

Largs Early Years Centre

February/March Newsletter 2025



Congratulations

Congratulations are in order...we have achieved our Silver Rights Respecting School award!! On 28th January we took part in an accreditation, our staff, children and parents shared the work we have been carrying out and the progress we have made in embedding the UNCRC within our setting. The feedback we received was very positive and made reference to an innovative approach with children's rights at the centre of practice.



Literacy workshop

Gemma and Shannon are running Literacy Workshops on Friday 7th March at 9am and 1.30pm, these will last approx. 45mins. This workshop will focus on storytelling, phonics, listening and attention, rhyming etc. The children of the parents who attend will also be involved at the end of the workshop for a Book Bug session. If you would like to attend please let us know.



Walk and Talk Groups

As a result of our parental engagement questionnaire we are running a Walk and Talk group which will take place on Monday 17th, Monday 24th and Monday 31st March at 9am/1.30pm. This was a suggestion from a parent, we thought this was a great idea to get outside having the opportunity to meet/chat with other parents. We will provide take away tea/coffee, please let us know if you would like to join in.



Breastfeeding Support

We are a Breastfeeding Friendly centre, and Shirley-Anne is our Breastfeeding Champion, as part of this role she will be participating in training to encourage and support children and families. We have plans to run a breastfeeding support group in the future, in mean time if there is anything we can do to support and accommodate your needs in relation to this please let us know.

Centre Closures

Please note we will be closed for the Easter weekend on Friday 18th April and Monday 21st April.



Head lice



Within schools and early years centres head lice can be easily spread during head to head contact with young children. Head lice can't be prevented however regular checking ensures early detection and treatment. There are different treatments, which can be used and are available from the pharmacist. The best detection method is wet combing. Please see below for some information

Tips /facts about head lice

- Head louse eggs take up to 10 days to hatch
- Treatment is only needed when a thorough check detects live lice.
- Baby lice take 6-14 days to become fully-grown it is after this that they will take the opportunity to move head to head during close contact.
- Insecticide lotions should not be used preventatively (this makes lice become resistant)
- Head lice can't jump, fly or swim - they pass through head to head contact moving swiftly along the hair.

ChildSmile



We have recently had a visit from ChildSmile where the dental nurses shared toothbrushing techniques with the children. The NHS recommend all children are registered with a dentist and attend regular check-ups. If your child is not registered with a dentist please speak to your Health Visitor as this is something they can support with.



Greenock Morton Football sessions

The children in the afternoon have been enjoying a block of football sessions with Sean from Greenock Morton. This has been a huge success and our little ones have been showing of a range of football skills. The football team also run groups within the community, if this is something you would be interested in taking your child to please let us know and we will provide details.

Rag Bag



We have a Rag Bag collection on the 27th March, bags for this will be available at the front door. We would appreciate any donations as this contributes to our fundraising for special events.

Baby Massage

Thank you to all the families who have attended our baby massage sessions with Elaine, we hope you have enjoyed the relaxing bonding time with your baby and make use of the massage techniques you have learned for months to come at home.

Transition

We are at that time of year where we are thinking about transition to school. You should be receiving a letter from Largs Primary or St Marys in the next week regarding information about transition events. Staff will also be planning experiences within the nursery to help support and prepare children for this next step in their journey