

Nursery Newsletter

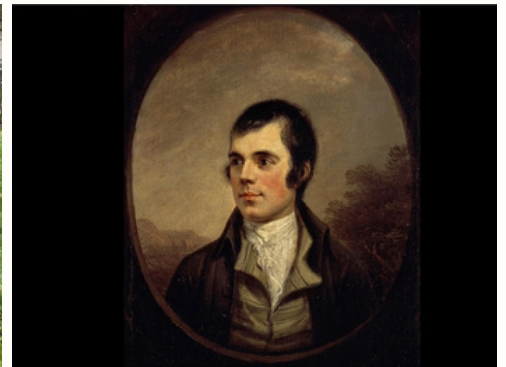
January 2024

We would like to wish our new families a very warm welcome and Happy New Year to all! We have started the year busy and looking forward to what 2024 is going to bring for us. We have had some parent volunteers in to help us, doing various things over the last few weeks and are looking forward to inviting more of our parents in over the next few months.

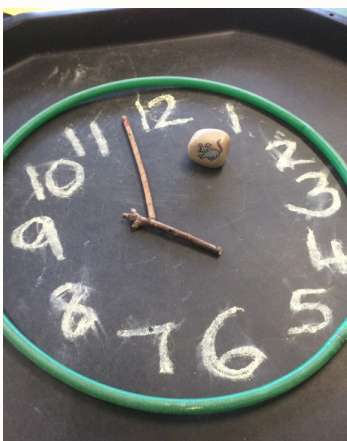
Our experiences and opportunities

Our recent focus has been on Transport, focusing on Forest Kindergarten outdoors in the garden and the up and coming RSPCA Big garden bird watch.

- participating in small sessions with Mrs Hider in the garden, promoting forest kindergarten
- continuing with our Yoga on a Monday afternoon with Miss Barnsley.
- celebrated Robbie Burns with Tartan dress up, food tasting, music and dancing as well as poems.
- learning about the medieval times with Mr and Mrs Reid in their reenactment / period costumes and props
- exploring the 'winter box' for Box clever. Discussing words such as mittens, hat, scarf, cold, bright, hot, boots, dark, cosy, slippy, crispy (More info on box clever to follow...)
- Seasons such as winter and changes in seasons



"We learn to play, we play to learn"



Dates for your Diary

Chinese New Year

10th - 25th February 2024



School February Holiday

Monday 12th - Monday 19th February 2024

Valentine's Day

Wednesday 14th February 2024

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 14th February 2024

Stay 'n' Play

w/c 4th March 2024

News

We are delighted to share that Miss McKechnie's baby was born on Wednesday 13th December 2023. We would like to say a huge congratulations to her!



News

Mrs Gall has taken a teaching job in Edinburgh, so will not be returning to East Calder after the Christmas Holidays. We would like to wish her good luck in her new role!



Big Bedtime Read

The children are able to regularly choose a pack of 5 books from the ELC to enjoy reading at home. We hope that the book pack will enable families to spend a few quiet moments together sharing a story. All our books are labelled with a yellow smiley face so they don't get muddled up with other books at home. When your child is finished with a pack, please return and it can be exchanged for a new one. Look out for the QR code which gives you more information.



Learning about our Wellbeing



Focus character - Rachel and Ruby Respected

Rachel and Ruby like to play with their friends at the ELC setting. This week's interest has been about transport. They have made some great pictures that are now up on the walls.

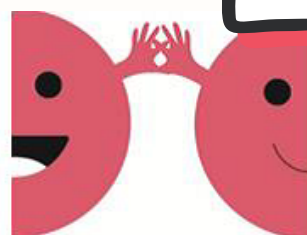
Ways I am responsible in ELC:

- Including all my friends in play
- Tidy behind myself
- Look after toys and resources
- Caring for my friends and being kind

Ways I can be responsible at Home:

- Help to feed / care / walk any pets
- Help around the house with small chores
- Tidy behind myself when I am finished playing with something
- Take care and be kind to my family and friends

Can you share a photo on your online learning journal to show us how you are 'respectful' at home?



respected

A few reminders....

Names on items - Having personal items named will help greatly with minimising lost property and aiding identification of your child's belongings. A label or name on the outside of back packs and lunch bags is also helpful, as is marking the labels of waterproofs, jackets, spare clothes and the inside of shoes.

Waterproofs - Please ensure waterproof jackets, trousers and wellingtons are brought to nursery each day – no matter how sunny it is in the morning. Scottish weather is so unpredictable and we are out every day! Please speak to a member of staff if you need any support sourcing waterproof clothing or boots and we can see what we can do to help.

Spare clothing - Please can we remind parents to put spare clothes (including socks) into their child's bag. Children can get wet during play activities and even just when washing their hands. We would also ask that any clothing items belonging to nursery items are washed and returned to nursery as soon as convenient. Thank you.

Toys from Home - Please remember that we try to discourage children bringing in toys from home. Children become quite distressed when other children want to play with these toys and we cannot take responsibility for any of them that get lost or broken.

Session Times

AM Session

Monday to Thursday 07:47 – 12:30
Friday 08:00 – 11:47

Full day Session

Monday to Thursday 08:00 – 18:00

Short sessions

Monday to Thursday 12:45 – 16:00
Friday 08:00 – 11:20

PM Session

Monday to Thursday 12:30 – 18:14

Contact us

If you have anything you would like to talk about regarding your child's time with us, please don't hesitate to speak to any member of the team by telephoning the ELC on 01506 280200. We are here to help.

Dietary and Medical Needs

Due to some of our children having food allergies, we must ask that **NO NUTS** or **EGG** or **ANYTHING CONTAINING NUTS** are brought into the nursery or stored in children's bags. Thank you for your support with this.

If your child requires any medication when they are in nursery, please speak to a member of staff so we have all the information we need and paperwork completed. **No medication should be stored in your child's bag.**

Absences

Please don't forget to notify us at Nursery (01506 280200) or the School office (01506 880810) if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

In the interest of Health and Hygiene, please be aware that should your child have a sickness and/or diarrhoea bug, they should not return to Nursery until 48hrs after all symptoms have stopped to prevent these bugs spreading.