



MACS MEARNNS

Summer 2015 Newsletter



Project Manager: Penny Anderson (relief Paula Kane)

Depute Managers: Marcelle O'Neil (maternity leave) and Stephen Currie

Care and Playful Learning (CPL) Practitioners and Support staff: Carol, Ashley, Gemma, Claire, Emma, Sarah, Rebecca, Stacey and Angela, (Sidra, Rabia and Michael-Breakfast only)



A reminder of our contact numbers at MACS MEARNNS

Penny: 07971 421884
Stephen: 07725249464

Mearns Landline: 0141 570 7239 (Please leave messages on this number)
Email: general@macs.uk.com

Please remember you can call our Head Office on 0141 887 0002 for invoice queries.

Please note that we only allow authorised collectors to collect children from MACS, and they must know the password. If someone is collecting your child who is not an authorised collector please contact one of the above numbers to let us know. They will be asked to show proof of identity if they are unknown to Macs staff. Please also note collectors must be aged over 16 at all times. Staff will only feedback about a child's day or provide any other information, to authorised collectors. Due to new staffing you may find you are asked for the password whilst they staff get to know you all. If any parent/carer would like to speak to either Penny or any of the management team privately then please let us know and we can organise a suitable time.

Dates for your Diary



The Last Day of Term is Wednesday 24th June. As the schools come out at 1.00pm on this day, we will provide a service from 1.00pm but we will close at 5.00pm. We have 2 holiday clubs to set up and need all staff to assist with this.

The First Day of the new term is Thursday 13th August. If you have changes in your child's care requirements, we ask that you can provide a written letter or email as soon as possible.



Lisa Murray

We would like to thank all the parents and children for their kind words of support after the loss of Lisa. Her smiling face and enthusiasm will be very missed at our project. We do however plan to continue to remember her in ways as time goes on. Some of the staff will be working on a memory album that we will be asking the children to contribute to if they wish. We will also be raising funds and awareness for Post Natal Depression to support others who may be affected by it. We have opened a Just Giving Page to support the Bluebell Charity (part of CrossReach) and we hope to raise sufficient funds for a new hub on the South side of Glasgow.

http://www.justgiving.com/lisamurray1/?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=lisamurray1&utm_campaign=pfp-email.

Project Updates

From the New term the staff team are looking forward to trying out new activities and support the children in influencing our programmes. Ideas always welcome!! We will be continuing Claire's Cooking School and will be introducing some more badge work for the children. Gemma is looking forward to trying new outdoor projects, especially with the fire pit, whilst Ashley and Sarah are working on nurture circuits and programmes for the younger children. Carol will be re-introducing our folders for the older children which is a journal record of their time at MACS with their achievements and Angela is hoping to put a football team together to take on some of the other MACS Projects.



As the project is expanding to 104 places per day we will operate the project almost in 2 teams. Marcelle will be in charge of the youth team P5-P7 and Stephen will be in charge of the younger team P1-P4. We are also looking forward to having 3 new team members who we hope will join us through the summer months.

2015 is a big year for MACS as we are reaching our 20th Birthday. We look forward to celebrating with you!!



Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)

Last year we introduced values around GIRFEC. This means for Mearns children staff will be working on individual care plans for each child that considers how we meet the SHANARRI Values which are Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included. We will continue to use play observation charts and wellbeing webs (focusing on SHANARRI values), to make sure the children's needs are being met.

We will also be chatting to the children to find out what areas they would like us to do more activities on. Our Floor Books show the activities the children have been doing each month and we would encourage you to look at these and make comments.

Last Inspection report

We had our unannounced inspection earlier last year and we are pleased to announce that out of the 8 standards inspected on, we received grade 6 excellent on six of these standards and grade 5 for the remaining two, which is really good. We are working hard to keep that standard up and do not expect to be inspected until 2016.

P7 Leaving

It has come to that time of year again, where we need to say goodbye to our primary 7's, as they make their journey up to high school. Penny and her team wish you all the best at high school and good luck for the future. We look forward to seeing everyone else back after the summer.

