



Galston Early Childhood Centre: Newsletter: October 2023



Playroom News

During September, children have been supported to become familiar with the routines within both playrooms. In the Rainbow Room the children have been developing levels of independence in putting on jackets/boots for outdoor play, exploring mathematical language and developing positive friendships. In the Butterfly room, through play the children have been exploring their senses in the messy area, using their imagination in the home corner/ role-play areas and exploring the outdoor environment, using different resources to make a drive through take away and encouraged to assess and manage risk within this area.

Supporting Communication



Harvest Time



Home-link Harvest poems/songs have been shared through the learning journals for each group. We recognise that the cost of living is having a huge impact on everyone and we plan to support the local food bank with non-perishable items, such as tinned food, pasta, cereals, biscuits, tea etc... A donation box will be in the cloakroom for any donations of items.

Learning Journals

Children's learning is documented on the Learning Journals through observations and setting of targets. We encourage all parents/carers to "like" an observation or provide feedback.

Stories will also be included on your child's learning journal which document general events and experiences within the ECC, including Rhyme of the Month, Makaton Signs and Harvest songs/poems.

If you are experiencing any difficulties in accessing your child's journal, please speak to your child's keyworker.

Spare Clothing



The children have the opportunity to play outside daily in all weathers. As we head into Autumn /Winter we request that all children have sets of spare clothing in their bags to change into if they get wet from play or any toileting accidents.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term Event Calendar 2023

| Date | Event |
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| October | |
| 6 th October | Harvest Donations - Food bank Ross Hall/ Home link poems |
| 13 th October | Autumn Scavenger Home - link Challenge Last day before half term holiday (Term Time Children) |
| Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th (inclusive) | Mid-term holiday for Term Time children |
| Monday 23 rd | ECC closed: Staff In service Day |
| Tuesday 24 th - 27 th Friday 27 th | Halloween Celebrations throughout the week in the Rainbow Room Halloween fun and dress up in Butterfly Room |
| November | |
| Monday 6 th November | Pre-school Flu Vaccines (Consent forms to be completed) |
| Wednesday 15 th | Photographer for Individual and sibling photographs (Rainbow and Butterfly Rooms) |
| Friday 17 th | Children in Need - Wear something spotty. (Both Rooms) |
| Week starting Monday 20 th | Parental Meetings - Care Plan updates |
| Thursday 30 th | St. Andrews Celebrations (TBC - Butterfly Room only) |
| December | |
| Thursday 7 th December | Christmas Jumper Day (Both Rooms) TBC |
| Monday 11 th December | Butterfly Room Festive Fun - Hall (Groups to be confirmed) 1:30 - 3pm |
| Wednesday 13 th December | Butterfly Room Festive fun - (groups to be confirmed) 9:30 - 11am |
| Friday 22 nd | ECC closes for Christmas Break |
| January 2024 | |
| Wednesday 3 rd | Non Term Time children return to centre |
| Monday 8 th | Term Time children return to Centre |

NHS Flu Vaccinations



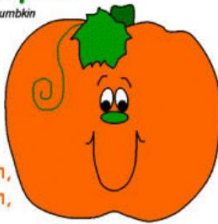
On Monday 6th November NHS staff will be in the Centre to give the Nasal spray to pre-school children.

Any parent/carers wishing for their child to have the Nasal spray **must** complete a consent form, which will be available to either take home or complete within the Centre during the week beginning 9th October.

Rhyme of the Month

Mr. Pumpkin

Tune of Where is Thumbkin



Mr. Pumpkin,
Mr. Pumpkin,

Round and fat.
Round and fat.

Harvest time is coming.
Harvest time is coming.

Yum, yum, yum.
That is that!

Sung to the tune of "Frère Jacques"

Spooky Halloween Fun!



The children in both the Rainbow and Butterfly rooms will be enjoying lots of spooky fun to celebrate Halloween throughout the week beginning 23rd October. Children are welcome to come to the ECC in spooky fancy dress on Friday 27th October.



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You can also contact your child's keyworker directly through the Learning Journals.