



Apple Tree Nursery

News



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October 2025



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Gas Boys

Once again we would like to thank Alan Poole for bringing his mainland colleagues from Scottish Gas N12 to work voluntarily for us at the Nursery, completing a list of maintenance jobs we had ready for them. What a talented team we had!



Harvest Boxes with The Phoenix



The Eco Committee, along with Rowen and Ghillie, were joined by the Phoenix Centre to help deliver harvest baskets. We would like to sincerely thank everyone for their generous donations - your support made a real difference to our local community.

Thank you Susan from Juicy Bute

Susan from Juicy Bute came to nursery to show us how to make our very own apple juice using the apple press 🍏. This experience links to our learning about harvesting and our farm shop project. Going forward the children will be able to use what they've learned to make apple juice that we can sell in our very own farm shop.



Nahla visited the Baby Room

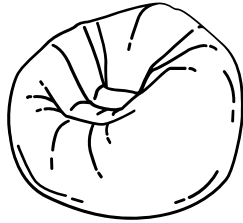
Caitlin's dog Nahla came in to visit the babies!



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Office Chat

When children are in the office, they might be having a friendly chat, enjoying a biscuit, and some nurture time with Lesley Anne, now made even cosier with our lovely new bean bags!



Thank you Kate

We would like to thank Kate Thornton our Chairperson for her donation of arts and crafts for the children to explore!

Policy & Risk Assessment

This month we sent out our Health and Well-being Policy and our Baby Room Risk Assessment, thank you to all the parents that made comment.

Darla visited the Baby Room

Darla visited the baby room to make mashed potatoes with her brother Steven.



DLD Day

We celebrated DLD Day (Developmental Language Disorder)

Both children and staff wore the DLD colours, and participated in activities to highlight purple and yellow



Lochlan's Halloween Special



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Toddler's Puppet Show

Puppet parade for Orla's love of puppets, sent home as a home link to create their own puppets for the parade - Fantastic turn out. Lochlan's brother Rhuan came in with his puppet Kermit for a mini puppet show.



Minibus

The minibus has been used twice by Brandane Bulls to travel to their football games off the Island.



Thank you Archie's Mum

Thank you to Archie's Mum Lisa for delivering our Pumpkins, that we grew at Mount Stuart earlier this year.

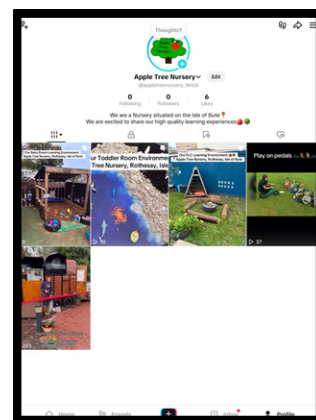


Thank you Keriin, Murray and Chloe !

Thank you to Keriin, Murray and Chloe for all their help painting the horse box on their days off and during the weekend.



We now have TikTok!



Follow us on TikTok [appletreenursery_tiktok](https://www.tiktok.com/@appletreenursery_tiktok)

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Rights Charter

Stephanie and the Rights Committee have created our new Rights Charter



New blocks

We have purchased brand new blocks from Community Playthings, for a total of £3,000.



Buttie & a Blether

Lesley Anne will be hosting a friendly Buttie and a Blether morning for parents and our community. Come along for a chat, share ideas about the Nursery, hear about our improvement plans, and enjoy a tasty bite together. Everyone's welcome!

Date to follow

Breakfast with Rae's Daddy

Rae's Daddy was invited in for breakfast after Rae told Caitlin the yoghurt she was eating was 'Daddy's'



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Trunk and Treat

Thank you to everyone that took part in our Trunk and Treat this year, as always it was a huge success!



Babies Ball Pit



The babies got new balls for their ball pit! As you can see, they are being thoroughly enjoyed!

Poppies sold here

Remember to get your poppies in our reception!



Halloween in the Baby Room

The babies took part in many Halloween activities, one being dooking for Apples!



Remember to wrap up

Now we are entering into the colder months, please remember to make sure your child is wrapped up warm, with hats, scarfs and gloves.



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Children's Committee Visit the Police Station

Our Nursery Children's Committee recently visited the local police station to report a concern about parking at the bottom of the pavilion. The children spoke confidently and worked cooperatively with the police, who later visited the workers at the pavilion to follow up.



New sink in playroom

We now have our new sink in the ELC playroom, thanks to Craig Charker and Simmy from Murray's for all their hard work!

The babies celebrated Halloween



Mainland Nurseries

If you know of any nurseries on the mainland that friends or family's children attend, and that you think would be great for us to visit and share good practice with, please let us know — we'd love your suggestions!

Meeting with Bute Bid

We met with Phillip from Bute Bid, to discuss all things Christmas Light Switch On!



