



Galston Early Childhood Centre Newsletter: 3rd December 2021



It's beginning to look like Christmas!

The children in the Centre have started to decorate the Centre for Christmas, and have had great fun in Santa's wrapping station and decorating the Christmas tree. Thank you to parents who have contributed to the decorations both inside and outside of the Centre!



Visiting Elf

The children are enjoying finding our elf in the playroom. We are using lots of positional language to describe where he is. He has also set some challenges to develop cutting skills by making paper snowflakes!

Advent Book Calendar!



Thank you to Alexander's parents who have donated enough books for everyday leading up to Christmas. Our Elf delivered them from Santa in a special box with a letter from Santa. The children are loving opening up the correct numbered book for each day and listening to the story together. Thank you ☺

Food Bank Donations

We will be taking in donations of food for the East Ayrshire Food Bank to help those most vulnerable within our community. Donations will be being picked up week beginning 13.12.21. Suggestions for donations are: tinned meat, tinned potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, long life milk, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned or packet soup, tinned beans and tinned fruit.



Festive Calendar



Please find all the dates for the festive session at the end of the newsletter.

Occupational Therapy Services

A new telephone advice service is available for parents to call on Thursday's from 2pm - 4pm. Please contact the line if you have concerns around your child's self-care tasks, participation in nursery or school, mental well-being or sensory development. All parents are able to access this advice line as outlined in the poster.

Thank you to Tesco!



Many thanks to Galston Tesco who have kindly donated 50 Santa Hats to the Centre. The children will look great wearing them when they sing their Christmas songs!

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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Telephone advice line



If you have any questions or are worried about how a child or young person is managing with their:

- **Self-care tasks** for example washing, dressing, toileting or bathing
- **Play and leisure skills** for example participating in sports and hobbies
- **Nursery or school** Participation and access within the nursery or school environment
- **General mental health and wellbeing** - impacting upon their mood and motivation levels
- **Sensory preferences or differences** - impacting on their participation in everyday activities

Our Telephone Advice Line is open every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm

Please phone: 07584 174110

We can also be contacted via email on:

aa.childrenyoungpeoplesoccupationaltherapyeast@aapct.scot.nhs.uk

You can discuss your concerns with an Occupational Therapist. We can also support you to make a request for assistance to the Children and Young People's Occupational Therapy Service if required.

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Let's Stay Safe!



We all need to continue to stay safe on the lead up to the Christmas period. Please ensure that you are wearing a face mask at drop off and collection times and maintain a minimum of 2 metres distance from other parents and staff during this time.



Festive Calendar!



Date	Primary	ECC
1.12.21		Surprise Visitor
6.12.21	Letter to Santa Christmas Quiz (assembly)	Letter to Santa
7.12.21	Make a Christmas Placemat	Make a Christmas Placemat
8.12.21	Christmas Story/Christmas Lunch	Christmas Story/Christmas Lunch
9.12.21	Make a Christmas Card Write a kindness letter (assembly)	Make a Christmas Card
10.12.21	Wear something Christmassy	Wear something Christmassy
13.12.21	Make a Decoration	Make a Decoration
14.12.21	Watch the Pantomime Santa Drive By 1.50pm	Christmas Book Bug Sessions Santa Drive By 5.30pm
15.12.21	Watch the Pantomime	Christmas Bingo and Board Games
16.12.21	Watch the Pantomime Make a Donation to the Foodbank Base 4 Party	Make a Donation for Ross Court
17.12.21	Christmas Tree Hunt Base 3 Party	Elf Hunt
20.12.21	Christmas Carols in the Playground Christmas Movie (assembly) Base 2 Party	Christmas Cake Decoration
21.12.21	Secret Santa (kindness message) Base 1 Party	Christmas Party