



# Galston Early Childhood Centre: Newsletter: February 2024



## Playroom News!

The Rainbow room have been focusing on understanding emotions and building relationships, developing large physical skills and using our balancing skills within the gym hall and large garden. Children are developing curiosity skills by investigating shapes, sorting and matching objects. The Butterfly room are exploring risky play and ability to assess risk through climbing trees, designing obstacle courses and fire safety. As a centre we have been exploring our emotions and what they mean.

## Communication Support

Please discuss any concerns you may have of your child's speech and language development. Our communication champions are specifically trained staff who will be able to share strategies with you and support within the Centre. You can also contact the Helpline & Virtual drop on Monday's between 9:30am-11:30am and Thursday afternoon's between 2pm - 4pm. You can contact the service: 07980 919654

## 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.

Check out our social media:	Helpline & Virtual Drop In
@weepeoplechat	Helpline: Phone-07980919654
	Mon.9:30am-11:30am
	Thur- 2pm-4pm
	

## Early Learning and Childcare.

### Registration for funded 3-5 places

On-line registration for funded 3-5 year old places opens on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** until midnight on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024** for children who are born between **1<sup>st</sup> March 2021** and **28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**.

Look out for an email from Dawn regarding your child's session.

Parents who currently have children in the 2 year old room are required to apply for a funded the 3 year old room.

For more information or to apply on line when registration opens, please scan the QR code or follow the link.



[www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/NurserySchoolPlaces/PreSchoolAdmissions/Eligibility/When-and-where-to-apply.aspx](http://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/NurserySchoolPlaces/PreSchoolAdmissions/Eligibility/When-and-where-to-apply.aspx)

## We need your help!

To develop our home corners in both rooms within the Centre, we are looking for the following items:

- Cooking Pots and Pans
- Knives & Forks
- Plates
- Real house hold supplies, herb pots etc

## Song of the month

### I love you, you love me



I love you  
You love me  
We're a happy family  
With a great big hug  
And a kiss from me to you  
Won't you say you love me too?

I love you  
You love me  
We're best friends like friends should be  
With a great big hug  
And a kiss from me to you  
Won't you say you love me too?

Link to Song & Makaton Signs

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZIdpBIOATM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZIdpBIOATM)



We would like to share a massive "thank you" to Shire Housing who have donated 10 pairs of red wellington boots for the Rainbow Room and a Wobble chair for the Butterfly room. The wobble chair is a great addition to our sensory resources.

Shire housing have been amazingly generous to the Centre having already donated warm and waterproof all-in-one suits for outdoor play!

## Dates for the Diary

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day.  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Good Friday- ECC closed  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Easter Monday - ECC closed  
**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April** (inclusive): ECC closed to term time children  
**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April:** All children return to ECC

## Book bug Sessions



During January the children in the Butterfly room have the opportunity to enjoy a book bug session each week. We plan to extend this into the Rainbow Room over the next few weeks!

## Parent Committee

Our parent committee meeting has been postponed and a new date will be confirmed soon. If you would like to join the parent committee please email Dawn Waide on: [Dawn.waide@eastayrshire.org.uk](mailto:Dawn.waide@eastayrshire.org.uk)

## World Book Day - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 24.

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March by asking the children to come into the Centre wearing something which makes them happy. During the day we will be focusing on our Centre Value of Happiness so will be creating learning experiences around books which make us happy and which have happiness as the focus.

During the week leading up to World Book Day, keep an eye out on the Parent Facebook page for stories read by some of the staff. Each story will be about one of our Centre values of being Kind, Happy, Confident, Resilient and Respectful.

## 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.