Celebrations

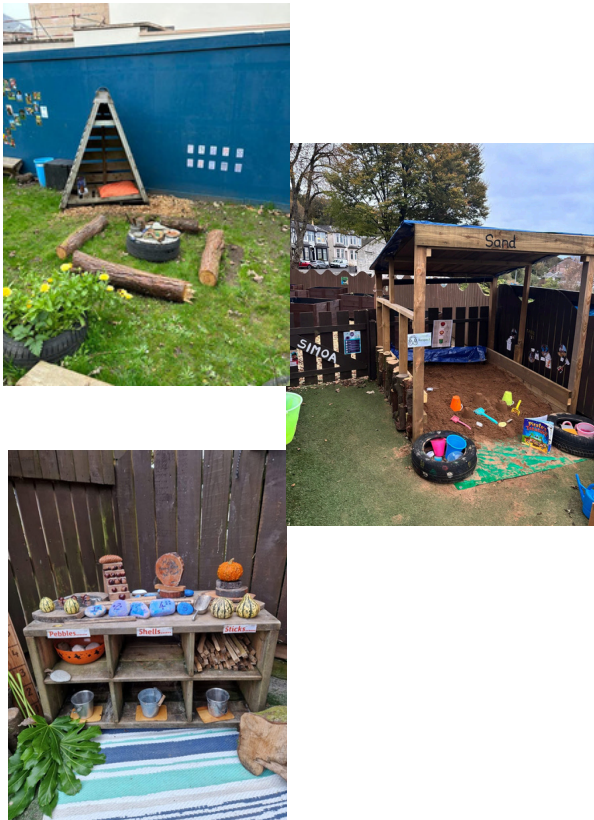
Finn brought in cakes to celebrate him transitioning into toddler room!



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Our Environments

All three of our rooms environments — Babies, Toddlers, and ELC — have been shared on Facebook! Thank you to everyone who commented and shared such lovely feedback about our environments.



The Baby Room environment post reached 50 comments and the winner of the voucher was Chloe McAlister!



Welcome new babies

Welcome to Andrew and Noah who have both started in the Baby Room!



Janice Bookbug

Janice our amazing local Bookbug Leader and Bookbug came along to present a Bookbug session, reading a Halloween story along with lots of songs and rhymes, incorporating both the lycra and the parachute. Thank you so much to Janice and Bookbug and we look forward to seeing you at Xmas!



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Thank you Co-op Pumpkins

Thank you to the Co-op for delivering us Pumpkins, and for always supplying us with bread and fruit!



Thank you Ellie's Dad Jock and Tilly's Mum

Thank you to Tilly's Mum for gifting us a trailer full of soil for our planters and thank you to Ellie's Dad for transporting it from Tilly's farm to Nursery in his trailer!



And a big thanks to Andy and Jack for wheel narrowing it back and forth to our planters.

Kade visited the Baby Room

Kade from the ELC Room and Leo from the Baby Room have bonded, Kade came to visit Leo in the Baby Room.



Goodbye Forest Sam

'Forest Sam' came in to the nursery, and cooked everyone a roll and sausage on the fire for their breakfast to say farewell as Sam is leaving Bute Forest this week. We would like to say a huge thank you to Sam for everything he has helped us with during our time at Forest schools.



Lesley-Anne - Bute Pre 5

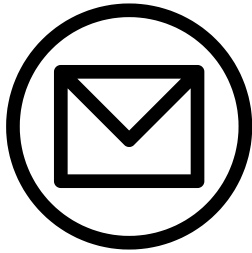
Lesley-Anne enjoyed her leaving night with Bute Pre 5 at Bute Yard for a paint and sip evening!



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Parents Night

Parents Night dates and time have been sent out, if you have not already can you please reply.



Getting Farmer Andrew's shed ready for the cows 🐮

On Friday afternoon ELC children headed out with sleeves rolled up and plenty of teamwork. The children helped roll out three big bales of straw so the calves have a cosy bed ready for their arrival.



Welcome Heidi



Welcome to Heidi who has began in the ELC Room.

Hitch and Harvest

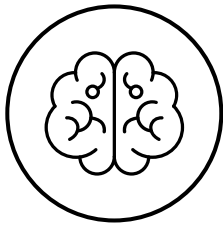
The first opening of our Hitch and Harvest Farm Shop was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who came along!



Staff News

Caitlin Training

Caitlin traveled to Inveraray twice this month, to take part in Alison Biers - Neurodiversity Learners.



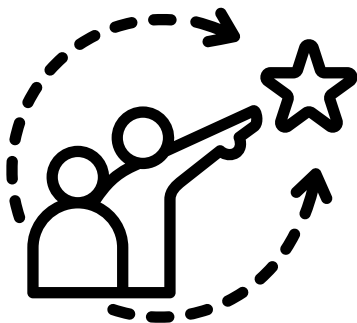
Lesley-Anne

Lesley-Anne had a lovely 2 week break in Salou.



Ellie's Pathways

Ellie has now completed her mentoring programme with Rothesay Joint Campus.



Heather OCTNE

Heather had an update meeting with Our Children their nurturing future.



Stephanie's Birthday

We celebrated Stephanie's birthday!



Charlotte Holiday

Charlotte enjoyed a well deserved week off in sunny Benidorm!



Upcoming Events

St.Andrews Bookbug

5th November 2025

Fireworks at Loch Fad

5th November 2025

BJAC Fireworks

7th November 2025

Remembrance Day

9th November 2025

Pudsey Day

14th November 2025

North Bute Race Night

14th November 2025

Rothesay Primary Pre 5 Table Top Sale

15th November 2025

P1 Registration Week

17th November 2025

Mount Stuart Christmas

30th November 2025

St.Andrews Bookbug

3rd December 2025

Christmas Closure

Closed Tuesday 23rd December 2025 -

Monday 5th January 2026
