



# Galston Early Childhood Centre



## March Newsletter!

Welcome to the new layout of the monthly newsletter. We hope that this will be easier for you to read on the Learning Journals. The newsletter can also be accessed through the BLOG page on the Safer Schools APP and parent email. A copy can also be found on the external whiteboard and paper copies to take away with you in the cloak room area.

### Registration for Funded 3-5 year places

All parents/carers of children in the following groups will have received an email from Dawn regarding registration for next year:

- The 2 year old room
- Returning for 4 year old place
- Or planning to defer their child for an additional year

#### Rainbow Room

All parents/carers of children currently in the 2 year old room must apply on-line for the funded 3 year old placement

#### Butterfly Room

Parents with returning children for their 4 year old placement should confirm either that they wish to keep existing session or apply on-line to change their session, for example to change from an afternoon session to a 9am-3pm

#### Additional year

Following discussions, a link to apply for an additional place should be completed



**Galston Early Childhood Centre**

**On-line Registration**

You may apply for funded early learning and childcare if your child turns 3 years old between:

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Applications can be submitted on-line from:

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February-Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (midnight)**

For everything you need to know and application forms you can either scan the QR code or follow the link below



<https://orlo.uk/0yISg>

A copy of the Birth Certificate and 2 forms of address will be required to be uploaded onto the application.

Any applications received after Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March will be allocated places in a second phase prior to the start of the new term in August 2024

### Supporting Literacy Development

At Galston we are keen to support children's interest in listening to stories and are promoting this through the development of the lending library, celebration of World Book Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> March and introduction of "Read with Me" sessions within the School library on Monday's for a different group each week! Please see below for more information:

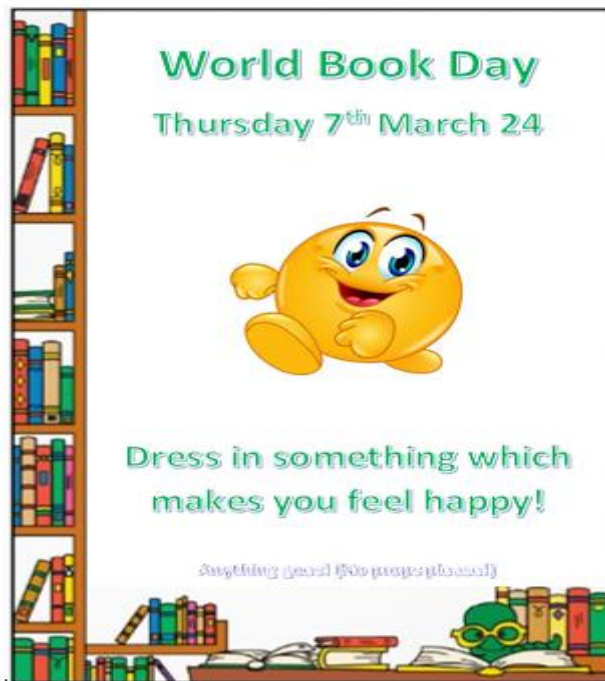


### Lending Library!

Our lending library will be available for all children to use at collection time on Friday's. Please take some time to support your child to choose a book to take home. All we ask is that you make a note of the book you have borrowed.

When your child has finished with the book, simply return it to the drop box in the snack area.

### World Book Day!



To celebrate World Book day! Look out for some very special updates on our parent facebook page! This is a closed group managed by parents. If you would like to join please scan the QR code below



During March, we will be exploring Happiness as one of our values. On World Book day, we are asking that children come into the Centre, wearing anything which makes them feel happy. This could be anything from their favourite superhero costume to simply wearing their favourite shoes! All we ask is for children not to bring in prop's if they chose to wear a favourite costume.

### Galston Library Visits

Remaining groups will visit on the following dates. We welcome help from any parent helpers on these dates.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Yellow Group

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April:** Red Group

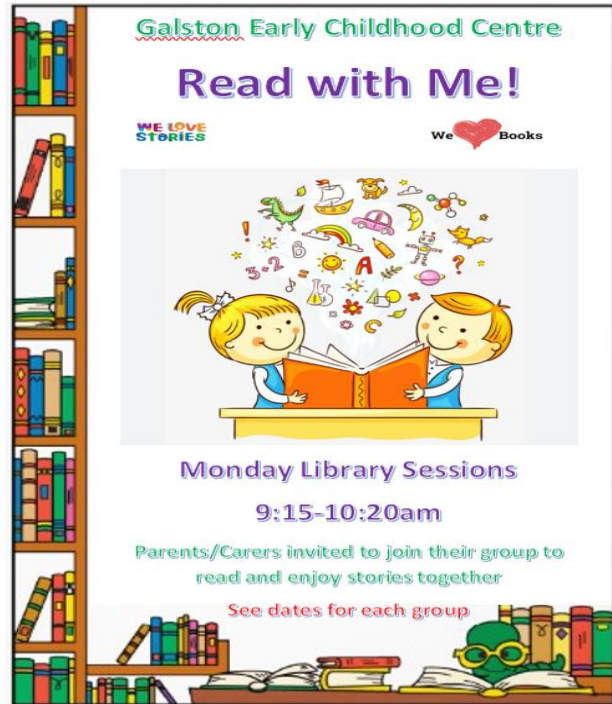
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Rainbow Room

During the day, we will be reading our favourite stories which make us feel happy and exploring the emotion across all the areas.

## Read with me!

Date	Group visiting
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Green Group
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Yellow
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Purple
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Orange
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Red
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Rainbow
EASTER BREAK	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Blue
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Green
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Yellow
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Purple
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Orange
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Red
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Blue
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Rainbow

Each Monday we are inviting parents/carers to join their child's group to have the opportunity to read stories together in the School Library.



