



Riccarton Early Childhood Centre Newsletter



November 2022

The children have been learning about seasonal changes and signs of Autumn. The pink, red, white and yellow group pre-school children are enjoying their block of outdoor learning at Caprington woods. As you know all the children have the choice daily to play outdoors in all weathers, can we ask that the children have hats and gloves to wear as the weather gets colder. These will be stored in their individual outdoor boxes. Thank you

The children had great fun celebrating Halloween. Photos will be posted on our GLOW blog.

A massive thank you to everyone who assisted his or her child to take part in our sponsor treasure hunt. The response has been phenomenal and has raised £1234.20 for the centre. This will fund our Halloween and Christmas parties for the children and allow us to purchase presents for every child. It will also fund transport to the windfarm for the children in our ECO and STEM clubs. We really appreciate your support.

Parent/ Carer Partnership

Thank you for all your generous donations of food items for the harvest festival. All the goods were donated to Rainbow Food Larder in Shortlees. They really appreciated the support.

Parent progress meetings- You will shortly receive an invite to an informal parents meeting with your child's key worker to discuss their progress within the centre. As Covid restrictions have now eased, we are able to offer you the choice of face to face or telephone call appointments. A quick survey will be sent out on the APP. We would appreciate if you could complete this as soon as possible in order we can allocate a date and time. If the date or time allocated does not suit, please do not hesitate to speak to a staff member and an alternative time will be arranged.

Book Bug - Friday 4th November

You should all have received an invite to our book bug sessions. These sessions are always extremely popular so please return the tear off slip if you (or a family member) wishes to attend.

Communication and Language News

This month we are promoting the 4 stages of good listening during group time activities:

- Looking at the person who is talking
- Sitting still
- Staying quiet
- Listening to all the words

Nursery Rhyme of the month is: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Makaton sign is Toilet

Promoting Health and Wellbeing

This month the focus is on personal safety and people who help us in emergencies. As the nights become darker we re-enforce the message of keeping safe near roads and on the run up to Guy Fawkes we talk about fire safety and the role of the police and firefighters. **We have invited the fire fighters to visit with their engine on Friday 4th November and if they have no emergency call, out that day they will attend.**

The right this month is: Article 12 of the UNCRC says that **I have the right to my own opinion and for an adult to listen and take me seriously**

We will be introducing emotional check ins for the children at the beginning and end of session.

