



Galston Early Childhood Centre: Newsletter: 4th February 2022



Transition into Galston Primary 1

We hope some of you were able to log into the VSCENE meeting hosted by Primary 1 last Thursday. This presentation outlined information about the Play Based learning within Primary one. The power point is available to see on your child's learning journal and hopefully answers any questions you may have.

After the February weekend we will be taking small groups of children up to walk around the school and visit the Primary 1 base. The purpose of these frequent visits is to allow the children to familiarise themselves with the school building, primary one base, playgrounds and informally meet some of the staff in the school too. Details of further transition arrangements will be given out to you as soon as dates are confirmed.



World Book Day



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. We will share more details after the February Break. All children will receive a book token of £1 on the day.

February Holiday

For those children who attend the centre during term-time only, the ECC will be closed on **Friday 11th - Tuesday 15th February** (inclusive).

For children who attend the centre 52 weeks, the ECC will be closed on Tuesday 15th February for a Staff In-Service day.

The centre will resume normal service for all children on Wednesday 16th February.



Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week

CHD is very close to our hearts within the Centre, and continually amazed with the attitude and resilience of a member of our Centre with this condition. Every year from 7th - 14th February is Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week. This year we would like to join in and help promote awareness about Congenital Heart Defect. Throughout this week you can come into the centre wearing something red or blue. We will learn about ways we can look after our hearts and stay healthy during the week.



Covid 19 Safety

Let's keep everyone safe! Please wear a face covering (unless exempt) when dropping off or collecting your child from the Centre.

More information about this can be found at the link below:

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/congenital-heart-defect-awareness-week-february-7-14/>

What have we been learning about?

The children in both the Rainbow and the Butterfly Rooms have had a lovely time this month celebrating different cultures. First, there was Robert Burns Day on the 25th January and then Chinese New Year on the 1st February! The children have been trying new and different foods relating to the different cultures and learning all about how we celebrate these events. Both rooms participated in some highland dancing, listened to some bagpipes and ate a yummy Burns supper! For Chinese New Year the children have been focusing on creating their very own dragons out of different materials such as boxes and clay. The children thoroughly enjoyed all the learning and fun in the playrooms and we hope to learn more about different cultures throughout the year ☺ Check out some pictures below! More pictures of things that we get up to can be found on our BLOG page by following the link:

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



Safety Leaving the Centre

Could we please encourage all parents/carers to hold hands with their child when arriving and leaving the Centre, supporting your child to understand road safety and how to keep themselves safe. It is busy area, particularly at school home time, with high levels of people and traffic. We want everyone to remain safe whilst attending Galston ECC.



Spare Clothing



Please pack spare clothes in your child's bag in case of any toileting accidents, outdoor play or messy play which requires your child to be changed in the centre. This includes underwear and socks. We are very short in replacement socks and would be grateful for any contributions. Could we ask parents/carers to return any clothing loaned by the Centre. Thank you ☺

Time to Talk Day

This takes place on Thursday 3rd February and is a day set aside to talk about mental health to get everyone talking and listening. Staff focused on discussing different emotions we may be feeling and the ways we express these. This is a good opportunity to explore how your children express their feelings and their understanding of them.



Galston School and ECC APP

Please download this app onto your phone. The App is free, simply search for PSA in the Apple or Google Play app stores. The APP has a section for the Early Childhood Centre as well as each year group from the school. You can select to receive information for specific groups. All information for the school and ECC regarding updates and events is communicated through this APP.

Communication Champion

Irene Sayers (Silver Group) is the Centre's Communication Champion. If you have concerns regarding your child's communication skills, please speak to your child's keyworker or Irene.

February top tip

Get down to your child's level.



You and your wee one can then share the moment and hear and see each other's messages better.

Virtual Parents/Carers Meeting

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the meeting last week. We look forward to continuing these throughout the year. The date for the next meeting is Wednesday 23rd February between 5pm and 6pm

Check out our social media:



@weepeoplechat

Helpline & Virtual Drop In

Helpline: Phone-07980919654

Mon.9:30am- 11:30am
Thur- 2pm-4pm

