

Cairns Early Childhood Centre

Parent and Carer Newsletter

April 2024



Welcome to our April newsletter, and to the last term of our 2023-2024 session! It has been a very quick year so far; let's see what we've been up to in the ECC...

What did we do in April?

For some of our children, it was the Easter break. It was lovely to hear what you all got up to whilst on holiday. We have started adding more information on what we've been learning on our weekly Facebook posts. These are usually published on a Friday. You'll also get updates on your child's Learning Journal, so if you have any issues getting logged on to this, please let the office staff know.

At the end of March we had our Easter bonnet parade and we managed to raise just over **£900!!** We were fund-raising for our summer parties which take place in June. Our children in the Ocean and the Jungle rooms will have a bouncy castle, and our children in the Farm will have a visit from a special entertainer. We are also purchasing Graduation gifts for our children who are leaving Cairns to move on to Primary school. Thank you so much for your kind donations!

What's happening in May?

We have our Parent and Carer meetings in the week beginning 6th May. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's keyworker and get an update on how they are doing. We will also review their Personal Plan, and for any children going to school, we will discuss their transition report before sharing this with your child's primary school.

During these meetings, there will be a flip chart for you to add your thoughts on what you feel our improvement priorities should be for 2024-2025 in relation to children's learning. Please take the time to share your ideas as this will help us create our next Improvement Plan. There will also be QR codes for our Nurture questionnaire; if you haven't already done so, please take the time to answer this as it will help us make improvements and let us know what you think we're doing well.

On Wednesday 15th May and Wednesday 22nd May, we will host Outdoor Stay and Play events with the theme of Sports Day. We have sign-up sheets in the cloakrooms for the Ocean and the Jungle rooms. Times are from 9:15am – 10:15am and 1:30pm – 2:30pm. We will have lots of sport-themed activities so it would be great if you could come along.

There are a few transition dates for our feeder primary schools; parents/carers should have received notification of the dates by email. If you have any questions about dates, please

contact the primary school directly. As some of these events fall over our lunch time, please let staff know if you need lunch to be kept for your child.

Graduation for the Class of 2024

Our Jungle Room Graduation will take place on Wednesday 19th June. These will take place in groups in our Farm playroom. We will share information on group times in week beginning 6th of May. Please note, attendance to Graduation will be limited to 2 adults per child due to capacity within our playroom; we want to ensure this can still go ahead even if the weather doesn't allow.

We will be arranging a group photo of the children of who are graduating this year as a gift. Taylor has put together a consent form which has been shared on your child's Learning Journal. Please complete this ASAP. Once we have these consents in, we will let parents/carers know the date the photo will be taken.

Parent / Carer Committee Meeting

Our next parent/carers committee meeting takes place on Wednesday 29th May at 9:15am in our Family Room. These meetings usually last no longer than 1 hour. There is no commitment required in terms of parents/carers leading on fund raising etc. we're simply looking for parents/carers to come along and help us plan events, share ideas and help out with anything going on in the ECC, for example, maybe you are a keen gardener who could help out with planting or caring for our garden for a few hours.

If you can, please do come along!

Consultation on Early Learning and Childcare delivery

East Ayrshire Council are consulting parents/carers of all children who either attend an ECC/funded provider in the authority or would be due to attend an ECC/funded provider in the next few years. This is an online questionnaire where they are looking for your feedback on models of delivery, meal provision, and if there are any barriers to you accessing your child's entitlement of 1140 hours of funded Early Learning and Childcare.

This is open until May 6th and we have shared the link on Facebook, the APP, and on your child's Learning Journal. It can also be accessed by scanning the QR code below. Please complete this ASAP.



We hope you all have a magnificent May!

Team Cairns ☺

Key dates for 2024

We understand how useful it can be to have a note of any key dates for special events in the ECC to allow you to be able to attend.

May

6th – Local holiday – ECC closed to all children

WB 6th – Parent/Carer meetings with child’s keyworker

WB 6th – Screen-free week, Deaf awareness week and Sun awareness week

15th – Sports Day Stay and Play

22nd – Sports Day Stay and Play

20th – World Bee Day

23rd – Paddington’s Party at Hillhead Primary – **transition event 2pm – 2:45pm**

27th – Local holiday – Term-time children off only

28th – In-service Day – ECC closed to all children

29th – Parent and carer committee meeting – **9:15am – 10:15am**

June

5th – World Environment Day

6th – Mini classroom graduation at Hillhead Primary – **transition event 2pm – 2:45pm**

13th – Lunch visit at Hillhead Primary – **transition event 11:30am – 12:15pm**

18th – Buddy’s Sports Day at Hillhead Primary – **transition event 2pm – 2:45pm**

19th – Pre-school graduation – details will be shared in week beginning 6th May

21st – 2-3 and 3-5 end of term party – more info nearer the time

26th – 0-2 end of term party – more info nearer the time

28th – Last day of term for our term-time children

Get involved with the ECC

**Find us on Facebook & Twitter
@CairnsECC**

**Cairns Bairns (0-2 children)
Every Wed 9:15am – 11:15am
Bookbug on first Wednesday of each
month (0-3)**

**We always appreciate donations of:
Baby wipes
Tissues
Kitchen roll
Socks, pants and trousers**

**Bookbug sessions (3-5)
Weekly on Tuesday @ 2pm**



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We are TEAM CAIRNS

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