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Apple Tree Nursery News



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September 2026



BABIES NEWS

Tractor Visit! 🚜



A big thank you to local farmer Tom McMillan from "Eskechraggan" Farm, who delighted the babies with a special tractor visit! 🚜 The babies were thrilled to sit in the cab and explore the tractor. Their excited little faces said it all! A wonderful experience they thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you again, Tom! 🚜

Thank you Jack!



Thank you Jack for responding to our post on Facebook. These teddies and Halloween items will be well used by the babies

Oral Hygiene 🦷

All of our babies received a new toothbrush and toothpaste to take home 🪥



Literacy Day & Read a Book Day 📖

A big thank you to Matthew, Andrew's big brother, who came in to read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to the babies as part of our Literacy and Read a Book Day celebrations! 📖 🐛

We'd also like to thank Owen, Hamish, Andrew, Esme, Mallory and Machair for sharing their lovely storytime pictures from home, enjoying books with their parents and grandparents, as well as independently. What wonderful little readers! ❤️ 📖



Book home link 📖

Thank you to the babies who took books home from our home link corner.



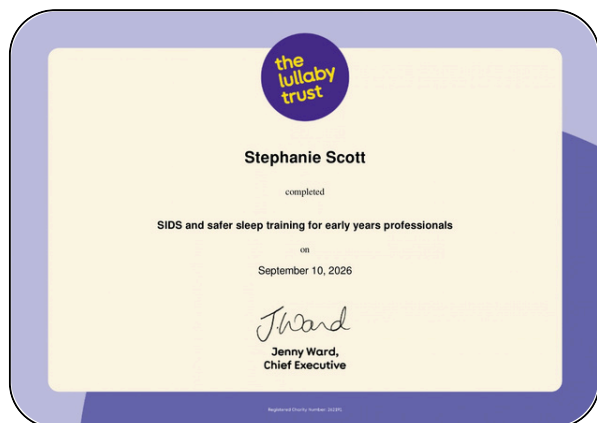
TODDLERS NEWS

Thank you Calum's Cabin!



Thank you to Calum's Cabin for the first aid boxes for our children to explore. Lots of role play experiences were had and some bandages have been kept to create spider webs and mummies for Halloween!

Safe Sleep Training



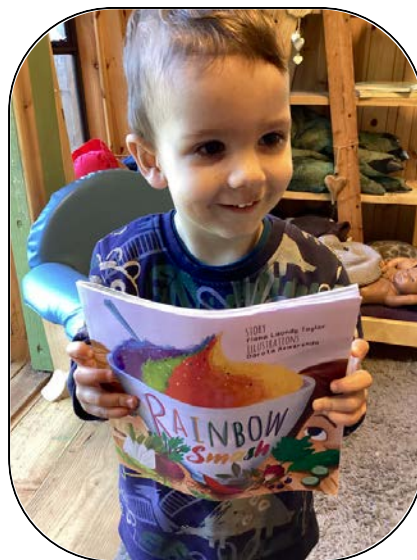
Stephanie took part in Safe Sleep Training

Toddlers Seaside Discoverers

Over the last five weeks our toddlers have been visiting the beach every Thursday afternoon.



Book of the month



Our book for September was Rainbow Smash. Toddlers have been learning about article 24 through this book, creating healthy snacks and treats with lots of colours. Article 24 - I have the right to healthy nutritious foods!

ELC NEWS

Meet our Children's Committee

We have lots of amazing plans coming up and are so excited to get involved in our local community! 🏠❤️ The children are looking forward to sharing their ideas, making a difference and helping wherever they can. 🍷✨



Thomson Court

ELC have now started their 5 week block, visiting The Day Centre! This block aims to bridge the gap between the generations, creating bonds, making memories, exploring songs, rhymes, arts, and much more!



Meet our Eco Committee

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The Eco committee have titled themselves as "Eco-hero's" that are ready to save our planet! 🦸 They're on a mission to save water, reduce waste and continue to grow our own food- little changes can make a big difference 💧♻️



Meet our newest SIMOA Leader!

Vinnie was presented with his very own certificate, and i can't wait to see all the adventures, learning and important SIMOA missions they get up to together! 💜



ELC NEWS

SIMOA - Road Safety

Our lollipop person kindly demonstrated how he stops the traffic and showed us how to cross the road safely. A big thank you to our lovely lollipop person (Jimmy Macaulay) for taking the time to speak with us and show us how he keeps our community safe! ❤️



Buddy Bench 🪑

Lonach, one of our Children's Committee members, has taken on the role of our Inclusion Champion! ⭐

As part of her role, Lonach helped revamp our buddy bench, making it brighter and more inviting. The buddy bench is a place children can sit if they are looking for someone to play with or need a little friend. It encourages children to notice when someone may need company and helps everyone feel included. 🧑🏻‍🦧



