**Staff Changes**

Jade Dawson has joined the Tiree room. She is working job share with Helen and the Blue Group!

Maria Christie has also joined the Tiree room and will be working with the Orange Group.

Robin Miller will be joining the Arran room in March and will be working with the Blue Group.

Melanie Curley, who was previously our Modern Apprentice, has successfully completed her qualification and will be working supply within the nursery.

Kay Robertson has been our Career Pathway student and we are delighted she has also passed her qualification and will be working within the Tiree room with the Grey Group.

Shannon McDonald (previously Shannon Lindsay), who worked with the Orange Group in Tiree has been successful in a promoted post within the nursery and will now be our Lead Practitioner of Attainment.

Lara Purvis has also been successful in a promoted post and has moved on to a new nursery; we wish her all the best in her new role.

**Indoor/Outdoor**

As you are aware we are an indoor/outdoor nursery. This means the children will have access to the outdoors from 8am-5.45pm daily and can choose to be outside in a variety of different weathers. The nursery is providing outdoor clothing for your child, which is stored in a clear plastic bag with your child’s name clearly labelled.

Within the outdoor area the future wee architects will be designing the next constructions in the mud pit, mathematicians counting in the willow garden, the chefs making a range of delicacies in the mud kitchen, the farmers growing their own vegetables in our veggie patch and the explorers enjoying campfire marshmallows.

**Dates for diary**

Term time children will finish:

Friday 1st April 2022 and

return Tuesday 19th April 2022

52 week children will stop for the Easter weekend:

Thursday 15th April 2022 and

return Tuesday 19th April 2022

**Learning and Development**

Staff will continue to do 6 monthly reviews of care plans via telephone. However, if any parent/carer would like to have a Learning and Development telephone conversation with their child’s keyworker could you please contact a member of management who will be happy to arrange this and let you know a suitable day and time for this conversation to take place.



**Clothing**

Can parents/carer please make sure their child has a jacket, wellie boots and hat & scarf as the children will be outside in a variety of weather. As an indoor/outdoor nursery, children will have access to outdoors at all times.

Also any child who wears nappies, if parents could make sure their bag is stocked with nappies and wipes please.

A change of clothes, socks and indoor shoes is also required. Although children wear aprons for messy play and puddle suits outdoors, sometimes the children still need changed after having so much fun with their friends and staff. If your child has an accident and you have not provided a change of clothes, then we will have to contact you and ask that you bring clothes to nursery.

Your co-operation is appreciated ☺

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**Easter Experiences**

This year we will be having Easter experiences week beginning 21st March 2022.

 Arran and Tiree:

Easter Party will be Tuesday 22nd AM and Thursday 24th PM

Skye Playroom:

Easter Party will be all day 23rd March

If your child doesn’t attend on one of these days, a member of management will speak to you to arrange a day your child can attend.

**Dance-a-thon**

You may have noticed that your child has come home with a sponsor form. We are raising funds for Easter activities and Easter eggs. As we haven’t been able to collect Toy Fund for a few years due to Covid-19, we are running low on funds. Any donation you give would be greatly appreciated! The Dance-a-thon will take place during the week of 21st March and monies to be collected by 25th March.

If you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to get in touch with any member of management

 Sam ☺