



Apple Tree Nursery News



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ELC NEWS

Campfire Cooking 🔥

This month we cooked Baked Potatoes! We chopped up some lettuce 🥬, and cucumbers 🥒 for our salad, and grated some cheese 🧀

We lit our fire, and left our potatoes, wrapped in tin foil, to cook in the hot embers for 45 minutes 🕒



Porpoise Spotting 🐬



The Seashore Scientists had a very unique experience whilst at the beach schools. We started to spot something coming out of the water. We later realised it was a porpoise. We are so lucky to be able to give our children this unique experience right on our door step! 🐬

Brightening up our planter at Guildford Square 🌻

ELC headed to Bute Pets to buy some lovely new plants before making their way to Guildford Square to clean out the planters and add the new plants. Lynn was very kind and donated plants along with the ones we bought!



Preparations for the World Cup ⚽

Preparations were well underway for some of our ELC for the World Cup 🇬🇧 Ada's Daddy Davie the manager of Rothesay Brandanes AFC set up a training session for our ELC to practice some passing and scoring! Thank you so much Davie! We hope to see some of our ELC in World Cups to come in the future! 🇬🇧



ELC NEWS

School Lervers Trip to Heads of Ayr 🐑 🐏 🐷 🐮



What a fantastic trip! It was wonderful to see the children enjoying new experiences, making memories, and being a credit to the Nursery throughout.

Thank you to everyone who made the optional £5 donation, especially those who chose to give more. We also really appreciate all the lovely messages and kind words from parents—it means a great deal.

Pumpkins at Mount Stuart 🎃

ELC children continued to learn the process of pumpkin growing, we learned about the mathematical space pumpkins need to grow and we how to transport them safely from there pots to the ground. 🎃 Thank you again to Lisa (Archie's mum) from the mount Stuart gardening team for this wonderful learning opportunity.



ELC NEWS

RJC Gala Day 🤝

Thank you to Rothesay Joint Campus for inviting ELC to their Gala Day. The children had a fantastic opportunity to take part in a variety of activities, including beat the goalie, working on their coordination through the assault course, and joining Michelle from Pre 5 for a Bookbug session. Before leaving, everyone enjoyed using their pennies to buy a delicious cake!



Sports Night 🏃

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Sports Night. A big thank you to the families who kindly donated water, hot dogs, rolls, sauces and cupcakes – it was very much appreciated. A special thank you to all our staff for giving up their Thursday evening to help, especially on such a hot night ☀️ Events like this highlight our value of achievement and support our aim to build trusting relationships with families. Thank you all for helping make it such a great evening! 🍎🌳



STAFF NEWS 🍏 🌳

1 year at Apple Tree Nursery!



We celebrated Hannah's one year service here at Apple Tree Nursery!

Welcome Isla!



Isla will be supporting the nursery by covering staff holidays, training, and off-the-floor time. We're delighted to have her with us and look forward to working together.

8 years at Apple Tree Nursery!



We celebrated Ellie's 8 years service at Apple Tree Nursery! Thank you for all your hard work, care, and dedication at Apple Tree Nursery.

17 years at Apple Tree Nursery!



We celebrated Yvonne's 17 years of service here at Apple Tree Nursery, thank you for all your hard work and dedication!

BJAC - Muddy Runner!

We were delighted to hand over £601.40 to BJAC to add to their Muddy Runner fundraising total. ❤️



Welcome Ady!

We are pleased to have Ady joining our team and supporting our Nursery in a flexible role, covering staff holidays, training and off the floor time whenever needed. We are looking forward to working together with Ady 🌟



BABIES NEWS

Babies bus trip 🚌

The babies ventured out on the public bus in response to Owen shouting "Bus" when out a family walk 🚌

Caitlin, Owen's key person and Owen's mummy had a conversation about Owen's interest in transport which led to this trip, meeting the aims of our nursery to build collaborative relationships with our families 🤝



Autumn made pizza for her new friends 🍕



Autumn made a pizza for her soon-to-be friends in the Toddler Room as she prepares to transition there.