Apple Picking at Mount Stuart 🍏

We were delighted to visit Mount Stuart to pick apples from the orchard and make our very own fresh apple juice! 🍏 With Jude showing us the way, the children picked apples, filled the wheelbarrow and helped load the apple press. They took turns turning the wheel and watching the juice flow! 🍹 After all that hard work, we enjoyed the best part—tasting our delicious freshly made apple juice! 😊



Thomson Court - Intergenerational Partnerships

At Thomson Court we created our masterpieces alongside our friends from the day centre. We talked about colours, size and shapes of the flower. We also donated sunflower seed packets for our friends to plant next spring! 🌻



ELC NEWS

Visit to Fraser's Farm 🐮



Fraser and his family welcomed us to their dairy farm for part of our farming block to watch the cows being milked in the parlour! 🐮

Live cow c-section! 🐮



Heidi's Mummy invited us to their farm to watch a live c-section! Thank you for this amazing experience! 🐮

We met the Royals! 👑



Ada reading to the Babies & Toddlers 📖



Ada brought in her Percy and The Park Keeper book to read to the babies and toddlers responding to Ruth Robertson's art work in the book corner of the character!

Forest Schools 🌳



🌳 Forest School Block 1 complete! Over 5 weeks, the children explored, built dens, learned about bugs, practised tool and fire-lighting skills, and developed teamwork, independence and problem-solving. 🔥🐛

STAFF NEWS 🍎 🌳

Play on pedals training

Caitlin travelled to Inveraray to take part in Play on Pedals training. The session was a great opportunity to develop her skills and gain practical experience in delivering the programme.



Picture News Training

Stephanie took part in Picture News training, developing ideas and resources to support our children's understanding of children's rights, current issues and the world around them. 🌍



Sharing Good Practice

Megan, Caitlin and Charlotte travelled to Paisley to share good practice and visit three nurseries — Bridge of Weir Nursery, Nursery Times and Houston Nursery. It was a great opportunity to see different approaches, share ideas and bring new inspiration back to our own nursery.

Our board meeting

We had our Board meeting on 30 September, catching up, sharing ideas and looking at what's coming up for the nursery. A big thank you to everyone for their continued support! 💛

Staged Intervention Training

Lesley Anne and Megan recently took part in Staged Intervention training, building their knowledge and skills to help support our children's learning and development.

Caitlin's Graduation Success 🎓

Caitlin recently attended her graduation ceremony and is delighted to have achieved her BA in Childhood Practice. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of her hard work, dedication and commitment to her professional development. Congratulations, Caitlin!



GENERAL NEWS

Annie the minibus 🚌



Annie the minibus has been used by many community groups this month including Brandane Bulls and

Bikes serviced 🚲

Thank you to Kyle from Halfords for visiting us to service our bikes for play on pedals 🚲



Kindness in our community ★

The children went out in search of Cad and Taz, who very kindly attended the property of an elderly and vulnerable couple to help them with their television signal. This really shows what a wonderful community we are, with people coming together to look out for and help one another. Thank you so much to CAD and Taz for your kindness! 🙌



Pride of Bute Award! ★

Apple Tree presented our Pride of Bute Award this month to... Finn Melvin! 🙌 Finn proudly calls himself the Chairman and is always keeping a close eye on what's happening around our community. He's great at spotting things that need attention and making sure they don't go unnoticed, from signposts to all those little things that help make our community a better place.



Halloween Trunk or Treat Update 🎃

Just a little update to let everyone know that we will not be holding our Trunk or Treat event this year. With Halloween falling on a Saturday, there are already lots of events happening around the town, as well as the traditional trick-or-treating. We felt it would be best to let everyone enjoy the Halloween celebrations happening locally rather than add another event to an already busy evening. We hope everyone has a fun, safe and spooky Halloween! 🎃 🧛

WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

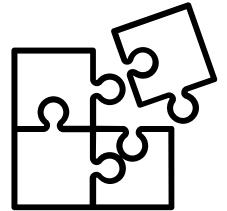
Well done Mirren!

"Mirren met the Prince and Princess in Eider Bakery during their Royal Visit in September. Mirren was happy to hear Catherine's daughter was also a fan of Frozen!" - Mirren's Mum



Well done Mirren!

"Mirren is great at doing jigsaws and she completed the disney princess jigsaw, loads of enthusiasm with it 🙌😄" - Mirren's Gran



Family Buisnesses



Rae's mum - The SULA Collective



Fraser's Mums - Bute Fold Coo Encounters



Terry's Auto Repairs



Nadia's Hairdressers



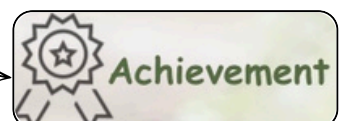
Violet's Dad Reece - Campbell Plastering & Rendering



GRG Hard Landscaping



Leo's Family -Zan-Kryser Taxis



Upcoming Community Events

	Community Halloween Hunt - 31 st October 2026	
	Photographer - 6 th November 2026	
	Staff Christmas Night Out - 13 th November 2026	
	Close for Christmas - 23 rd December 2026	