



Galston Early Childhood Centre



September 2024 Newsletter!

Playroom News

We have been delighted to welcome so many returning and new children and their families to the Centre over the last couple of weeks. The children in both the Rainbow and Butterfly rooms are all settling into the routines of the Centre well.

Eco-Committee

This year the Centre plans to start our journey towards achieving our Bronze Eco-School award. To begin our journey we need to form an Eco-Committee comprising of staff, children and parents. Our Eco-Committee will be responsible for developing an action plan to support climate change within both the Centre and the community. We hope to be able to hold our first brief meeting ahead of the September weekend on Thursday 19th September at 3:00pm and invite any parents who would like to be part of our journey to speak to either Hazel (Green Group- Butterfly Room), June (Rainbow Room) or Elaine (Depute manager)



RAG Bag Collection

BAGS OF TEXTILES WILL BE COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING ON

... MENS, LADIES & CHILDRENS WEARABLE CLOTHING
... PAIRED SHOES ...HANDBAGS, BAGS, TIES & BELTS

Bring in bags for 9th September!

Freephone on: 0800 054 2828

www.rag-bag.co.uk

We have arranged the next RAG bag collection for **Monday 9th September**. The bags are weighed and money is received which the Centre can use to purchase resources or

support outings. All bags, containing clothing, paired shoes, handbags, ties and belts can be brought into the Centre on Friday 6th and Monday 9th September.

East Ayrshire Clothing Grant

Applications are re-opening for the early years clothing grant for parents of children aged 3 and 4 who are returning for another year and for the August intake of 3 and 4 year olds who missed the August deadline.

£50 is available per child age 3 and 4 years whose circumstances meet the criteria for footwear and clothing grants.

The application will remain open until 23 September 2024. Please click on the link below to apply

[Early years clothing grant · East Ayrshire Council \(east-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](http://east-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Developing Early Language and Literacy



Our staff are working to develop early language and literacy within the Centre. We are keen to work together with families to develop this and kindly ask that you take five minutes to complete the short survey.

Simply scan the QR code or click on the link to complete the survey. We will share our findings with you and how we plan to further develop the learning opportunities within the Centre.

<https://forms.office.com/e/uGKhaWZzEf>



Rainbow Room Family Book bug Sessions

Following the September weekend we hope to be running Family Book bug sessions for children in the Rainbow room (2-3 year olds). The sessions are for children and their grown-ups attending either a morning or an afternoon session from 9:10 - 9:40am on either a Tuesday or Thursday morning.

Please register your interest by either clicking the link below or by scanning the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/6SvVdBdnby>



Rhyme of the Month

Rhymes, songs and stories support early literacy development. We are focusing on learning a rhyme each Month and aim to achieve the majority of children being able to recite the rhyme and use makaton.



Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall
All the King's horses and all the King's men,
Couldn't put humpty together again.



Please follow the link for makaton:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/5fxsyMckonbAxdGA/?mibextid=UalRPS>

Speech and Language

September top tip

Be face to face with your wee people when playing and talking.



This will help your wee one know that you are interested in them and what they have to say.

East Ayrshire
Speech and Language Therapy
Download our App NHS Ayrshire and Arran by using the QR codes

Our helpline is open every
MONDAY from 9:30 - 11:30am
and THURSDAY from 2 - 4pm

We offer a virtual drop in service
every TUESDAY from 3-6pm and
FRIDAY from 9:30am - 12:30pm

To speak with an experienced
Speech and Language Therapist,
phone us on: 07980919654

Please text 07812519298 if you
would like to attend a drop in
session.

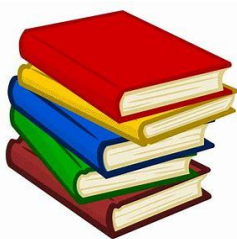
@AyrshireSLT @weepeoplechat Speech and language therapy in East Ayrshire Makaton Ayrshire Facebook page

Photographer!



The photographer will be in the Centre on Wednesday 6th November. More details will be sent out in the next newsletter.

Lending Library



We are planning to set up the lending library over the next few weeks and request that any books previously borrowed are returned for others to enjoy.

We would gratefully accept any books which are in good condition from families to add to our library. Please bring in any books you would like to donate into the Centre.

Parents Committee

Thank you to the parents who already expressed an interest in joining the Parents Committee. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to voice ideas and represent parental views to support and further develop the Centre. Amanda Dick has kindly agreed to be the Chair of the parent group, and is responsible for representing any views and topics shared with her during the meeting. The group also supports the development of resources through fundraising. If you would like to join the group, please speak to either Dawn Waide or Lynsey Ferguson.

Toys from Home



We kindly request that children are discouraged from bringing toys into the Centre so that they do not become lost or damaged. Children bringing in toys will be asked to put them into their bags or given back to parents/carers to take home.

Flu Vaccinations

All children aged between 2- 5 years are eligible for flu vaccinations. To support uptake of this vaccine the Centre will have nurses visiting to administer the vaccine on Wednesday 13th November. Please return consent forms to the Centre.

Dates for the diary:

September	
Monday 9 th	RAG Bag Collection.
Friday 20 th	Local Holiday - ECC closed to all children
Monday 23 rd	Local Holiday - ECC closed to all children
October	
From 7 th October	Halloween costume swap. Bring in pre-loved costumes for others to enjoy.
Mon 14 th - Fri 18 th (inclusive)	Mid-term holiday for Term Time children
Monday 21 st	Staff In-service Day - ECC closed to all children
November	
Wed 6 th	Photographer - individual & sibling photographs
Wed 13 th	Pre-school Flu Vaccines (Consent forms to be completed)

Learning Journals

All parents/carers should have access to their child's learning journal. Information on the journal will document your child's learning within the Centre through observations which support next step targets. General information, in the form of stories will also be included on the journals to share events, reminders and the newsletter. If you require

any support in accessing your child's learning journal please let your child's keyworker know. All observations will be published weekly on Friday at 6pm.

Contact us!



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Email: Head of Centre: dawn.waide@eastayrshire.org.uk

Depute Manager: elaine.bowden@eastayrshire.org.uk

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

