



Galston Early Childhood Centre



October 2024 Newsletter!

Playroom News



We have had a busy few weeks in both rooms. The children in the Rainbow room have been developing their independence skills when preparing to go outside by putting on their own jackets and boots. With the change in the weather, the children have also been exploring the weather through science experiments to support their curiosity and fine motor skills.

Children in the Butterfly room, area 1 have been exploring different textures and sensory experiences including making dancing popcorn, making an ink rainbow and mixing colours. Within area 2, the children have had the opportunity to explore existing experiences within the home corner, where they have made baby food by blending vegetables into puree and tasting the baby food they have made. They have also been exploring numeracy and expressive arts through their interests in dinosaurs.



During the month, our leadership groups have started to take ideas forward from the Centre's improvement plan. Work has started on developing plans to develop understanding around Children's Rights through the Rights Respecting Schools initiative. The Eco-committee have held their first meeting and have plans to support the Centre to reduce, recycle and reuse waste to support a Greener Planet. Keep your eyes open for information about these and other groups.

Rights Respecting Schools



Meet our new Rights Respecting Schools mascot. The children all voted to choose the mascot and use their right to vote to agree a name. The children voted to call our Rights Respecting Dragon Peaches. Peaches will support the children to understand their rights, such as I have the right to have a name.

More information about how we will introduce the children to understanding their Rights will be shared in a leaflet in the near future.



Pre-Loved Halloween Costumes



We realise just how much our children have grown, when we go to try on last year's Halloween costumes, and they no longer fit! We recognise how expensive Halloween costumes can be, particularly if you have several children in your family!

If you have any Halloween costumes from previous years which your child no longer fits into, we would gratefully accept them from the beginning of October. A spooky rail of pre-loved Halloween costumes will be set up in the cloakroom of the Butterfly room, which parents/carers can help themselves to at drop off or collection time.

Reducing food Waste - Halloween

Remember you can eat your pumpkins as well as carving them. Pumpkins are part of the Squash family and there are many delicious ways to eat the inside of your Halloween pumpkin once it has been carved. Why not click on the link to find 6 ways to eat your Halloween pumpkin! www.lovefoodhatewaste.com



We are struggling for wellies which are size 9 and over. We would welcome any contributions of wellies which may no longer fit your children.

Photographer



The photographer will be in the Centre on Wednesday 6th November from 9am. Sibling photographs will be managed by the school on the Monday and Tuesday however if you would like to have a younger sibling photograph please come to the Centre by 9am.

Flu Immunisations

Parents/Carers should have received and returned the information and consent forms associated with the Flu Vaccinations for 2 - 5 year olds. The health care team will be in the Centre on Wednesday 13th November to provide the vaccinations to children who have consent forms returned.

Rainbow Room Book bug Sessions

Thank you to all the parents/carers who responded to the Bookbug survey. We are keen to start our sessions on Thursday 24th October from 9:15am - 9:50am for 6 weeks. You will receive a special invitation to attend with your child. If you have younger siblings, they are welcome to attend the session with you.





Save the Date! Race Night

The parent committee have arranged a Race Night for Saturday 8th February. This promises to be a great night, with prizes donated from local businesses within the Galston community. All money raised will be donated to Galston Early Childhood Centre to purchase resources within the Centre and cover costs for trips and events.

Parent Committee - Facebook Page

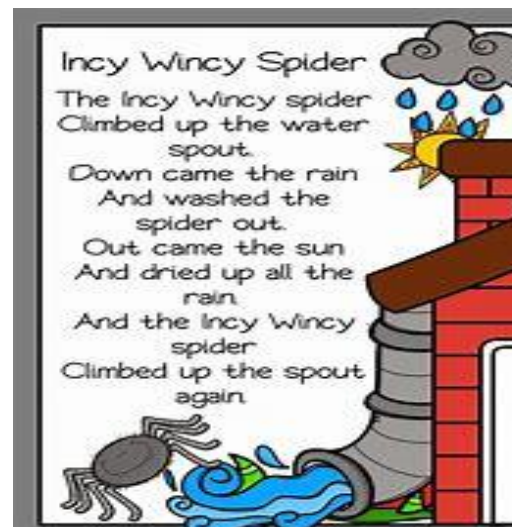
Galston ECC has a facebook page which is managed by the parent committee. If you wish to join the group, please search for Galston ECC parent page and request to join the group. This page is for information only and has no availability to add comments.

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.

Makaton Link:

Please follow the link to see the Makaton for this.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZD2sHJ_OhI&list=PLDZkNdIBNNeKmW7FWBQ2I8a15wmwP_bha&index=1

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

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

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

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

Speech and Language: Monthly Top Tip Safety Alert: Water Beads

October top tip

Watch TV together.



You can add language and explain things they don't understand.

Keep water beads away from young children

Children love water beads. But it's really dangerous if a young child swallows them.

They expand in the belly and can block the bowel. Some grow as big as golf balls.

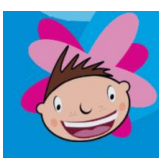
A child may need major surgery to remove them. So please keep them away from young children.

If you suspect a child has swallowed a water bead, get medical help straight away.

Scan to learn more



www.capt.org.uk
@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust @capt_charity

Childsmile: Fluoride Varnish Application

The Scottish Government's national Childsmile programme offers preventative dental interventions (Fluoride Varnish application for children in nursery and primary schools, in order to reduce the amount of dental decay in Scottish children. Parents/Carers will receive information nearer the time and be required to complete the consent slip.

Dates for the Diary this Term

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
Friday 25 th	Halloween fun and dress up in Rainbow / Butterfly Rooms
Tues 29 th	Outdoor Stay & Play (invitations will be sent out)
Thurs 31 st	Rainbow Room Stay and Play
November	
Fri 1 st	Rainbow Room Stay and Play
Wed 6 th	Photographer for Individual and sibling photographs (Rainbow and Butterfly Rooms)
Thurs 7 th	Full Centre Outdoor Day!
Wed 13 th	Pre-school Flu Vaccines (Consent forms to be completed)
Friday 15 th	Children in Need - Wear something spotty. (Both Rooms) (TBC)
From Mon 25 th	Christmas jumper swap - bring in pre-loved jumpers for others to enjoy.
Friday 30 th	St. Andrews Celebrations (wear some tartan to enjoy the day)
December	
Thurs 5 th	Outdoor Stay and Play (invitations to be sent out) Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day (both rooms)

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.

Learning Journals

All children within both rooms should have targets to work on in their next steps section of the learning journal. Observations posted will refer to progress in working towards achieving their next step. 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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You can also contact your child's keyworker directly through the Learning Journals.

