

Galston Early Childhood Centre



June 2024 Newsletter!

What a busy month we have had and so much more to look forward to as we move into June!

Calderglen Visit



Health Week

We had our visit to Calderglen Park where we had great fun exploring the play park and zoo. The children had the opportunity to see different animals at the zoo, go on a nature trail and explore the play park with their friends. We all had a lovely picnic together before returning back to the Centre exhausted from our adventures!

Our trip days were followed by our health week to explore how to have a healthy lifestyle. During this week we explored healthy eating for snack, enjoyed football, dance and how to relax with pre-school massage session with Kathleen Rutherford. A huge thank you goes to Miss Ainsley and Miss Hope of Dynamite dance, Blair Gray for providing Football fun factory and Kathleen for helping to support this week! We also had a fantastic Sport's day with all the groups in the Butterfly room participating in the running race, potato & spoon and dressing up race. Even our very youngest members of the Centre in the Rainbow room took part in their own running race! Well done to everyone involved, in celebrating their own achievements, encouraging their friends during the races and developing resilience to recognise the importance of always trying their hardest and completing the task whatever it may be!







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NSPCC - Let's Talk about PANTS!

We know that children are naturally curious about their bodies and at Galston ECC we would like to work with both the children and their families to talk about PANTS! This is a programme developed by the NSPCC (National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children) to help children to understand that their body belongs to them in an age appropriate way through stories, songs and different activities.

Let's get the conversation started!

Here is a selection of books which can support the conversation with your child.







A simple conversation with your child can make a huge difference by explaining that our underwear covers up our private parts and no one should ask to see or touch them. The programme supports children to understand that they have the right to say no and how to speak out about anything they do not feel comfortable with.

Please follow the link for the pantosaurous song.

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/supportfor-parents/pants-underwear-rule/

Please scan the QR code for more information about the NSPCC Lets Talk about Pants programme, resources and information for parents



We recognise that this subject may be upsetting for some parents/carers. We are here to listen to any concerns or questions you may have in how we support children to learn how to keep themselves safe.

Galston Gala Day!



End of Term Arrangements

Wednesday 26th June



Thursday 27th June



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Galston Parent Committee are running a bottle stall at Galston Gala Day. Donations of anything in a bottle are welcome to be bought in before Tuesday 4th June.

Many thanks

We will have lots of fun on the bouncy castle followed by the preschool leaver's celebration at 3:15pm in the school hall

Unfortunately, staff will not have the capacity to change your child ahead of the leaver's event.

Festival Fun!

Let's celebrate the end of the term with a fabulous festival! More information to follow soon!

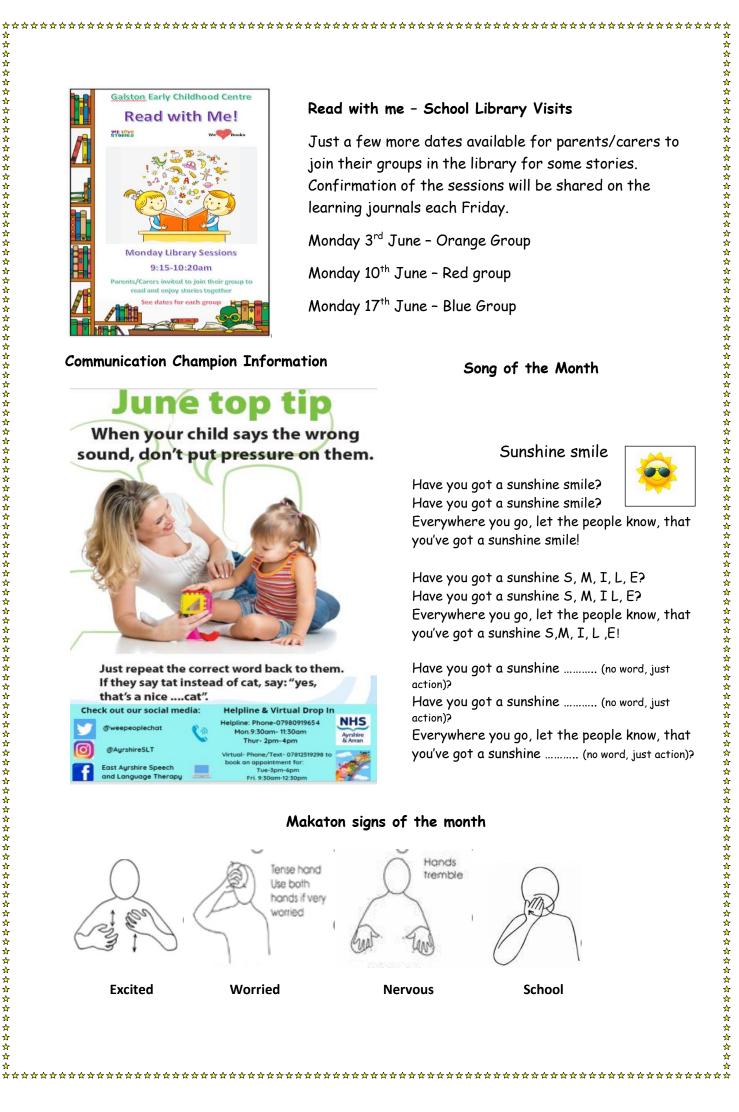
Friday 28th June – last day of term for Term Time Children

