



# **MACS NEILSTON**

## **Summer 2015 Newsletter**

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**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We are fast approaching the end of term and this newsletter highlights the childrens achievements and a taste of what is to come in the new term.

**Our Staff** We would like to wish Marie every success as she has moved on to work for another organisation. Natalie has joined our team and is working both mornings and afternoons.

**Dates for your Diary** Last Day of Term is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. As the schools close at 1.00pm on this day we will be providing our service from 1.00pm but we will be closing at 5.00pm as are staff have 2 holiday clubs to set up for the summer.

**Breakfast Club** Our Breakfast club is a very busy service and therefore if you are looking to change your contracted days from the new term in August, we would appreciate it if you could advise us by email. There is a month's notice to make any changes to your contract. Can we also remind everyone that breakfast is served until 8.30am as we need time to tidy up.

**Primary 7 Children** We would like to pass on our best wishes to all our Primary 7 children moving up to High School. For those high school children returning in August, we will be consulting on a programme of activities for them when we return in August.

### **What we have been doing this Year**

**Nurture Group** – Our nurture group has been a great success for our Primary 1 to 3 children, which has been run from the Izone and has given children the opportunity to get to know each other in a calming, chilled our environment. The activities have been based around some of the principals of Nurture, incorporating social skills.

**I-Zone** – From Tuesdays to Thursdays (4.30-6pm) those in P5 and above have been using the Izone as a chill out area. The children have enjoyed this area where they can play cards, chat, listen to music and do their homework in a quiet environment.

**Badge Work** – This year, four of our girls (Phoebe, Katy, Chloe and Lois) have taken part in a series of activities in order to gain their Risky Play badge, which James has been in charge of. During this time the girls have been able to work out what is acceptable and unacceptable risk. The activities have ranged from an archery contest to a gymnastics routine. One of the biggest hits with the whole of the project was the visit from our East Renfrewshire Safety Community Officers, who talked to the children about how important it was to have a safe, clean environment which lessens the risk to the community.

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**Football Tournament** – During May and June, Neilston and Cross Arthurlie took part in a four game football tournament. It was closely fought with both sides winning two games each. However, our guys triumphed with an end of tournament penalty shoot to take the honours! We would like to thank Cross Arthurlie for taking part in such a keenly contested and fun tournament.

**Sewing** – Fiona has introduced some of the children to sewing which has become a success and we will continue this in the new term.

**Swimming and Library** – The swimming has seen low numbers recently, with older children not participating due to their friends not taking part either. However, with the age at 8+, we have seen more of the middle year groups taking part in swimming which has been encouraging to see. We have also continued with our trips to the library, and again, many of our younger children have been coming along to read and play on the computer.

**Talent Show Auditions** – With MACS celebrating its 20th birthday this year, a special talent show is being organised to take place later in the year, with all projects selecting an act to take part in the event. We held auditions in June with many hugely talented acts on show. Our winners in the end were Erin, Hazel and Hannah with a dance routine that wowed the audience. The girls will be practicing hard after their summer break and we wish them all the best!

**NEW TERM** The activities will continue in the Izone for the different age groups and the staff are preparing some new activities. Natalie will take charge of the Eco Committee and look at Eco Fashion. James will be speaking to the children about the choice of another badge, and we have added to these 'new skills', 'talent', 'sport' and 'nature'. We will be looking at a new programme for our older children and we will be speaking to the children about the Credit Union and ways they can save money. We have purchased new resources for the new term which the children have suggested and we will be encouraging outside play in the new term when weather permits. The Planner for August/September will be sent out during the summer for you coming back in August.

### **Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)**

This year we have been working on embedding GIRFEC and the SHANARRI values which are Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included. Our activities are based around these values and our Floor Books showcase the activities each month. We appreciate your feedback and suggestions and therefore for the new term please feel free to comment in these books.

### **Getting in touch with us**

If your child is not attending MACS as they are off school sick or otherwise, or if someone else is collecting your child, please contact Sharon on her mobile and leave a message for her.

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We will be sending out our annual questionnaire to you during the summer and would appreciate your feedback as part of our quality assurance.

We would like to wish all our parents, carers and children a happy summer and look forward to seeing everyone again in the new term ! Happy Holidays !