

## What's on in the playrooms:-

### Little Stars Playroom

The little stars playroom have been fascinated with transport recently. The staff have provided experiences for the children to explore this further through messy play. The children have also enjoyed reading and singing about transport throughout their day in nursery.

### Sunshine Playroom

The sunshine playroom have been exploring shapes and numbers in different ways. We have also introduced a new interactive welcome time along with bringing in new practices such as meditation, yoga, baking and cooking.

### Rainbow Playroom

The rainbow playroom will be exploring their families and how everyone's families are different. The children will be focusing on this topic in many ways i.e. through creative play and so on. The rainbow playroom will also begin introducing languages to the children. This will be very basic to begin so the children can pick it up at a pace that suits them best.

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## Dates to Remember

### Pancake Day / Mardi Gras

On the 5<sup>th</sup> March the children will be invited to dress up in colourful clothing for the celebration on Mardi Gras.

### World Book Day

On the 7<sup>th</sup> March the children are invited to dress up as their favourite character and bring their favourite story to nursery.

### Mother's Day Races (2pm – 4pm)

On the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March children from the Sunshine and Rainbow playrooms will be inviting their Mum's along to a nursery event to celebrate Mother's Day.

### Mother's Day (Babies)

Information to follow soon.

### Easter Bonnet Parade

This will take place on the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> April. The children can make bonnets at home with their families and bring it into nursery to show everyone their amazing creations.

### Visiting Local Care Home (April)

The rainbow playroom are still making plans to visit the local care home. The date is to be confirmed but the staff are making plans for the event. The children will prepare a song and deliver Easter eggs to the residents.

We will soon be looking for donations of small Easter eggs for this. Any help with this would be fantastic and I am sure the residents will be over the moon with a visit from the children. More information for the event will follow soon!



**“Children teach  
us the true  
meaning of  
unconditional  
love”**

## Parent Workshop

The parent workshop for the baby and toddler playrooms has been scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> March between 6.15pm – 7.15pm focusing on attachment and nurture.

Only 5 out of nearly 50 families have confirmed their interest for this event. As you can appreciate, these workshops take a lot of preparation and personal time from the staff – which we are more than happy to do – however there does not seem to be a great uptake for the workshops.

I would be more than grateful for your feedback and/or suggestions on how we can improve upon our parental involvement.

The workshop is still scheduled as planned, depending on how many more acceptances we receive. I will let everyone know on the 27<sup>th</sup> February.



## Playing Outdoors

Due to the changes in weather, can we please ask that parents provide their child with weather appropriate clothing so they can explore the outdoors in all weather.

The children are outdoors daily, and they enjoy getting muddy and investigating the natural environment of the nursery garden.

This may be hats, scarves, wellington boots/outdoor shoes, rain coats, overalls etc. Thank you very much.

## Staffing

I hope everyone will join me in welcoming Karen Milligan to our nursery. She will be joining our toddler playroom on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. Karen joins us from another well-established nursery and has a wealth of knowledge from her 10+ years' experience of the 0-3year curriculum.

We all send a huge congratulations to our rainbow playroom manager, Siobhan Muir, who is expecting her second baby in July! Kirsty Smith will be returning on the 18<sup>th</sup> March from maternity leave – she is so excited to see everyone again!

After 17 years of working at Viewpark Montessori Nursery, our cook Tricia Munro will be hanging up her apron to retire on the 15<sup>th</sup> March. We hope you will join us in sending her best wishes. As they have provided for us before, we have decided that Hungry Tums will provide the children's lunches/puddings whilst in nursery. Hungry Tums are a very high standard catering company who caters for many nurseries across Scotland. Hungry Tums meals are prepared daily in their catering kitchen in accordance with The Scottish Government's "Setting the Table" guidelines and is delivered straight to the nursery door. If you would like to find out more about this, please get in touch or visit their website [www.tumland.com](http://www.tumland.com)



### Little Stars

Aidan Lyttle

Leora Shand

Ollie Wright

### Sunshine Playroom

Aoife O'Donnell

### Rainbow Playroom

Holly Davidson

Emily MacMorris



## The Sunshine Playroom

### Early Years Practitioners

Lisa Loughran

Nicole Kershaw

Karen Milligan



## The Little Stars Playroom

### Playroom Manager

Kirstin Dickie

### Early Years Practitioners

Emma Rhinds

Emily McGurk

Shannon Doherty



Nursery Cook

**Tricia Munro**

Evening Housekeeper

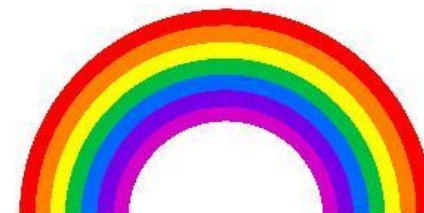
**Agnieslka Pietrzyk**

Senior Management

**Kirsten Brady:** *Nursery Principal*

**Jennifer Brady:** *Financial Manager*

**Sarah Crawford:** *Head of Centre*



## The Rainbow Playroom

### Playroom Manager

Siobhan Muir

### Early Years Practitioners

Ceri McCluskey

Kirsten Carpenter

Ilaria Rinaldi