



Riccarton Early Childhood Centre Newsletter October 2022



There has been a lot of exciting learning that has taken place in September and we hope you are enjoying seeing photos on Learning Journals and the APP. The children are becoming more confident at following daily routines and are learning the importance of implementing personal hygiene. All children are accessing the outdoors daily in all weathers, thank you to those parents who have provided waterproof clothing and welly boots. Thank you for collecting all the Autumn objects for the creative club.

Our First parent Fundraising group met on Friday 30th September, thank you to everyone who attended. To raise vital funds for the centre, the children will participate in a sponsor treasure hunt. The sheets will go home on 10th October to give the children the opportunity to take part during their holiday. We would appreciate if money and items collected could be handed in by 25th October. The children will receive a sticker for taking part. We hope to raise enough money for our Halloween and Christmas parties and a gift for all the children from Santa. You will shortly receive a leaflet about purchasing name tags for your child's clothing if you wish to purchase any please use the code 7474 which donates 24% back to the centre. Thank you for your support.

Parent/ Carer Partnership

Thank you to everyone who managed along to the stay and play sessions the children were excited to have a member of the family join them in play. We are always keen to hear your views on the activities we provide and we will post a quick survey on the APP it should take no more than 5 min to complete. Thank you


Staff have managed to speak to almost all parents/ carers to agree on Personal plan targets. We will now implement a wide range of activities to support your child to achieving these and thank you for support at home.

We are taking part in a national initiative to promote an enjoyment for books and reading at home. This is called the Big Bed Time Read. Each cohort will have a bear that travels home and we would encourage you to share the experience on Learning Journals.

We are in short supply of boxed tissues for the children and would appreciate donations. Thanks

Community Links

We appreciate that the cost of living is a real crisis for many people in our local community and we would like to offer our support. We invite the children to bring in one donation of a non-perishable food or toiletry item during the week of the 3rd October. On Friday the 7th October, we will hold a harvest assembly with the children to talk about kindness and helping others. We will then offer the items collected to a local food bank.

Asda Green tokens Asda have accepted our application and will be going live next week. There are now two ways to participate in the scheme, in store tokens or online voting. We will share more information when we get it. 

Promoting Health and Wellbeing

The children have been learning about mutual respect through our golden rules. They have been learning that we are kind to each other and help to tidy up. In October we are going to promote an awareness of our emotional wellbeing. We have a wide range of books and puppets such as Colour monster, Lucy's Blue day and worry monster. We also use an emotional wellbeing programme called PATHS.

This month the children will be exploring their feelings and emotions and learning about safety near roads. The Right of the month is: Article 14 I have the right to my own thoughts & beliefs.



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Halloween

On Friday the 28th October, we will have a host of fun activities within the centre to celebrate Halloween. The children can come dressed up if they wish and play some ghoulish games and have a tasty snack.



Communication and Language News

Some of our children within the centre have very little verbal language and to support them to communicate, we use Makaton sign language with all the children. Each month we will introduce a new sign. Over the next couple of weeks we will introduce the signs for snack and drink

Nursery Rhyme of the month is:

Incy Wincy Spider

Outdoor Learning- Caprington woods

As part of our commitment to outdoor learning, our children in their funded four year old place will have the opportunity to participate in a four week block at Caprington Woods. This will take place during an afternoon session. A letter will be issued shortly, please return this asap giving consent for your child to go. Children will walk to the woods with staff and be collected at the woods by a family member. The first sessions begin on Tuesday 4th October for the pink and red group children and Thursday 6th for the white and yellow groups.



Holiday

The centre will be closed for a week from Monday 17th October. Monday 24th is an in-service day for staff. The children return on Tuesday 25th October. We hope you all have a lovely break.

