



Galston Early Childhood Centre



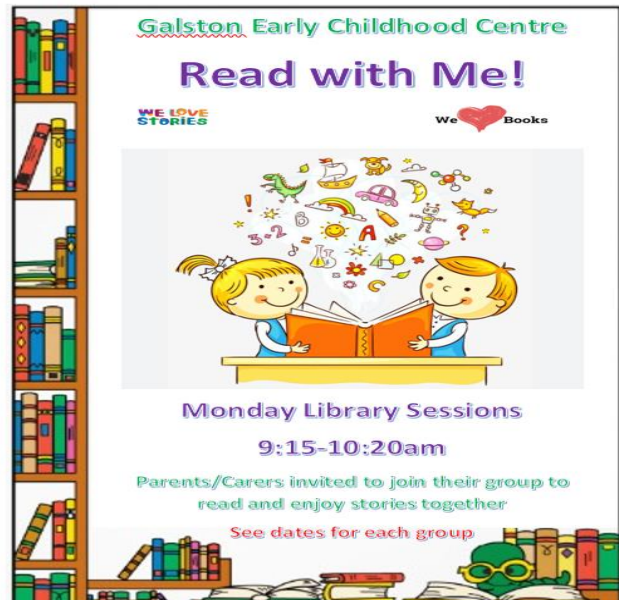
April/May Newsletter!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter break and looking forward to returning for the summer term! 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.

Read with me!

Monday 22 nd April	Blue
Monday 29 th April	Green
Monday 13 th May	Yellow
Monday 20 th May	Purple
Monday 3 rd June	Orange
Monday 10 th June	Red
Monday 17 th June	Blue
Monday 24 th 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 Information

April top tip
Give your child a reason to talk.

Place an item (a toy or food for example) out of reach and wait to see if your child communicates to get it. Use choices to encourage your child to communicate. Do something funny – put the toy on your head or their socks on your hands. See what happens.

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

I can sing a Rainbow



Red and yellow and pink and green
Purple and orange and blue

I can sing a rainbow

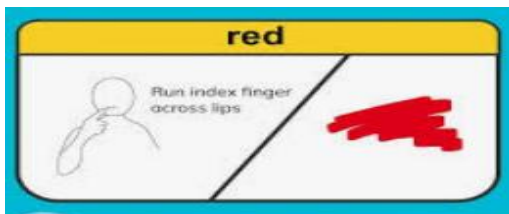
Sing a rainbow

Sing a rainbow too.

Scan the QR code or click on the link for the tune and Makaton signs for the song

www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RXILgEimO8

Makaton sign of the month



Supporting Recycling: RAG BAG Clothing Collections



Thank you for all of the bags of textiles you brought into the Centre. The children were involved in taking out the bags to the lorry. In total we collected 240kg of clothing which raised £72 for the Centre. This money will be used for supporting the costs of the summer trip.



Summer Trip to Calderglen Country Park - Rainbow & Butterfly Rooms



Following the successful trip to Calderglen Country Park last year, we are planning to visit again on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th May. We are sure that you will appreciate that organising such a trip is a large undertaking with paramount consideration given to the safety and security of the children. It is with this in mind, that the Centre will allocate the highest level of staffing on both days, with children invited either to attend on the Thursday or Friday sessions.

All staff will be involved on the trip each day between 9am -3pm therefore only children invited on the trip on either the Thursday or Friday should arrive at the Centre. There will be no service provision within the ECC on these days for remaining children not on the trip or extended hours from 8am to 6pm. For example: if your child is invited to attend the trip on the Thursday, they will not attend the Centre on the Friday and vice versa.

We recognise that this may cause some inconvenience and will do our utmost to minimise this by aligning our groupings to those children who would usually attend the Centre on either a Thursday or a Friday and those who have siblings within the Centre.

Further information and an invitation for your child to attend either on the Thursday or Friday will be sent out during the week of 15th April. We would be grateful if you could return permissions before Friday 26th April



Parents/carers of children moving from the Centre into primary one will receive their child's transition report on Friday 24th May. An opportunity to meet with your child's keyworker will be available from Monday 27th May.

Your child's keyworker will have a booking sheet available for you to book a time which suits you from Monday 20th May.

All other meetings with keyworkers will be held between 11- 11:30 / 2:15 - 4:15pm, other than those with Morgan and Lauren, which will be available from 3:15-4:15pm. However, should this not be convenient an alternative agreed time can be arranged.

Wednesday 29th May: Purple Group: Irene S
Yellow Group: Joanne

Thursday 30th May: Orange Group: Lyndsay
Green Group: Jenna

Friday 31st May: Blue Group: Irene C
Purple Group: Alyson

Monday 3rd June: Red Group: Rebecca
Red Group: Morgan (3:15 - 4:15)
Blue Group: Cheryl

Tuesday 4th June Yellow Group: Lauren (3:15-4:15)
Orange Group: Hazel
Green Group: Kelly

Health Week



Health Week: 20th - 24th May

We will be having lots of different sporting opportunities and healthy food during the week. We plan to have sports day during the morning of Friday 31st May. More information to follow soon.

Transition into Primary one!



Transition visits for those moving onto Galston Primary School will begin from Tuesday 16th April. Information has been sent out to parents/carers regarding key transition dates.

For those children moving to different schools transition arrangements will be sent to parents.

Easter Bake Sale:



Thank you to everyone who bought a cake from the parent council cake sale. A total of £200 was raised which will be put towards resources for the children.

Dates for the diary:



- Monday 6th May:** Term Time holiday.
- Thursday 16th May:** Trip to Calderglen Country Park - Group A.
- Friday 17th May:** Trip to Calderglen Country Park = Group B
- Monday 20th May:** Proposed Health Week - information to follow
- Monday 27th May:** ECC closed for local holiday
- Tuesday 28th May:** ECC closed for In-service Day
- Wednesday 29th May:** Start of Parent Meetings with Keyworkers
- Friday 31st May:** ECC Sports day - information to follow
- Wednesday 26th June:** 3:15-4:15pm - Celebration Event for Children moving onto Primary 1.
- Friday 28th June:** Last day of term for children following term time sessions

Contact us!



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