

Lainshaw Early Childhood Centre

October Newsletter



Welcome to this month's newsletter. I can't believe we are in October already, what a quick couple of months. A warm welcome to our new children and families that have joined us.

Staffing

Our Ladybird room has had a change of staff this month. Heather has returned to Nether Robertland ECC and we have welcomed Charlie as the new keyworker. Charlie will be covering this post until it is advertised by the council in the next few months. Charlie has previous experience of working with children under 3 and we look forward to working with her!

Learning Journals

- All parents and carers have been sent a log in and password for Learning Journals, we hope you enjoy seeing all observations and photos! Can all parents and carers accessing Learning journals please 'love' or comment so we know you have seen them. All children's targets will be available before 21/10/24.
- If you are having issues logging onto the learning journals please let Kimberly know and she can reset your password.
- We would ask that ALL parents and carers complete the Settling in Survey that will be sent out on Friday 4th October to your email address. This feedback is essential to our improvement.
- Please use these to upload any fun and learning from home so we can share on our achievements board!

ECC Arrival

- **ALL children** please bring a change of shoes into the ECC that they can change into each morning. The change in weather means that footwear from outdoors is transporting inside the ECC causing the environment to become dirty i.e. carpets/resources. These can be soft sand shoes or trainers with your child's name inside and can be kept in the ECC.
- **NO** snacks of any kind are allowed in the ECC. We have children with **very serious allergies** and this is a huge risk to their health. Any snacks found will be put in the bin.
- **TOYS FROM HOME – All toys from home must be kept at home. If children arrive with toys in the ECC it is the parent or carers responsibility to take them from the child. Please do not put them in your child's bag. Toys from home are causing children to become distressed when they are lost and cause other children to try and play with them causing further distress.** All staff plan and prepare exciting experiences linked to children's interests both indoors and outside.
- All prams and buggies must remain outside under the shelter. There is an increase in the number of prams and it is not safe to bring them inside. Please bring babies into playroom if you do not want to leave them outside in the cold. Thank you!

ECC Outdoor Clothing

We still have a high number of children who do not have a wetsuit and wellies. If possible can we please remind all parents to bring these in and put your child's name on all items of clothing/shoes/wetsuits to prevent items from becoming lost?

Achievements

Ladybird Proud Cloud: We are looking for achievements, celebrations or significant events for our Proud Cloud Wall. This is to support our links with the family home. If you have any photos of achievements please send these to debbie.simpson@eastayrshire.org.uk

Family PEEP Sessions

Our PEEP sessions have continued to be busy at the Rose Reilly Centre and a huge thank you to the parents that attended. These will continue for the next 5 weeks please see attached information.

Halloween

The Ladybirds will be celebrating Halloween with fun experiences from Wednesday 30th October - Friday 1st November. Children are welcome to dress up on the days that they attend!

3-5 Children will celebrate Halloween on Friday 1st November. Children can come in dressed up if they wish, can we please request that there are no scary masks due to some children being scared. There will be party food on the day if you would prefer your child not to have party food please let the ECC know and we can discuss an alternative for children with allergies.

Parent Council Meeting -

- We would love if parents from the ECC could become involved with parent council.
- If you have any questions please contact: John Semple (Chairperson, who is contactable via email: lainshawps.pc@gmail.com)
- The next parent council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9th October.

Communication Links

- ECC School App – Username: Lainshaw
Password: 9096
- Learning Journals - <https://lainshaw.yourlearningjournals.co.uk>
- Lainshaw ECC Telephone Number: 01560 483653
- Glow Blog - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/lainshawps/>
- Email: Jason.johnstone@eastayrshire.org.uk (Head Teacher)
Kimberly.lennox@eastayrshire.org.uk (Depute Manager)

Dates for diary

- **October 14th** – Holiday Week
- **Monday 21st October** – In-service day for staff – ECC closed
- **Tuesday 22nd October** children return
- **Wednesday 30th – Fri 1st** – Ladybird Halloween.

- **Friday 1st November**– Halloween Party 3-5's
- **Friday 8th November** – **Giraffe** Group Personal Plan Review with Parents
- **Monday 11th November**- **Ladybird** Group Personal Plan Review with Parents
- **Wednesday 13th November** – **Panda** Group Personal Plan Review with Parents
- **Friday 15th November** - **Kangaroo** Group Personal Plan Review with Parents
- **Wednesday 20th November** – **Parrot** Group Personal Plan Review with Parents
- **Friday 22nd November** – **Lions** Group Personal Plan Review with Parents
- **Wednesday 27th November** – **Ladybird** Group Personal Plan Review with Parents
- **Thursday 28th November** – **Penguin** Group Personal Plan Review with Parents
- **Friday 29th November** – **Monkey** Group Personal Plan Review with Parents

- **Thursday 12th December and Friday 13th** – Christmas Family Sing-a-long (3-5 room) – Parents invited in (times to follow)
- **W/B 16th December – Friday 19th December** – Ladybird room Christmas Stay and Play sessions – more information to follow.
- **Thursday 19th December AM** – Christmas Party (3-5)
- **Christmas Holidays** – ECC closed Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January – Children return on Monday 6th January.

