐮 Tilly's mummy made us our very own set of baby-friendly udders to extend the play and learning 🥛 we visited Tilly's farm! 🐮 🚗 Thank you, Tilly's family for such an udder-ly moo-ving experience! 😊



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Rights at St. Andrews

Rights Committee visited St. Andrews Primary School, the class welcomed us in and read lots different stories relating to our rights and children across the world. Together we have decided to focus on the book about Malala Yousafzai.



Children's Committee Food Critics

Our Children's Committee continued to be food critics 🐟 We visited the Isle of Bute Smokehouse. Our children were offered a wide range of fish, oatcakes and fruit. A big thank you to Lorna for having us!



Thank you Chris & John Park!!

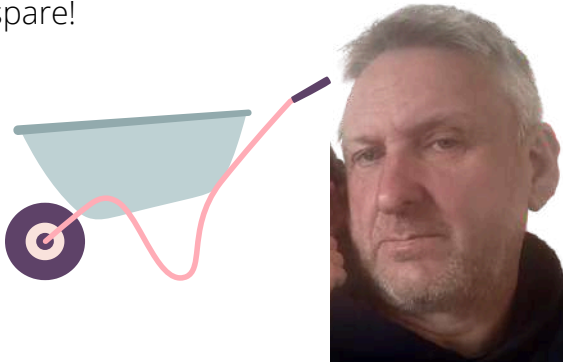
A big thank you for donating wallpaper rolls to the nursery, they'll be a fantastic resource for our arts, crafts, and literacy activities. From storytelling prompts to creative mark-making and sensory play.



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Thank you Archie's Papa Gary!!

Thank you to Archie's Papa Gary for kindly fixing our broken wheelbarrow and very kindly purchasing us a new wheelbarrow, so that we always have a spare!



Lonach's Deli

Lonach has been inspired by "working at the deli" (her mummy and daddy's local business) 🍴🔪—so much so that she set up her very own mini deli, then the toddlers took a trip to the real Gather Deli.



Please label your children's clothes

Please remember to label your children's clothes with their names. If anyone has seen a grey Paw patrol hoodie please let us know.

Bookbug at St. Andrews

Thank you to St. Andrews primary and their Bookbug Leader Mrs Crichton for welcoming us to their bookbug session we listened to one of our favourite stories The Smartest Giant in town.



Callows Ice Cream Delivery

Such a thoughtful ice cream delivery, Thank you Meadow ★



Staff News

Allergy Training

All staff completed REHIS Joint Award in Allergy Awareness by Dr Hazel Gowland.



Training

Caitlin completed a Self Evaluation day course in Inveraray.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Kylie, our board member on the arrival of beautiful baby Jacob!



Training

Megan travelled to Inveraray to complete a day course of Curriculum Design training.

Childsmile Training

All of our staff took part in Childsmiles yearly training.



Upcoming Events

DLD Awareness Day

17th October

Diwali

20th October

St.Andrews Primary Community Cafe

30th October 1.30pm

Trunk & Treat

31st October 4.30pm - 5.30pm

St.Andrews Bookbug

5th November

Remembrance Day

9th November

Pudsey

14th November

St.Andrews Bookbug

3rd December

Christmas Closure

Closed Tuesday 23rd December -Monday 5th

January
