



Elderbank Early Years Newsletter September 2023



Dear Parent/Carers,



A big welcome to all of our new children and families that have joined us this session to begin their learning journey at Elderbank, it has been a pleasure getting to know everyone and the children are settling into their new environment so well! We have been delighted to welcome back our returning children and families who are continuing their learning journey with us, the children have been such fantastic role models for their new friends.



At Elderbank Early Years we highly value parent/carer partnerships and want you to be fully involved in your child's learning journey. We will continue to use Seesaw as a communication tool to ensure parent/carers receive regular updates on events and information relating to the Early Years and individual updates about your child's experiences. Please use this as a two-way communication tool and share information from home or ask any questions.



Your child's Keyworker will soon be sharing their 'Personal Learning Plan' (PLP) with you which provides you with the learning targets they will be working on over the coming term. The targets have been identified based on your child's current stage of development and identifies the milestones they will be working towards through a play based learning approach. You will have the opportunity to view the targets, comment on them and contribute to the parent/carer plan if you have any targets you would like child to experience. If you have any questions related to the plan please do not hesitate to ask.



Early Year parents/carers are welcome to attend Elderbank's annual fundraising coffee morning on **Friday 29th September**. The proceeds from this event will be split equally between 'Macmillan Cancer Support' and 'The Maggie's Centre'. There is no charge for the coffee morning, but we would be delighted if anyone is able to make a donation on the day for the very worthwhile charities. There will be a raffle, a tombola and other activities with opportunities to win prizes. Separate information will be shared in relation to times and arrangements.

Stay and Play

We are delighted to invite parents/carers to join us for a Stay and Play session on **Wednesday 4th October!** This is a great opportunity for you to join your child in the playroom and participate in the play experiences on offer together. It is always an extremely popular and well attended event and we would be delighted if you, or someone from your family, came along and joined the fun! You will receive an invitation with additional details and a return slip.

Morning Session: 11.00am-12.00pm Afternoon Session: 3.15pm -4.15pm



This session we will provide a range of experiences throughout the year for families to participate in which will include play sessions with the children, information workshops and parent/carer only sessions linked to topics of interest. All events will have a sign up list for you to add your name to if you would like to attend. Please note it does not need to be a parent who attends the groups, extended family members are more than welcome too. These will take place on a Friday from 2.00-3.00pm and are open to both morning and afternoon session parents/carers, we would be delighted if you were able to join us.



Brew and Blether

We are starting our family involvement groups with a 'Brew and a Blether' which will be an informal adult only session with the opportunity to have a chat with other parents/carers and members of the Early Years team. This will also provide you with information on the events and activities we can offer and gather your views and ideas of what you would be interested in participating in throughout the year.

**The session will be held on Friday 13th October:
2.00pm-3.00pm**

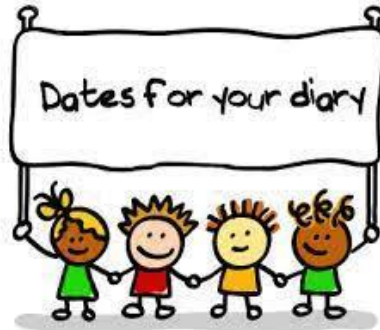


Hallowe'en is coming.....

We are really looking forward to our annual Hallowe'en celebration at Early Years. We will have lots of spooky themed experiences and traditional games on offer! The event will be held on **Tuesday 31st October during the usual session times** and the children are welcome to dress up in a costume if they wish.



For your information the Early Years parents/carers are not allowed to park within the school car park. The car park is very busy and the spaces in the school car park are allocated for staff only.



**Staff in-service day - Early Years Closed -
Monday 18th September**

McMillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29th September

Stay and Play - Wednesday 4th October

October holidays:

The school will be closed Monday 16th - 20th Friday October

School reopens - Monday 23rd October

Hallowe'en Celebration - Tuesday 31st October

Many thanks for your support, if you have any questions relating to Early Years do not hesitate to speak to your Key Worker or Mrs Carruthers.

Kind regards,
Mrs Carruthers,
Senior Early Years Practitioner