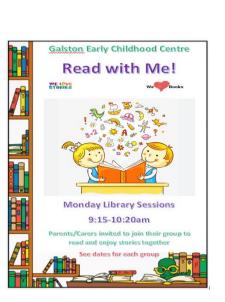
The school will close at 1:00pm on the last day of term. Our service will run as normal however recognise that some families with siblings at the school may wish to collect their child from the ECC at the same time. Please let your child's keyworker know so that we can arrange for them to leave at this time. The gates will be open at this time.

Our service provision will continue over the summer break for children who attend full year sessions.



We love to celebrate birthdays at Galston and staff will always ensure that the children have opportunities to celebrate their special day! Given the number of children within the Centre and special dietary needs, we are unable to accept cakes and treats on these days.





Read with me - School Library Visits

Just a few more dates available for parents/carers to join their groups in the library for some stories. Confirmation of the sessions will be shared on the learning journals each Friday.

Monday 3rd June - Orange Group

Monday 10th June - Red group

Monday 17th June - Blue Group

Communication Champion Information

Song of the Month

June top tip

When your child says the wrong sound, don't put pressure on them.



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Just repeat the correct word back to them. If they say tat instead of cat, say: "yes,

that's a nicecat". Check out our social media:				
			Helpline & Virtual Drop In	
7	@weepeoplechat	6	Helpline: Phone-07980919654 Mon.9:30am- 11:30am Thur- 2pm-4pm	Ayrshire & Arran
0	@AyrshireSLT		Virtual- Phone/Text- 07812519298 to	-
f	East Ayrshire Speech and Language Therapy		book an appointment for: Tue-3pm-6pm Fri, 9:30am-12:30pm	

Sunshine smile



Have you got a sunshine smile? Have you got a sunshine smile?

Everywhere you go, let the people know, that you've got a sunshine smile!

Have you got a sunshine S, M, I, L, E? Have you got a sunshine S, M, IL, E? Everywhere you go, let the people know, that you've got a sunshine S,M, I, L, E!

Have you got a sunshine (no word, just action)?

Have you got a sunshine (no word, just action)?

Everywhere you go, let the people know, that you've got a sunshine (no word, just action)?

Hands Tense hand tremble Use both hands if very worried School

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Worried







We would like to say a huge thank you to Stacey Forrest from KA1 clothing and work wear who kindly arranged a huge discount on providing T. shirts with the children's names on the back for sports day. We also wish to thank Eagles Taxi Company who have made a significant contribution to cover the costs involved.

Supporting Recycling: RAG BAG Clothing Collections



We are planning our next RAG bag collection for the end of term. Please bring in bags of clothing, paired shoes or belts on Friday 21st June, ready for collection during the following week.



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Friday 21st June: Bring in your bags for RAG Bag collection 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

Monday 1st July: Service provision continues for children attending full year.

Contact us!



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