

Early Years

We are looking forward to welcoming new children to Òganan in April and trust they will all settle in well. We have just a few fully funded spaces available now. We are grateful to the school and community who have recommended Òganan to new families. Children can attend Òganan from their 3rd birthday. The uptake of funded and payable spaces has been very positive this year and we expect this to continue for the rest of the academic year.

After-School Club

Numbers attending the after-school club are increasing again after being affected like all other settings by changes due to Covid. We have taken the decision to continue operating in bubbles for the time being and they work well in the setting. The feedback from the children and staff team has been overwhelmingly positive.

We recently developed and created new menus for the after-school club. This was in collaboration with children and the staff team and resulted in some great ideas. We are committed to offering the children a healthy and nutritious snack, which meets everyone's needs and requirements. The menus will shortly be shared with all of our families via Cheqdin and social media.

We continue to be grateful for those who have handed in donations of toys, spare clothes and resources to the setting. We are mindful of our waste and recycling commitments, so giving old toys a new home is always welcome.

Holiday Clubs

The February Holiday Club was a resounding success despite the weather not being favourable. The children enjoyed the variety of activities each day, with lots of messy play and slime was again the children's favourite! All spaces were allocated, and we were able to offer some additional spaces due to cancellations and absences.

We are in the process of organising our Easter Holiday Club programme. Further information will be available soon via Cheqdin and social media.

Late Collection

Late collection continues to be an issue at the short session for Class 1/2 children and our early years sessions. Families have been continually reminded about this, both verbally and in writing. Whilst late collection may seem trivial, the affect it has on the setting is significant as it can impact on our ratios. It is vital that we are working within these legal ratios, to ensure the health and safety of both children and staff. The quality of care is very important to us, and late collection from these sessions has a direct impact on this care. In addition, we aim to provide an accurate and full feedback to each of our early years' families at the end of each day and unfortunately late collections also has an impact on this.

Staffing

Staffing levels remain consistent and we are pleased to have a committed team who are dedicated to the children in our care. The staff team continue to access a wide

range of training and development opportunities and delighted to report that a further 2 members of the staff team have successfully completed their SVQ in Childcare.