**Lainshaw Early Childhood Centre**

**October Newsletter**

Welcome to this month’s newsletter. I can’t believe we are in October already, what a quick couple of months since the children returned in August.

A warm welcome to our new children and families that have joined us.

**Learning Journals**

* The Learning Journals are all now up and running, we hope you are enjoying seeing all the photos and comments from the staff.
* Learning Journal posts will be sent out on a Thursday night at 6pm.
* If you are having issues logging onto the journals please let me know and I can reset your password.
* We encourage all parents to access this and to enjoy talking to your child about their week at nursery.

**Staffing**

* Interviews for Depute Manager have concluded and the preferred candidate was Kimberley Lennox. We look forward to welcoming Kimberley to Lainshaw ECC once all checks have been completed.
* Interviews for a Support Assistant have concluded and the preferred candidate was Jennifer Naylor. Jennifer will join Lainshaw ECC on Tuesday 25th October and will be based in the Ladybird Room.
* I would like to welcome Katie Carswell who has joined the team as a Support Assistant and she will support in the 3-5 room from 10-2pm.

**Dropping Off and Collection of Children**

Opening hours – 9am-3pm

AM Session – 9am-12:30pm (3-5 years)

AM session 9am-11:30am (2-3 years)

PM session 12:30-3pm (2-3 years)

* Doors will open at 8:50am/2:50pm to allow for the drop off/collection of siblings from school.
* The 3-5 children will enter via the ECC doors where a member of staff will be situated to direct them to their group areas.
* Parents will be invited in at home time to collect their child from their group area.
* The 2-3 children will continue to enter and leave via the 2-3 garden area ***(can we please remind parents not to open the gate to the garden area due to safety requirements)***

**October Break**

* October Holiday: Monday 17th – Friday 21st October
* Monday 24th October: In-service day for staff – ECC closed - children return on Tuesday 25th October

**Communication**

* If you require information to be sent out to 2 parents can you please inform the ECC. This may include reports, newsletters, event information or log in details for Journals.
* Can you please update any telephone numbers, address changes or collection details for your child. If you contact the ECC office to update thank you.

**BLOG**

* Weekly photos of what the children have been doing will be uploaded to the ECC BLOG on a Friday. Please log in and have a look.
* Lots of information regarding Communication is available on the BLOG with some lovely Makaton videos by Hayley for you to watch with your child.
* Lainshaw ECC BLOG: <https://blog.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/ealainshawpseccmain2018/>

**PEEP Sessions**

* Our PEEP sessions were a huge success, thank you to the parents that attended.
* Hazel will be carrying out another block of sessions early in the New Year.

**2-3 Room**

* We are looking for family photographs to support children with transition. Can these please be sent to lynne.ogilvy@eastayrshire.org.uk
* **Proud Cloud:** We are looking for achievements, celebrations or significant events for our Proud Cloud Wall. This is to support our links with the family home. If you have any photos of achievements please send these to sarah.peacock@eastayrshire.org.uk
* During the October holiday week we will be giving each child a bag to see if they can collect some autumn items for a sensory tray for the children to explore.

**ECC Clothing**

* Can we please remind all parents to put your child’s name on all items of clothing/shoes/wetsuits to prevent items from becoming lost.
* As the weather is becoming colder can you ensure your child has extra layers that can be put on for outdoor play e.g. jumpers, hats and gloves.
* The 2-3 room are looking for donations of the following: socks (age 2-4 years)/boys & girls tops (age 2-5 years)

**Halloween Party 2-3 Room**

* Party will be held on: **Friday 28th October Am & PM**
* Children that normally attend on a Friday – session will be as normal.
* Due to the number of children that attend across the week the staff will send out personal invites to those children that do not normally attend on a Friday with a time for your child.
* Children can come in dressed up if they wish, can we please request that there are no scary masks due to some children being scared.
* There will be party games & fun activities throughout the day.
* Please put your child’s name on any accessories.

**Halloween Party 3-5 Rooms**

* Party will be held on: **Friday 28th October**
* Children can come in dressed up if they wish, can we please request that there are no scary masks due to some children being scared.
* There will be party games & fun activities throughout the day.
* Please put your child’s name on any accessories.
* There will be party food on the day if you would prefer your child not to have party food please let the ECC know. A menu will be sent out prior to the party. Children with allergies will be catered for.

**Parents Meetings**

* W/B 28th November – **Parents meetings in the ECC as follows (Individual times will be issued to parents)**

 Monday – Monkeys/Ladybirds

 Tuesday – Lions/Ladybirds

 Wednesday – Parrots

 Thursday – Penguins

 Friday – Kangaroos

 Tuesday 6th December – Pandas

 Wednesday 7th December – Giraffes

**Parent Council Meeting -**

* We would love if parents from the ECC could become involved with parent council.
* The next parent council meeting is: Monday 7th November in the school.
* If you have any questions please contact: John Semple (Chairperson, who is contactable via email: lainshawps.pc@gmail.com

**Communication Links**

* ECC School App – Username: Lainshaw

 Password: 2016

* Learning Journals -
* Lainshaw ECC BLOG: <https://blog.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/ealainshawpseccmain2018/>
* Lainshaw ECC Telephone Number: 01560 483653
* Email: Jason.johnstone@eastayrshire.org.uk (Head Teacher)

 Lynne.ogilvy@eastayrshire.org.uk (Acting Depute Manager)

**Dates for diary**

* Friday 16th December – Christmas Sing-a-long – Parents invited in (times to follow)
* Wednesday 21st December – Christmas Parties
* Christmas Holidays – ECC closed Monday 26th December – Friday 6th January – Children return on Monday 9th January.
* February Holiday – ECC closed Thursday 9th February – Wednesday 15th February – Children return on Thursday 16th February.
* Thursday 30th March – Easter Extravaganza (more information to follow)
* Easter holidays – Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April
* May Holidays – Monday 1st May – ECC closed
* Friday 26th – Monday 29th May – ECC Closed
* Summer Holidays – ECC closes Friday 30th June
* Transition Report Parent Meetings – W/B 15th May 2023 (times to follow)
* Wednesday 31st May – Sports Day (more information to follow)
* Ladybird Room Summer Celebration – Friday 23rd June
* Wednesday 28th June – Graduation for Pre School Children (more information to follow)
* Friday 30th June – ECC Closes for summer Holidays



**A Final Word:**

My time at Lainshaw Early Childhood Centre is coming to an end, I would like to thank all parents, carers, staff and most importantly your children for making my short time here so welcoming and fun. I have loved working with you all and I know that your little Super Stars are going to fly high and be the best they can be and succeed in whatever they choose to do.