



# 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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## Welcome Back!

We are delighted to see all of our children back in nursery after the Easter break. We hope you all enjoyed some time off and a little chocolate.



## Goodbye Amos

We were sad to say goodbye to Amos at the end of last term. He has been a huge friend to our children and very supportive of all the work CVN does in the woods. In his last blog post he wrote "One thing that gives me enormous hope for the future of the community woodland is the work of Cambusbarron Village Nursery in connecting the little people with the wonders of the woods." Everyone at CVN will miss his energy and enthusiasm but we wish him well in his new job and hope he will be back soon to visit.



## Camphill Blair Drummond



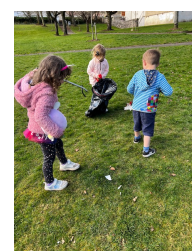
We have made firm friends in the Camphill at Blair Drummond Community, enjoying Haka dances, chocolate brownie treats and picnics with them over the session. We were honoured to be invited to see some of their members receive their John Muir Award for their hard work in the woodland. We are hopeful to be engaging more with the Camphill Crew in the coming months and maybe even undertaking some

John Muir Award work ourselves.

We have also been invited to visit Camphill to see around their gardens and workshop and also see their animals and, all being well, we hope to arrange this outing some time in June. More information will follow as we get it.

## Community Clean Up Month

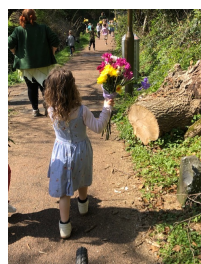
Our children helped with the community clean up last month collecting litter from the park one sunny afternoon. Playing an active role in our community is an important feature of our service and encourages children to grow up to be responsible citizens.



## Community Food Larder

Our Community Larder continues to be an overwhelming success and we are encouraged by the amount of food we have been able to distribute out to the community and, in consequence, how much less food waste is sent to landfill. Along with benefitting our community and reducing waste the community larder is providing our children with many learning opportunities such as counting, sorting, weighing and measuring waste items as well as developing their understanding of what food waste is. Our Community Food Larder is usually available Monday to Friday from 9:30 am until the Community Centre closes. We must also recognise Lynda and her team of supporters for their significant efforts in collecting and sorting food daily - thank you 💪

## Happy Thursday



Our Random Acts of Kindness are another of our community activities. This week we have been out delivering flowers with a Happy Thursday (or Tuesday or Wednesday!) message - our children love spreading their smiles and we have heard from many people how much they enjoy receiving the flowers and seeing our wee ones out and about in the community.

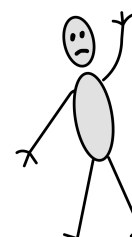
If the connection between schools and communities is strong, it is easier for children to develop the skills needed to be successful socially and emotionally, physically and academically  
OECD, Encouraging Quality in Early Childhood Education and Care

## COVID rules

We have reviewed our procedures following the recent relaxation in COVID rules and in light of current guidance for early years settings and do not plan to make any changes at this point. We ask that parents remain vigilant and to maintain appropriate distancing when entering the community centre. Anyone with COVID symptoms or who has tested positive (either LFT or PCR) should follow the appropriate NHS advice and should not come to nursery.

## Transitions

We have several children leaving us for school this summer and we are currently working on arrangements to support their transition. Cambusbarron Primary School have told us that their school welcome packs and invitations will be sent out the week beginning May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will pass on arrangements from other schools as and when we receive it.



## Woodland Play Sessions



The felling in the woods because of the Statutory Plant Health Notice is now complete however there is still ongoing disruption as felled trees are moved out. This compromises our access to the woods but we still plan to have sessions twice weekly throughout the coming term.

The following are suggested dates but are subject to change.

May : Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>.

June : Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

This regular contact with nature connects [children] to their local community and sense of place, helping them to develop as responsible citizens committed to sustainability.  
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As the weather will hopefully be warmer and sunnier a reminder that sun hats and sunscreen may be needed. We recommend wearing long sleeves and long trousers in the woods as this reduces the likelihood of scratches, stings and sunburn. Please make sure we have changes of clothing for children at all times, play is always a messy business but particularly in the woods!

It is important that [children] are equipped with appropriate clothing and footwear to ensure comfort and protection no matter the weather. The act of changing in and out of outdoor clothing should be considered as a rich learning opportunity in itself. Children should be positively encouraged and supported to develop the problem solving and fine and gross motor skills needed to self-select clothing and footwear and dress themselves

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## Lunches

We have a new lunch menu from the school and happy to say that the range of hot meals has been extended. The new menu can be seen on our [website](#).

## Soup Share



Our next soup share will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like to nominate an elderly friend, relative or neighbour to be invited please let us know as soon as possible.

"meaningful social relationships and involvement of parents and community in the child's learning .. bring about long-term economic and health benefits"

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## CVN in the Woods Project

We are delighted to say that our project was awarded £10,000 by the National Lotteries Community Fund and nearly £2000 from the Aviva Community Fund. These grants will allow us to move to the next stage of our project to relocate our nursery to a site in Gillies Hill Community Woodland. You can see more about our project on our [website](#).



## Local Elections and Jubilee - Nursery Closed

The Community Centre will be closed for the local elections on Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> and also for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. As a result nursery will also be closed on both of these dates.

## Session 2022/2023

We have limited spaces available for session 2022/2023. Please get in touch for more information or complete an [enrolment form](#) and send it in to us ASAP.

## 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](#).

### April

Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> : [Nursery Closed](#) - in service day

### May

Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> : [Nursery Closed](#) - May Bank Holiday

W/B May 2<sup>nd</sup> : Cambusbarron Primary School welcome packs sent out to children starting in August.

Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> : [Nursery Closed](#) - Scottish Local Elections

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May : Soup Share

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May : Pre-schooler Parents' welcome evening at Cambusbarron Primary School

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May : Pre-schooler eye tests

### June

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June : Pre-schooler visit to Cambusbarron Primary school (9:30am-11am)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June : [Nursery Closed](#) - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Holiday

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June : Pre-schooler visit to Cambusbarron Primary school (9:30am-11am)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June : Pre-schooler stay and play session with parents (including school lunch) 9:30am-12:15pm)

Summer holidays starts: Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>

Kind regards



## ***Play the Stirling Community Lottery and help us raise funds to build our new nursery!***

We are delighted to be involved in the new Stirling Community Lottery. Tickets cost just £1 and there's a 1:50 chance of winning. The jackpot prize, if you match all 6 numbers is £25000. 50% of all tickets sold from *our page* will come to CVN and another 10% to other causes in Stirling. The QR code is the easiest way to find our page, or choose Cambusbarron Village Nursery from the list of good causes (more info at the end of this newsletter).



## ***PayPal***

As a Community Interest Company and small village organisation we aim to keep our costs low. Our only sources of income are parent fees and funding for eligible children and we rely on these to cover our core costs of rent and staff salaries. Unfortunately these do not cover the extras needed to operate our service, smaller extras such as paint, paper, ink and the larger extras such as the puddle suits and ruck sacks which are necessary items of equipment to support our woodland play sessions. We appreciate contributions from parents and families to help cover these additional costs. It's very easy to send us money via PayPal, simply scan this QR code.

If anyone would be interested in helping us with planning and developing fundraising ideas please get in touch.