The estate agent has arrived at Apple Tree Nursery 🏠

Mallory has exciting news, her family home is on the market 🏠 By working closely with families and valuing children's experiences beyond the nursery, we create meaningful learning opportunities that reflect their interests and life circumstances that supports their development. This experience reflects on our nursery aim of building collaborative relationships with families and the aspirations of the Quality Improvement Framework that highlights the importance of connecting with families to enhance a positive impact on the children's wellbeing.



Football skills ⚽



The babies took a trip to the park to practice their football skills ahead of the World Cup! ⚽

BABIES NEWS

Widget Boards for communication



The babies shared their learning with home by posting a postcard about our Italian Day celebrations. Mal walked to the post box with Oliver's support to post the postcards to everyone in the Baby Room who celebrated our Italian Day. 🇮🇹

Technology in the Baby Room 📱



The babies used the iPad to make recipe cards, using technology to support their learning. They chose pictures for their recipes and explored using the iPad with support.

Widget Boards for communication



The babies have been using widget boards throughout the day in nursery to support children's communication during play, routines, and mealtimes. The boards help children express their wants and needs while developing their understanding of language. A copy has been shared on Eylog, and we encourage you to use it at home too, helping to provide a consistent approach to communication.

Cheering on Scotland 🇸🇬



The babies celebrated Scotland being in the World Cup by taking part in football-themed activities and showing their support for Scotland.

TODDLER NEWS

Toddlers trip to Mount Stuart 🎃

A huge thank you to the Mount Stuart Gardeners for inviting us along to plant pumpkins! 🎃 A little mud certainly didn't stop us from having a great afternoon. Everyone got stuck in, and we left with muddy hands and happy hearts. We also found plenty of worms, and David and the children had lots of fun naming them! 🍷 Hopefully we'll meet our worm friends again when we return to harvest our pumpkins in October. Thank you for a lovely afternoon- we can't wait to come back!



Cheering on Scotland 🇬🇧

The toddlers cheered on Scotland during their time in the World Cup! ⚽



GENERAL NEWS

Thank you Irene 🧡



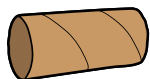
It was lovely to welcome our good friend Irene Kidd to visit us – this time bringing some delicious biscuits for the children! Thank you again, Irene, for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Events & days

We aim to hold a variety of events on different days throughout the year to give as many children as possible the opportunity to take part in at least some of them, regardless of their usual attendance pattern. Please note that some national fundraising and awareness events, such as Red Nose Day, take place on fixed dates set by the organising charities. As these dates are determined externally, we have no control over which day of the week they fall on.

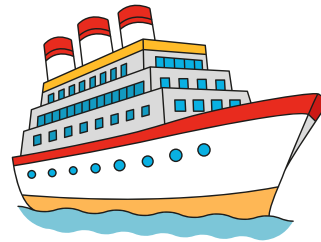
Thank you Mary!

Thank you Mary for gifting us with recycled toilet roll tubes for us to get crafty with!



Congratulations to Henry's Dad

Congratulations to Henry's Dad who is now the Captain of the Island Princess Cruise Ship



Thank you Terry's Auto Repairs!

A massive thank you to Terry and the boys at "Terry's Auto Repairs" who gave us a 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟 service on Annie the bus who needed a part fixed before our recent trips to Heads of Ayr Farm Park. Some of the children visited the garage with some goodies for them to share at tea break, and to thank them personally. Community support at its best!



GENERAL NEWS

Well Done Bute Junior Argicultural Club!

A huge congratulations to BJAC on being crowned National Club of the Year! 🌟🏆 This achievement is so well deserved. We would also like to thank BJAC for all the support you have given Apple Tree Nursery over the years. We are so grateful for the wonderful partnership we share and for everything you do within our community. It is a privilege to work alongside such an inspiring group!



Thank you Gordon McMillan!

A huge thank you to Gordon McMillan for laying our new personalised bricks on our front path! We really appreciate all the time and effort you put into it, and we're especially grateful that you did it all free of charge.



Thank you to our neighbour!



Thank you to Derek our neighbour for gifting us surplus jars of Nutella, these were then gifted to staff to enjoy at home



Thank you to Tracey!

Thank you to Tracey for donating a massive bag of wool for our children to experiment with!



