



# Galston Early Childhood Centre: Newsletter: November 2023



## Values

A big thank you to all families for completing the questionnaire to help us review our vision, values and aims of the centre.

Our new centre values are - Respect, Resilience, Happiness, Kindness and Confidence.

To support the children's understanding of the values, we have developed value mascots. The children voted to give each mascot a name.



Rex the Respectful Raptor



Rolo the Resilient Rhino



Cooper the Confident Cow



Konnie the Kind Kangaroo



Hamish the Happy Hare

Every day the children will have opportunities to receive star tickets for displaying the ECC values. At the end of every week the child with the most star tickets in each group will receive a Star of the Week certificate.

## Supporting Communication

**November top tip**

Be careful when asking questions.  
Don't ask too many!

For every question you ask, try to remember two comments. This will keep the conversation more balanced and encourage more turns. Comments are the best way for children to learn new words.

Check out our social media: @weepeoplechat, @AyrshireSLT, East Ayrshire Speech and Language Therapy

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

NHS Ayrshire & Arran  
Virtual- Phone/Text- 07812519298 to book an appointment for:  
Tue-3pm-4pm  
Fri. 9:30am-12:30pm

## Children in Need



The Centre will be supporting Children in Need on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. We ask that children could wear something spotty for the day. If you would like to make a donation to the charity please follow the link below:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk>

## Smile!

*It's Photograph time!*



The photographer will be in the ECC on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 9am**. Any parents wishing for younger siblings to join their child's photo should arrive from 9am.

## 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.

## St. Andrew's Day Celebrations



The children are focusing on the theme of Scotland during the month. During the month the children will be celebrating all things Scottish and as part of our celebrations we would like to invite the children to wear something tartan or blue on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November or their usual session day if they do not attend on the day that St. Andrew's Day falls on.

## Song of the month

### It is Snowing

(to the tune of London's Bridge is falling down)

Snowflakes falling through the air  
On my face and on my hair  
Even on my teddy bear  
It is snowing

Wear your jacket and your hat  
You'll be warm just like that  
Make a snowman big and fat  
It is snowing



## Rainbow Room Halloween Stay and Play



Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to the Rainbow Room Stay and Play event last week. Everyone had a spooky, messy time together!

## Christmas stay and Play Events

We will be hosting Festive Stay and Play events on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** (afternoon) and **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** (morning). Parents/Carers will be invited to attend with their child on either the Monday or Wednesday sessions. More information will be out soon

### Tesco Blue Tokens

We have been successful in receiving £1500 from the Tesco blue tokens. Thank you to everyone that voted for us. We will use this money to purchase new waterproof suits for the ECC.



### 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.