## Communication Champion: March Top Tip!

### Top Tip

It's so important to have a bedtime routine which includes reading a book.

- A bedtime routine which you stick to, will help your child wind down from the day.
- Reading a book and talking about the pictures will help your child to read and spell when they go to school.
- Reading improves a child's understanding of the world.
- It also helps them learn new words which will also help their literacy skills.

Facebook: Speech and Language Therapy in East Ayrshire @spiltingovoiceandchatting

Twitter: @weepeoplechat

Helpline: Phone/Text 079802619654 on Thursdays 2-4pm

### Mary had a little lamb



Mary had a little lamb  
 Little lamb, little lamb  
 Mary had a little lamb  
 Its fleece was white as snow  
 And everywhere that Mary went  
 Mary went, Mary went  
 Everywhere that Mary went  
 The lamb was sure to go

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8f1XF\\_kLBo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8f1XF_kLBo)



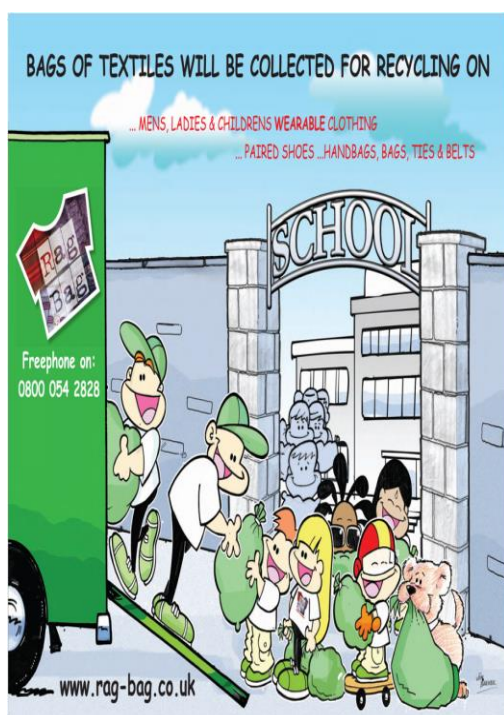
## Bike Fun!

The Centre would like to offer a huge thank you to the Cycle Station in Newmilns for their support in providing a range of balance and pedal bikes to the Centre. They have kindly agreed to servicing our existing bikes to keep everyone safe.

We look forward to teaching the children how to be safe on their bikes ready for lots of physical fun as we move into spring and summer!



## Supporting Recycling: RAG BAG Clothing Collections: **TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH**



We are supporting recycling by using RAG BAG. Any income from this will go into the Benefit Fund which will be used to support additional resources and experiences such as trips. Donations will be accepted within the Centre from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and can be placed in the buggy store at the side of the ECC.

### We will collect!

- ✓ Wearable clothing
- ✓ Handbags
- ✓ Paired Shoes
- ✓ Belts

### What will not be collected?

- ✗ Work wear
- ✗ Wet / soiled clothing
- ✗ Uniforms
- ✗ Curtains / Towels / Duvets / Blankets
- ✗ Table Cloths
- ✗ Books / Bric-a-brac / toys
- ✗ Electricals

## Toys in Centre

We kindly request that children do not bring toys into the Centre as we cannot guarantee their safe return and don't want children to be upset if a favourite toy is misplaced.

## Easter Stay & Play Event - Butterfly Room



## Let's Chat about Stigma. Free Events in Kilmarnock and Darvel.

**LET'S chat ABOUT STIGMA**

### LET'S CHAT ABOUT STIGMA KILMARNOCK ROADSHOW

Saturday 23 March 2024  
Howard Park  
1pm to 3pm

Fun free activities for all ages, from **silent disco** to **health checks** to **giant games** **live entertainment**, **boxing sessions** and an **inflatable assault course**.

Attendees to the event will also receive free soup and snacks. Local services with information, and recovery organisations with support will also be available, along with some freebies.

**Let's CHAT about and challenge stigma together.**

For further information, please contact:  
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chateast-ayrshire.gov.uk  
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Facebook:  
@eacvibrantcommunities  
X: @VibrantEAC

RSVP to the event:

Funded by East Ayrshire ADP

**LET'S chat ABOUT STIGMA**

### LET'S CHAT ABOUT STIGMA DARVEL ROADSHOW

Saturday 2 March 2024  
The Corner, Darvel  
1pm to 3pm

Fun free activities for all ages, from **silent disco** to **health checks** to **giant games** **live entertainment** and **boxing sessions**.

Attendees to the event will also receive free soup and snacks. Local services with information, and recovery organisations with support will also be available, along with some freebies.

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## Spare Clothing

We are always running low on leggings, joggers, pants and socks for changing children either after a toileting accident or wet/messy play. We would be grateful for any donations for children in both the Rainbow and Butterfly rooms.

# Head Lice

Happy to be on ANY Head



live only on human heads



like warmth close to the scalp



life span of about three weeks



do not jump or fly



not fussy about the length of hair or whether it is clean



live by biting the scalp and feeding on blood



frequently cause itching but not always



only move from head to head when there is close contact



often present for months before being detected

Anyone can catch head lice but everyone needs to know the facts  
If head lice are found it is important treatment is carried out immediately

For more advice and support contact:

your school nurse, health visitor, local pharmacist or:

Bug Busting helpline: 01908 561928 Community Hygiene Concern: [www.chc.org](http://www.chc.org)

For more information on head lice and how to treat please click on the link below:

[Let's fight headlice together - Once a week take a peek](#)

Contact us!



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