🇨🇷 Community Defibrillator Update 🚑

During a recent check of the defibrillator at Etrick Bay, our Children's Committee identified that the pads needed replacing.

We are pleased to confirm that the replacement pads have now been fitted, ensuring the defibrillator remains ready for use in an emergency. The replacement pads cost £204 and were funded by the nursery as part of our ongoing commitment to supporting this important community asset. 🚑



WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done Cairn!

'Cairn has recently started swimming lessons and is really enjoying it. His confidence is growing each week.' - Cairn's Mum



Calum's Cabin Winners!



Well Done to our winners of the Calum's Cabin Christmas card competition. Thank you for the wonderful prizes our winners received 🎁

Well Done Iona!



'Iona took part in her first highland dancing competition. She did 2 dances and got 2 medals. Her confidence was amazing and she was delighted with her medals.' - Iona's Mum

Well Done Amina!

Well done Amina for taking part in a dancing competition, winning medals. 🏆



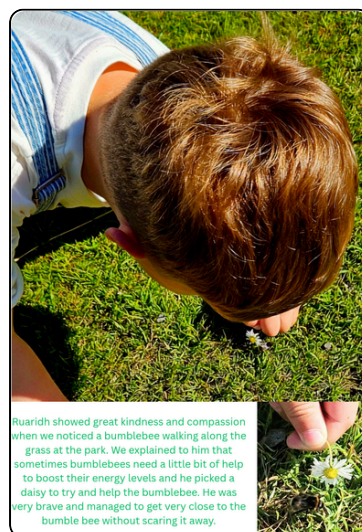
Well done Ada!

'Ada surprised us recently by holding a duck at nursery. She can be frightened and nervous around animals but she must have been feeling brave and safe enough with her Apple Tree friends and was very proud of herself! Ada also learned how to cycle her bike properly and has been loving being out and about on cycles to the park and the kiosk. We are super proud of you Ada, there's no stopping you now!' - Ada's Mum

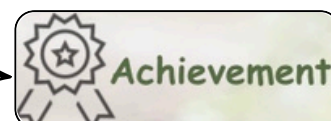


Well done Findlay!

'Findlay got a certificate for completing his first block of swimming lessons and gaining water confidence! He is also coping well and adapting to life with glasses and being "careful" not to break them' - Findlay's Mum



Ruaridh showed great kindness and compassion when we noticed a bumblebee walking along the grass at the park. We explained to him that sometimes bumblebees need a little bit of help to boost their energy levels and he picked a daisy to try and help the bumblebee. He was very brave and managed to get very close to the bumble bee without scaring it away.



WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

Well Done Fraser!

'Fraser single handedly led Sonic, his highland heifer in the Young Handlers Class at Dalry Show bringing home a well-deserved 3rd place'
- Fraser's Mum



Well Done Theia!

'Theia done amazing at the Bute Highland Dancing Competition winning 2x Silver medals' - Theia's Mum



Well Done Hannah!

Hannah has a fear of birds, Hannah was brave to pet the baby ducks to show the children they are not scary!



Well Done Caitlin!

Well done to Caitlin for growing loads of fruit and vegetables in her garden! 🍓



Family Buisnesses



Iona's Uncle - Gary Hebbon Painting & Decorating



Iona's Grandpa - Mini drivers



Nadia's Hairdressers



Violet's Dad Reece - Campbell Plastering & Rendering



GRG Hard Landscaping



Leo's Family -Zan-Kryser Taxis



Terry's Auto Repairs






















Maggie's Granny - Glenmore Arts & Wellbeing



Fraser & Findlay's Mums - Bute Fold Coo Encounters

Upcoming Events

	ELC Pool Party (3 year olds) - 3 rd July 2026	
	Tractor Run(Rothesay Prom) 4 th July 2026	
	BJAC Stock Judging (Kerrytonlia Farm) - 11 th July 2026	
	Commonwealth Games Trip - 24 th July 2026	
	Graduation - 31 st July 2026	
	Colintriave Village Fete - 1 st August 2026	
	Bute Community Band Concert (Bute Yard) - 9 th August 2026	
	Cattle Show - 12 th August 2026	
	Highland Games - 22 nd August 2026	
	Photographer - 6 th November 2026	