



CAMBUSBARRON VILLAGE NURSERY

Our Service

We provide high quality early learning experiences for children from 2½ to school age. We operate in partnership with Stirling Council to offer fully funded (free) places to eligible* children. We welcome younger children on a fee paying basis. We place a high value on the benefits of outdoor learning particularly on learning in a natural environment and provide regular Woodland Play Session held in the local woodlands.

We offer 6 hour sessions between 0845-1515 Monday-Friday during school term times.

* Eligibility criteria can be found in Stirling Council's Nursery Admissions and Charging Policy.

We are a Community Interest Company

We are a nonprofit making organisation and any surplus is invested back into our service for the benefit of our community.

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Summer Term!

Welcome back to the summer term at nursery. We hope everyone enjoyed the fantastic weather we had over the Easter holiday. We may not have been able to travel far but at least it was good weather to be out and about around the local area.

School Transition

I have now had some information from Cambusbarron Primary School regarding their arrangements for transition into Primary 1. Because of COVID guidance the school will not be organising visits to the school. The school is creating a Primary 1 Transition website which will contain information for new families and children. They expect this to go live within the next 2 weeks.

The school also hopes to organise a walk around activity for families who would like to visit the school and also a teddy bears' picnic for all new starts. Information will be sent out shortly.

I will pass on transition information from other local schools as soon as I receive it.

Lunches



We have enjoyed lunch al fresco several times since Easter and, hopefully, this will continue



. The lunch menu for this term is available on our [website](#). The menu is the same as for last term and w/b April 26th is Week 1 of the cycle.

As previously we will be encouraging the children to make their own lunch choices. On woods days the lunches are always sandwiches/rolls/wraps.



Woods

We are continuing to enjoy spending time in "our" woods. The children are gaining in confidence as they become more familiar with the environment. Nature is an amazing teacher and we are all enjoying seeing the changes Spring has brought to the site. Daffodils are in full bloom and the trees are starting to develop their leaves. Before the Easter break we had opportunities to tap birch trees and taste the birch sap and to visit the Castle Pond to see so many toads ("one, two, three, twenty teen, seventy, nine hundred million!). Through these amazing experiences our children are developing their sense of self and their relationship and connection to nature. The children are thrilled that



Amos, our “very special friend” and the Woodland Manager employed by Cambusbarron Community Development Trust, is often on site and is also always happy to stop and answer their many questions.

Another reminder that wearing the right clothes makes a real difference to the play and learning that happens in the woods. With, hopefully, better weather we will not always wear full waterproof gear with the result that clothing is even more likely to get muddy. PLEASE do not send children to nursery in “good” clothes and also make sure we have a spare set for any necessary changes. We recommend that children wear long sleeves and trousers to the woods even in summer time. They protect against stinging nettles, jaggy thorns and scratchy sticks as well as providing protection from the sun. Wellies are also recommended as water, in any form, is a magnet for children.

CVN @ GHCW



You may be aware that we have long term plans to relocate our nursery to a bespoke building in Gillies Hill Community Woodland. We are applying for funds to take us to the next stage of this project which is to identify the exact location for the building and to retain an architect to produce us some initial drawings. To facilitate this stage we have labelled the larger trees in the area to act as place markers. Our children were very enthusiastic about hammering labels in to the trees. We labelled our favourite climbing tree number 1.

Sunny and Warm Weather

Please ensure we have a supply of sun cream available for your child. We can then apply/re-apply when necessary (permission for this is requested on enrolment). A water bottle (containing WATER only) for children to put in their woods bags is also useful in warmer weather.

Our Orchard and Gardening Club



Cambusbarron Community Development Trust's plans for the Walled Garden in Gillies Hill Community Woodland are to restore the orchard area and to create allotments. We were fortunate to receive 3 packs of fruit trees (apples, pears, cherries and plums) from the Tree Council's Orchards for Schools program, perfect for planting in the orchard area!

We had arranged to plant them on Earth Day (April 22nd) however, as the trees didn't

arrive on time, we enjoyed an extra visit to the woods and planted them last Friday. Our children worked hard, digging, planting and watering and we are looking forward to reaping the fruits (apples, pears, plums and cherries) of our labour in the future. (“When I’m a big high school boy I’ll come back and check the apples cos they’re my favourite”).



We are pleased to have been given permission to begin to develop our very own allotment inside the walled garden. The children have been choosing which vegetables to plant and grow while the staff team, with help from Amos, have been working on creating the plot itself. There will be much work to do in tending our allotment and we have decided to set up a Gardening Club probably likely once a week during nursery hours. Parents and family members are invited to come along (restrictions permitting of course) and join us as we develop our allotment. If you would like to be involved please let one of the staff team know. No experience or knowledge is necessary, the only requirement is enthusiasm 😊

Vandalism

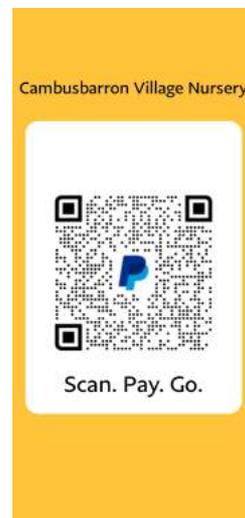
Our garden at the Community Centre was the subject of petty vandalism over the Easter break and, as a result, one of our fruit trees was broken irreparably. This type of behaviour is becoming more prevalent of late and we can only hope that these experiences stay with our children and that they don't go on to be the perpetrators of the future. Please keep an eye on our garden any time you are passing and phone 101 to report any suspicious activities.

Snack Money

We are always grateful for contributions towards the cost of providing snack and other necessary resources such as puddle suits at nursery which are not covered by fees and funding. Traditionally children have brought money in and put it in our money tin however in the current climate and, as we move more towards a cashless society, we are also happy to receive money via our [PayPal link](#) or using our new QR code.

Communication

A reminder that the best way to get in touch with us is through email (either admin@cambusbarronvillagenursery.com or jane@cambusbarronvillagenursery.com) as these are both monitored regularly. Our phone number in the centre is 01786 430497 and we have a mobile phone (07887 933189) for emergency use during woods sessions but please note that phones are not monitored regularly or outside nursery hours.



COVID News

I am pleased to be able to bump COVID towards the end of this newsletter since it feels like we are able to speak more positively about the situation just now as restrictions are gradually easing. We cannot however drop our guard as you will understand. We really appreciate you keeping to our rules and routines in order to keep everyone safe.

May Holidays

Nursery is closed on Monday May 3rd for the local holiday and is also closed on Thursday May 6th (Scottish Parliamentary Election day) for staff development.

End of Term

The summer term ends on Friday June 25th at 12:30pm.

Session 2021/2022

Session 2021/2022 begins on Wednesday August 18th at 9am. We have limited spaces available for next term, please email us at admin@CambusbarronVillageNursery.com or see our [website](#) for more information.

Kind regards

Jane