

Galston Early Childhood Centre



December 2024 Newsletter!

Playroom News



During the month, the children have been supported to take their lead on play and sustain interactions with one another. In small groups, the children have been supported in turn taking and sharing resources. Children's developmental stages of transporting and posting have been supported through the shop and posting their letter to Santa.

Children in the butterfly room have been focusing on using 2D shapes and measuring using non-standard tools or resources, such as using string, bricks or lines on the floor. They have also be focusing on letter recognition and people who can help us.



Outdoor Learning



The children continue to enjoy a range of daily outdoor experiences including planting bulbs for the spring, fire Fridays and weekly woodland visits. The weather is getting colder now so please make sure your child comes appropriately dressed with boots, waterproof suit, hats, gloves and spare clothing. We kindly request that names are put into the hats and gloves



We are starting to get very excited that Santa has taken some time out of his busy schedule to have breakfast with the children. All children should have received an invitation to the event outlining the date and time for their child. This event has been organised and funded by the Parent Council and is free to attend.

A donation bucket will be available on the day of the event for any parent/carers who wishes to make a voluntary donation to the Centre. All donations will be used to develop resources, fund trips and gifts to the children

Festive Stay and Play!

We will be inviting parents/carers to our Christmas Stay and Play event on Wednesday 18th December from 9:30- 10:45am or 1:30 - 2:45pm. Invitations will go out on the Learning Journals which outline your child's session.

Festive Jumper Swap!

If your child has outgrown their festive jumper, please bring it into the Centre for others to enjoy. We will put all donations onto the rail in the cloakroom!



Children with Autism and Neuro-diversity at Christmas time!

Christmas can be exciting but also overwhelming for some children and this poem helps us to stop and think about how the child may be feeling during this busy time.

It was the night before Christmas and all through the house...
The noises were different, with more people about
I don't like not knowing, what to expect
I need my routine and space to reflect

I want to keep eating my usual food
Not talking to visitors, doesn't mean that I am rude
I love all my presents and having no nursery
But it can feel overwhelming, with new rituals and rules

I may not react, like other children do
But I really am grateful, for my presents from you.
So be gentle with me, patient and kind
And remember your world, looks different to mine.



Christmas Gifts



At this time of giving, we recognise that this can be a really expensive time of year for families. The thoughtful gesture of giving gifts to staff at the end of term is appreciated but not necessary. As a staff team, we are privileged in our job to be part of the children's journey and our joy is received from seeing and being part of their excitement in the build up to Christmas.

PEEP - Learning together sessions



Peep sessions share simple ways of supporting your child's learning and development in everyday life.



You can make a real difference just by talking, singing, sharing books and playing together. Come along - you and your child can make friends, share ideas and have fun through singing, story and activities.

Who for: Children in ECC and their parents aged between 2 – 5 years.

Where: Galston ECC

Day and time: 6 Thursday's from Thur 16th Jan – Thur 20th Feb 25' at 9am

Start date: Thursday 16th January 25'

To find out more: ask Dawn, Elaine or Rebecca

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Places are limited. If you are interested in coming, please speak to Dawn, Rebecca or Elaine.

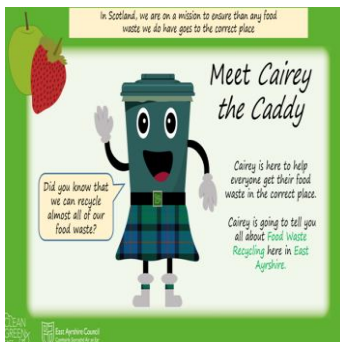
FaceBook Page



For regular updates please follow the Centre's facebook page called Galston Early Childhood Centre or click on the link below

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1JuwntoctE/?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

Food Waste - Dinnae Forget your Caddy Challenge!



Learn about the importance of recycling our food waste (click [here](#))
Learn how to recycle food waste here in East Ayrshire - (click [here](#))
Name your family's kerbside caddy - let us know the name of your caddy [here](#)
Decorate your Kerbside caddy and write your chosen name on the outside. You can share your caddy design on our 'Caddy Gallery' by emailing a photo along with your child/children's forenames and the name of the centre they attend to eacleangreenaward@eastayrshire.org.uk
Recycle your food waste at home, present your caddy for collection each week and be automatically entered into our 'Favourite Caddy of the Month' draw. Each month, between October and May, our recycling crews will select their favourite designed caddy to win a £50 East Ayrshire gift card - click [here](#) to find out when your caddy collection day is.

