



Galston Early Childhood Centre: Newsletter: December 2023



Our Values - Star of the Week



Rex the Respectful Raptor



Rollo the Resilient Rhino



Hamish the Happy Hare



Cooper the Confident Cow



Konnie the Kind Kangaroo

The children in the Butterfly Room have been using our ECC Values during the month and we are delighted to be able to award Star of the Week Certificates each week. The children in the Rainbow Room have introduced each of the values to the children through stories and will be starting Star of the Week in January.

December top tip
The best gifts at Christmas don't come from a store.
Spend time with your children and get down on the floor.

Check out our social media: [@weepeoplechat](#) [@AurshireSLT](#)

Helpline & Virtual Drop In
Helpline: Phone-07980919654
Mon- 9:30am- 11:30am
Thur- 2pm-4pm

Outdoor Suits!



Thank you to everyone who voted to support Galston ECC in the TESCO funding. This along with contributions from Shire Housing, has enabled the Centre to purchase 25 outdoor fleece lined waterproof suits for the Butterfly Room and 10 for the Rainbow Room children.

Christmas Hamper



Raffle tickets will be on sale on Monday 4th December for our Christmas hamper. Funds raised from this will be used within the Centre to enhance resources and experiences for the children.

Polite Reminder!

Gates are open in the morning between 8:50 -9:10am. We kindly request that children arrive at the Centre during this time for their session to enable children to settle quickly and reduce interruption to their play and learning.

Song of the Month

It was on a Starry Night
It was on a starry night
When the hills were bright
Earth lay sleeping, sleeping calm and still
Then in a cattle shed
In a manger bed
A boy was born, King of all the world.

And all the angels sang for Him
The bells of heaven rang from Him
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The children are learning Makaton signs for this song. Please click on the link below for singing hands to hear the tune and see the Makaton:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCHL2+7xxus

Stay & Play Event



Monday 11th December: 1:30pm - 3pm

Or

Wednesday 13th December: 9:30am - 11am

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Festive Stay and Play events. All the children should have received their tickets for the respective stay and play day which invites one grown up to their session.

Christmas Lunch will be held on
Thursday 7th December.

Christmas Menu



sliced roast turkey in gravy with chipolatas

Roast potatoes, Brussel sprouts & baby carrots

&

Christmas ice cream

Christmas Jumper Day

Children can wear their favourite Christmas jumper to the ECC on Thursday 7th December. If your child has grown out of last year's jumper we would be grateful if you could donate it to the ECC so it could be re-used by someone else. Donations of jumpers will be available in the cloakroom.

Our Community



We have been out and about this month with trips to Tesco at Galston, visiting Kilmarnock on the bus to purchase things for our stay and play. The children in the Rainbow room have visited the post office to send their letters to Santa and we have also continued our visits to Ross Court. Try and look out for us and give a wave as we are out and about during December!

Ho Ho Ho.....

We hope to welcome a very Special visitor to the Centre on Thursday 14th December. The children will have a magical experience through the garden to meet Santa!



Festive Planning

We recognise that December is a busy time, and this can sometimes be unsettling for some children. To help you to support your child we have provided a list of events planned during the month:

Monday 11th: Stay and Play (pm) - invites received by parents/carers

Wednesday 13th: Stay and Play (am) - invites received by parents/carers

Thursday 14th: Santa's Grotto (9:30am - 11am / 1:30pm - 2:30pm)

Monday 18th: Christmas Scavenger Hunt (outside)

Tuesday 19th: Games Day - board games and party games

Wednesday 20th: Christmas Baking

Thursday 21st: Party snack and Christmas songs

Friday 22nd: Movie afternoon



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



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