



Galston Early Childhood Centre



Newsletter: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

### Playroom News

The children are all now settled into both the Rainbow and the Butterfly Rooms and are beginning to build good relationships with both staff and their peers! We had a really exciting visit from some firefighters who work at Kilmarnock Fire Station who taught us all about how they can help us. They even showed us their fire engine! We're still on the lookout for any parents/carers who may want to come in and tell us all about their job if it involves helping others, please speak to a staff member on the gate if this applies to you. The Butterfly Room are continuing to sing songs altogether on a Friday and we have been practising Dingle Dangle Scarecrow. The children then came together and made their own scarecrow for Harvest time. We would like to thank everyone for all their kind donations! In both the Butterfly and the Rainbow Room the children have been discussing healthy eating and how vegetables grow. The Butterfly Room plan to make some healthy soup this week, while the Rainbow Room are going to harvest, cook and taste the corn we have grown over the summer ☺



### Clothing



The children love to explore in the wet area and even with waterproof suits and wellington boots on they regularly get wet socks. We would be grateful if you could ensure your child has several changes of clothing in their bags especially if you are aware that they love outdoor play! (Please put your child's name on their belongings). Any donations of spare clothing including shoes/wellies, suits and jackets would be greatly appreciated. If your child goes home in ECC clothing, could we kindly ask that these are returned. Thank you for your ongoing support!



### October Calendar

**WB 4.10.21:** Cauliflower Cards fundraiser for Christmas

**8.10.21:** Last day before half term  
Oct holiday (term time children only)

**11.10.21-15.10.21:** October holidays for term time children

**18.10.21:** ECC closed - In Service day

**22.10.21:** ECC: Photographer coming for individual photographs

**29.10.21:** Halloween parties for both the Rainbow and Butterfly Room!



### Pumpkin Trail

We would like to welcome back our pumpkin competition! All you have to do is work with your child to design your pumpkin and bring it into the centre from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The pumpkins will be used for a pumpkin trail for the children during the session. The winning pumpkins will receive a spooky prize to be taken home at the end of the session!



The Rainbow Room plan to create a new family portrait wall in their cosy corner so would greatly appreciate if you could bring in some lovely family pictures ☺

### **Social Distancing at Drop off and Collection times.**

Could we please ask that you keep 2m social distance whilst waiting in the queue to pick up your child and continue to wear a face mask during this time. Our keyworkers try to take time to feedback to parents/carers about their child's day so we appreciate your patience during this time. If you would like to discuss a confidential matter with your child's keyworker, please let us know so we can accommodate this by providing a private space or an alternative time to discuss any concerns.



### Toys

Where possible could we ask that children's toys remain at home. We understand that some children may need a transition toy/blanket if they are struggling to settle into the Centre and this will be taken into consideration. However, in line with Covid guidance, we ask that they remain at home. Thank you ☺

### ECC BLOG

Find out all the latest news and events through the ECC Blog page by following the link below:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/galstoneccmain/>



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