Parent Committee - Fundraising



Race Night

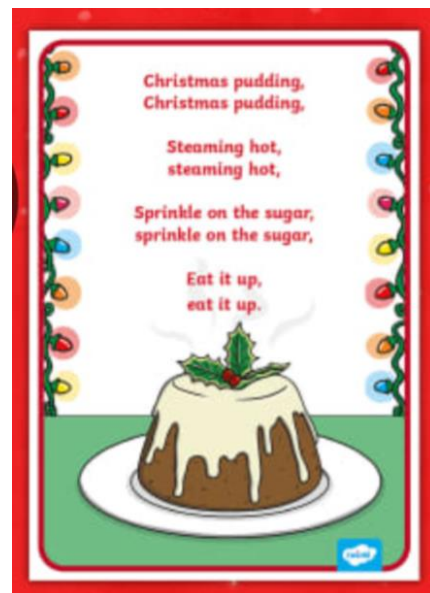
The parent committee are planning a Race Night in February to raise funds for the ECC and to plan a great end of year trip for the kids. More details to follow. This promises to be a great night! We are looking for raffle prizes/bottles/donations to support our event. Please hand any donations in to the ECC or our parent committee chairperson, Amanda Dick. Thank you ☺

Rhyme of the Month

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
Good tidings for Christmas
And a Happy New Year!



We Wish you a Merry Christmas : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-PBixyD_GU

Christmas Pudding: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=298eSozqpf8>



EAST AYRSHIRE SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY ONLINE DROP INS



#Getting wee people chatting

Do you have concerns about your child's speech and language development? In addition to our helpline we will now be offering times for virtual drop ins. This will be a chance for you to speak face to face with a Speech and Language Therapist who can provide advice and guidance. You can attend with or without your child.

If you would like to attend a drop in session please text the number below and you will be given a time slot. You will then be provided with an information leaflet on how the drop in is run. This is for children who are not currently on the Speech and Language Caseload. If you already have a named Speech and Language Therapist please contact them for advice.

Please text on: 07812519298

Virtual drop ins will be available every:

Tuesday Afternoon 3pm-6pm
Friday Morning 9:30am-12:30pm



Social Media

@ayrshireSLT

Speech and Language Therapy in East Ayrshire

@weepeoplechat

Our helpline is available to call every Monday at 9:30am - 11:30am and Thursday at 2pm - 4pm on 07980919654.



Do you live or work in Ayrshire and have concerns about a child's speech, language or communication.



We are offering an expanded Helpline Service until further notice

For advice and guidance from an experienced Speech and Language Therapist, please call the Helpline for your area.

East Ayrshire 07980919654
Monday 9.30am - 11.30am
Thursday 2pm - 4pm

North Ayrshire 07833233942
Wednesday 2pm - 4pm
Thursday 2pm - 4pm

South Ayrshire 07833095374
Tuesday 2pm - 4pm
Thursday 10am - 12pm



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Speech and Language December Top Tip!



December top tip

The best gifts at Christmas don't come from a store.

Spend time with your children and get down on the floor.



Check out our social media:



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@AyrshireSLT



East Ayrshire Speech and Language Therapy



Helpline & Virtual Drop In

Helpline: Phone-07980919654

Mon. 9:30am- 11:30am

Thur- 2pm-4pm

Virtual- Phone/Text- 07812519298 to

book an appointment for:

Tue-3pm-6pm

Fri. 9:30am-12:30pm



Dates for the Diary

December	
	Breakfast with Santa (Invitations have been sent out with the date and time for your child)
Thurs 5 th	Outdoor Stay and Play for small group of children (invitations to be sent out) Christmas Jumper Day (both rooms)
Tues 10 th	3:15pm stay and play session for children starting in January 25
Thurs 12 th	Christmas Lunch within the ECC
Fri 20 th	Last day of term (term time children)
Tues 24 th	ECC closes for full year children. No afternoon session.
January 2025	
Mon 6 th	All children return for Spring Term
Thurs 16 th	PEEP Sessions begin from 9:15am

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!



Phone: You can contact the Office on: 01563 820360

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.