



# 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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## The Woods in Spring

Over the last few weeks our children have been hunting for the signs of spring in the woods and have been delighted to see green shoots and glimpses of colour as well as to hear the increasing bird song during our visits.



These flowers will be yellow!

We are looking forward to seeing more colour as we move further into spring.



Did you know there are werewolves in our woods? Our children have been exploring footprints and marks in the mud and were very excited to find a print that "definitely" is a werewolf footprint. No need to worry though, they tell us they are very friendly

werewolves 😊

Look, it's a werewolf footprint



Investigative, imaginative and inventive STEAM possibilities abound through a variety of natural materials providing authentic experiences.

The British Association for Early Childhood Education

Children are born ready to be and learn outside and with increasing sedentary lifestyles, movement outside is a critical life opportunity

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## Warm Hub



We were very pleased to be invited to have lunch at the village Warm Hub recently. Such opportunities help our children to feel part of the wider community, to have different experiences and meet new people . Thank you for the invite - we especially enjoyed the beans on toast!

## Healthy Tots Lunches

We have been paying particular focus to lunch times with our children recently. We know that our relationship with food is influenced by our early experiences and that good eating practices will shape future health. We have been getting lunches over the last few weeks from a new supplier, Healthy Tots from Edinburgh. They are delivered daily to us in their electric van. Last week we offered parents opportunities to see and taste some items from the new menu and feedback was generally very positive. Our children are also impressed with most of them giving the new menu a big thumbs up.



We do plan to make some further changes however from after the Easter break on Woods days. Before heading to the woods children will have the opportunity to make their own sandwiches for lunch. They'll pack them up and carry them to the woods. We also plan to make our own soup in nursery ready to take to the woods. We aim to promote independence and responsibility through this as well as to develop children's awareness of food preparation and hygiene. We'll keep you posted on how this goes.

The menu looks much more like what I serve at home  
(parent)

We recognise that many families live in challenging circumstances and the ELC sector is well placed to support children and families to explore and connect positively with food

Care Inspectorate

## SIMOA and the Wellbeing Buddies

Our children have been learning more about SIMOA and the Wellbeing Buddies recently in nursery. **SIMOA** the elephant is part of the Care Inspectorate's Keeping Children Safe - Look, Think, Act Campaign which aims to raise awareness of how and why children could leave nursery without a responsible adult.

The **Wellbeing Buddies** are a set of characters representing the 8 indicators which are considered to contribute towards wellbeing. You might have also seen them referred to as SHANARRI. The Wellbeing Buddies are **S**afe Stella, **H**eady Henry, **A**chieving Andrew, **N**urturing Nora, **A**ctive Aamir, **R**espected Rhiya, **R**esponsible Robbie and **I**ncluded Isabella. Staff are encouraging children to think of how they can be like the Wellbeing Buddies and they are recording their thoughts and actions in their own Wellbeing Buddy Book. These will be available to take back and forward between nursery and home and we invite parents to add examples of activities and actions at home which represents the actions of the Wellbeing Buddies.



## First Aid



We were delighted to be awarded funding to allow us to deliver a First Aid course for staff and parents in January. A big well done to all who successfully completed the course. This course was fully subscribed and we received very positive feedback. We hope to be able to repeat again in the future. Our children have been very interested in first aid recently too and there have, sadly, been many “accidents” in nursery which have required their friends to act as doctors and nurses. To build on their interests we have now arranged for Mini First Aid to come into nursery on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March to do a short first aid session with the children.



MINI  
FIRST  
AID

## Validated Self-Evaluation



Validated Self-Evaluation (VSE) is an approach to support and secure improvement in our service. CVN is part of an improvement partnership with St Ninian's, Braehead and Balfron Nursery Classes. A part of this partnership involves educators visiting each nursery to look at and share good practice and to support each other in the improvement process. We are delighted to be welcoming colleagues from our partner nurseries to CVN on Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our colleagues will likely want to speak with our parents, please let me know (email or seesaw) if you would like to be part of this process.

## Community Food Larder

Our Community Larder continues to go from strength to strength and it is lovely to see so much produce helping people and also in knowing that we are contributing towards reducing the amount of food sent to landfill. Please keep an eye on the [facebook page](#) for information about availability over the Easter period.



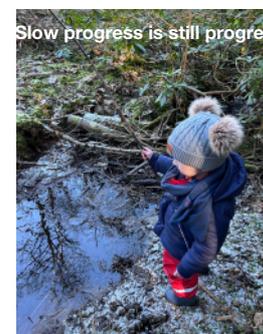
## Rag Bag



Thank you to everyone who contributed textiles to our Rag Bag collection. This not only helps reduce landfill, aid recycling but also brings in some extra funds for nursery. We are still waiting to find out the final total but will let you know as soon as we do.

## Our Nursery in the Woods

We are still progressing plans to move our nursery to a new building in Gillies Hill Community Woodland. Unfortunately its slow progress but we are making some headway. Over the coming weeks we are hoping to be working to identify the exact location of the building. This will involve conduction some ecological studies More information about our plans is available on our [website](#) or please, feel free, to speak with us (Jane or any of our Board of Directors) if you would like to know more.



Slow progress is still progress

We have limited availability for session 2023/2024 and applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available on our [website](#) and should be returned to Lynda at [admin@CambusbarronVillageNursery.com](mailto:admin@CambusbarronVillageNursery.com) as soon as possible. Please note that children returning to CVN in August 2023 do not need to re-apply. Their space will be held for them. In line with Stirling Council policy confirmation of places for Session 2023/2024 cannot be made before Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>

## Contacting Us

Please remember to let us know if your child will be absent from nursery, either phone us on 01786 430497 or email [jane@CambusbarronVillageNursery.com](mailto:jane@CambusbarronVillageNursery.com) or [admin@CambusbarronVillageNursery.com](mailto:admin@CambusbarronVillageNursery.com). We also can receive messages via SeeSaw.

We use WhatsApp to keep you updated with any last minute change of plans on woodland play days. Please be aware that we do not check WhatsApp regularly and important messages should be sent via email or SeeSaw. Similarly, please do not use Facebook messenger to contact us as it is not checked regularly and we do not want to miss important messages.

## Dates for your Diary

We follow the [Stirling Council School term pattern](#). Please note that all woods sessions noted below are subject to change.

### March 2023

Mini First Aid : Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

Woods : Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

### April 2023

Easter Holidays : Weeks beginning April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>

Nursery re-opens : Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

Woods : Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Woods : Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Woods : Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Woods : Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Closed : Friday 28<sup>th</sup> (Staff Development Day)

### May 2023

Nursery Closed : Monday 1<sup>st</sup> (Local Holiday)

Woods : Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Woods : Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Closed : Monday 8<sup>th</sup> (Local Holiday)

Woods : Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Woods : Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Woods : Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Woods : Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Woods : Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Woods : Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

Woods : Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>

As always, please feel free to speak to a member of staff or me if you have any questions or concerns.

On behalf of the staff team and CVN's Board of Directors I wish you a Happy Easter.

Kind regards

*Jane*

