



## Indoor Learning

Throughout the month of May the children have been taking part in various learning experiences indoors.

They are keen and enthusiastic about sharing their ideas and have created lots of interesting mind maps throughout the floor book to show this.

Feelings and emotions have been a big focus during this month, with the children learning to verbalise their feelings. They have been learning to discuss different feeling and strategies they use to deal with their emotions. They all seem confident in discussing their feelings with their grown-ups at home and the grown-ups within the ECC.

Measure has been very popular with the children. They have been using various items to measure height and length. They have been developing their knowledge of the language of measure and applying this to their play.

Transition events have been taking place throughout the month. All children from the ECC have been assigned a buddy.

Our children transitioning in to Primary 1 have a current P6 buddy. The children who will be returning to the Centre have been assigned a P5 buddy who they will continue to build relationships with throughout their Pre-School Year and into P1. We have been meeting with our Buddies weekly and taking part in lots of experiences. The Buddies organised the recent Sports Day which was a huge success!

The Pre-School children have also been visiting their P1 classroom where they have been developing their knowledge of the routines and surroundings there and building positive relationships with the P1 teacher.

# Sharing Our Learning

## May 2022

### Skills for life

- The children are now serving themselves during lunch time. They are being encouraged to choose appropriate sized portions are a good balance of foods on their plate.
- We continue to encourage independence through dressing for outdoor play, whether with dressing in waterproofs or putting on hats independently during warm weather.
- We encourage independence through toileting routines, where we encourage children to the best of their ability to complete the toileting routine independently.

### Important upcoming dates

10/06/22 -Teddy Bears Picnic

Parents/Carers are invited to the field where our children will join them. They can bring a teddy bear and blanket to sit on. If you wish, you may bring some snacks for your child, however water and fruit will be provided. Children will have their buddies with them. We will bring the children to the field to meet you. If bad weather, the picnic will be moved indoors and unfortunately we are unable to accommodate Parents/Carers inside.

15/06/22 - Whole school and ECC trip to Heads of Ayr Farm Park

Further details will follow.

23/06/22 - Meet the Teacher (Children moving to P1)

Further details to follow.

29/6/22 - Holidays

ECC closes for Summer Holidays.

### Home Learning Ideas

- Continuing to discuss transition with your child and the changes for after the summer holidays, whether this be starting school, starting a new Centre or returning to Fenwick ECC with help prepare your child for any changes coming their way.



## Outdoor Learning

The children's interest in measure followed outdoors where they were applying the language of measure to their play as they explored with the loose parts, discussing weight, size and length.

They have also explored with planting and we are currently sourcing more materials to develop this interest further. The children have been keen to plant both flowers and vegetables. Some recently brought Cress home with them to continue to grow at home.

The children have also been very curious and inquisitive when in the garden investigating the more mature plants which have started to grow seeds. They used tools to open some of the larger seeds to see what they looked like, smelled like and felt like.

Visits with our Buddies have been mainly outdoors with the ECC children sharing some of their favourite games with their Buddies, taking part in construction projects and transient art.

Water play has also been very popular outdoors with the children developing their problem solving skills about how to make water flow successfully to fill a tuff tray on the ground to allow their boats to float. This was a great experience with lots of rich problem solving opportunities and opportunities for children to enhance their knowledge of capacity, and of floating and sinking.

