

Lainshaw Early Childhood Centre

November Newsletter



This Term is super busy with lots of groups, shows, fun and learning!

Learning Journals

- We encourage all parents to access this and to enjoy talking to your child about their week in the ECC.
- Can you please make sure you have liked and acknowledged your child's learning targets on the journal.
- Please continue to share any achievements or family life through the journals we love seeing the photos can take learning from these experiences!

ECC Clothing & Children's Shoes

- **All children in the ECC must bring a bag with a change of clothes EVERYDAY. Nappies, Socks and pants are a must as we do not have many of these.**
- Can we please remind all parents to put your child's name on all items of clothing/shoes/wetsuits to prevent items from becoming lost.
- If you mistakenly take another child's clothing please return it to the keyworker we understand that this can happen and its fine!
- As the weather is becoming colder can you ensure your child has extra layers that can be put on for outdoor play e.g. **Waterproof suits**, jumpers, hats and gloves
- Staff are working hard to improve our environment. We are ordering new rugs and soft furnishings to provide a nurturing space. To keep these clean from outdoor dirt, water and mess **ALL** children should bring a pair of shoes that they can change into when being signed in.
- Sand shoes with your child's name inside are perfect however any shoes that can be kept in the ECC or child's bag is fine.
- It is the adult who is dropping children off who should change the child's shoes.



3-5 Signing In

To reduce some of the traffic in the playroom at signing in time 1 group will be based in the Butterfly room. Parents and children still enter through the main playroom door and will be guided to the Butterfly room to sign your child in. This is a trial period to see if this reduces heightened activity levels in the playroom. The first group will be the **Kangaroo Group starting on Monday 11th November.**

Parental/Carer Engagement

- **Thank you** to everyone who completed our recent settling in survey we had 32 parents complete it and your feedback has been very useful! The feedback will be displayed in the ECC front entrance to read, but overall feedback was extremely.

• You Said...

- To know how much children ate for lunch.
- For children to wear aprons when using paints
- More funding going into resources.
- Information of change of Keyworkers.
- End of the day feedback.
- Consistent communication for school and ECC events on App.
- Improve outdoor area.
- Further Makaton Training.
- For staff to acknowledge parents uploads on Learning Journals.

• We Did...

- If your child has **NOT** eaten or staff have concerns, staff will inform you.
- Staff will encourage children to wear aprons and ensure they are always available.
- A resource list has been made by staff and children and will be ordered in November 2024.
- Our newsletters inform parents of any change of staff but we will also share this on the learning journals.
- Feedback is provided through the learning journal observations and personal plan meetings. Daily updates are not possible due to the high number of children but if you have any significant concerns or a light check in now and again please wait until all children and parents have left.
- ECC information on APP will be identified as ECC. Information on ECC events is also shared on the newsletter and learning journals.
- An Outdoor leadership team have been established and are working with all staff to improve outdoor areas. Work in our Sunflower natural garden has taken place removing old, unsafe resources providing a calming space to explore. Funding for outdoors will be next year's priority.
- Makaton training will take place this year to enhance staff's knowledge.
- All staff will ensure to acknowledge ECC home uploads as much as possible. These are shared on our achievement wall. (Oct 2024)

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Dates for diary – These meetings are a requirement by the Care Inspectorate 1 parent or carer must attend.

- **Friday 8th November** – Giraffe Group Personal Plan Review with Parents
- **Monday 11th November** - Ladybird Group Personal Plan Review with Parents
- **Tuesday 12th November** – Preschool eye tests
- **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
- **Friday 29th November** – Christmas Fayre at Lainshaw Primary School.

Christmas at Lainshaw ECC

This year we will have Xmas Stay and Play sessions in the ECC playrooms where families are invited to take part in craft activities, enjoy snack and listen to our wonderful Christmas songs as the children perform. Children can wear Christmas jumpers/dresses/shirts. **Only 2 adults are permitted per child.**

- **Wednesday 11th December** – 1.45pm – 2.45pm – **Lion, Zebra and Penguin Group**
- **Thursday 12th December** – 1.45pm – 2.45pm – **Monkey and Giraffe Group**
- **Friday 13th December** – 1.45pm – 2.45pm – **Kangaroo, Panda and Parrot Group**
- **Tuesday 16th December** 9.30am – 11am – Ladybird Room Christmas Party! **All children are invited to attend with 1 adult.** This will take place in the Assembly Hall in the Primary School. We will have some fun Christmas experiences alongside fantastic entertainment from Jiggy Wrigglers.
- **Thursday 19th December AM** – Christmas Party (3-5)
- **Christmas Holidays** – ECC closed Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January – Children return on Monday 6th January.



Reminder!

- **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.

Communication Links

- ECC School App – Username: Lainshaw
Password: 9096
- Learning Journals - <https://lainshaw.yourlearningjournals.co.uk>
- Lainshaw ECC Telephone Number: 01560 483653
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