

RICCARTON ECC NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2023



RECAP ON JANUARY

Our International week was a great success, a massive thanks to you all for helping and supporting this by bringing in items from home the response from families has been tremendous. We hope you have seen some photos on the Glow blog and twitter.

Community Engagement

As part of our commitment to STEM and to introduce the children to the world of work, children in their preschool year will visit Bridgend garage to see first-hand the mechanics at work. They will also get the opportunity to visit the showroom. Consent letters have been issued.

Communication Friendly Accreditation

The chief Executive of EAC, Eddie Fraser will visit the centre on Thursday 2nd February to present us with a plaque for achieving Communication Friendly accreditation. We are extremely proud of this achievement.

Safer Internet Day - 8th February

We will be focusing on safer internet usage with the children. They will hear a story about Smartie the Penguin which explains at a very young level the importance of speaking out about anything they may see online that is not nice or they are unsure about.

Parents will receive an information booklet and we would appreciate your support in driving forward this message in the home.

Parental Engagement

Our Parents Fundraising Committee met on 20th January. They have decided we will have a Fun Day Friday in February. The children can bring a small donation e.g. £1.00 each week to take part.

Fun Day Friday

- 3rd Feb Crazy hair day
- 17th Feb odd socks
- 24th Feb Favourite outfit.

We look forward to seeing their creations and raising vital funds for the nursery. The next committee meeting will take place on Friday 17th February.

Big Schools Birdwatch

We invite the children to participate in the national campaign. They will each get a pack of instructions to make a bird feeder at home over the long weekend and record the birds they see. We would love to see their creations on learning Journals.

Early Years Admissions - Monday 13th Feb until Sunday 13th March

If your child is returning to Riccarton ECC in August, they will automatically get a place. If you wish your child to attend another centre for their pre-school year, you should go online on the dates above and submit an application. Can you please inform us if you are doing this to prevent duplicate applications and to ensure you get your first choice of centre. If your child is not aged 5 before the start of the academic year ie 21st August 2023, then you can opt for an additional year of ELC. Please let us know if this is something, you are considering.

Mid Term Holiday

The nursery will be closed Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Monday 13th February. The staff have in-service training on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February. The Children return to the centre on Thursday 16th February.