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ELC Newsletter

February/ March 2024

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter!

This term in nursery we are getting out and about in Eyemouth spotting signs of spring. The children have been up in the woods and over to Netherbyres using their different senses to detect the changes that show spring is coming – seeing snowdrops, smelling the wild garlic and listening to the birds. If you spot us when we are out please give us a wave!

ALLERGY ALERT

We have a child attending nursery who has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis due to a serious allergic reaction to mango, pineapple and lentils and beans.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND MANGO, PINEAPPLE, LENTILS or BEANS INTO NURSERY IN YOUR CHILD'S SNACK OR LUNCH, or any products containing these items (smoothies, yoghurt etc).

Thank you so much for your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe.

NB: If your child develops an allergic reaction to any substance or foodstuff, please alert nursery immediately so that we can update their Personal Plan, share with all staff and ensure that they do not come into contact with the item while in our care. Thank you.



New Practitioner

We are delighted to be welcoming Mr Patterson back to Eyemouth on Monday 4th of March. He is very happy to be back at Eyemouth ELC after a short break, and will be keyworker for the Blue Group again, taking over from Mrs Watson, who has done a super job of leading the Blues for the past few months.



Playing with Music Sessions

Our playing with music sessions have well attended with our two year olds and their parents/ carers. These come to an end on the 14th of March. Thank you to Marian and Sibylle for providing these sessions.

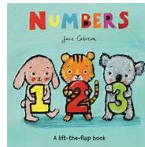


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ELC Twos Stay and Play Sessions in the EYC

On Friday 15th March and Friday 22nd March our Early Years Centre Manager Tammie Hamilton will be hosting ELC Twos Stay and Play session in the Early Years Centre from 11am to 11.45am. These are open to all parents of children in an ELC 2 place. Please ask staff for further details.



Peep Nursery Sessions – January-March 2024

We are continuing our Peep Nursery Number sessions this term with the Pink and Yellow Groups. So far feedback has been very positive. Thank you to all the parents who are coming along to play and learn with their child. We will be running more sessions from late March, hopefully at a different time as we know we have lots of working parents who find Tuesday mornings difficult. We are also planning to offer a Number Stay and Play Session during the Easter holiday for those who have been unable to make it during term time. Further information to follow.



Thrive Outdoors

Eyemouth Primary ELC are currently working with staff from Thrive Outdoors ([Thrive Outdoors - Inspiring Scotland](#)) to develop an outdoor beach learning programme. We are doing this in partnership with the other nurseries in Eyemouth – Seashells and Highway, and SBC partnership childminder Christine Green. This week we had our first shared session at the beach for some of our pre-schoolers from each setting. This was a great success with children making new friendships from other settings and looking forward to going back to the beach together! We will be building this into our transition programme for Primary 1 and will keep you updated.



World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2024

This year for World Book Day, we will be focusing on bedtime stories. Children can come to nursery wearing their pyjamas and oodie or dressing gown and bring their favourite bedtime story. Parents will be invited to come in and read with their child in the afternoon. Details and times to follow. We hope that you can join us.



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End of the Day Stay and Play Sessions and lending library

Our end of the day Stay and Play on Tuesdays and Wednesdays has been very popular so far. We are loving having parents in nursery at the end of the day, and children are enjoying sharing their play and learning with you. We are putting together an online survey to find out parent views on how they feel about these sessions and how we could improve them.

Sessions run from 2.40-3.10pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Your child can also change their library book at this time too.



Childsmile Stay and Play

Shirley, our Childsmile co-ordinator will be coming in next term to do some Stay and Play sessions with different keygroups and their parents/ carers. Please look out for the flier to follow soon.



Policy of the Fortnight

We are keen to get parent and carer feedback on our policies and guidance at Eyemouth ELC. We are putting a different policy up every fortnight for parents to read and comment on. These will be shared on Showbie and if you wish to access the policy please ask a member of staff who will direct you to a copy. We are currently looking at our Medication Guidance and will be sharing our new Sun Safety policy with you next week. Following that it will be our Healthy Eating Guidance. If you have any questions please let us know.



Eyemouth ELC Vision, Values and Aims

This term we are sharing our ELC Vision, Values and Aims with parents and carers on Showie and the window noticeboard in nursery. If you wish to comment on these please let us know and we will arrange to gather your views. Parental input is really valuable for us, and helps us to improve our setting and your child's experience. Thank you.



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Warm clothing and changes of clothes

Please can you ensure that your child has at least one full change of clothes in their bag on a Monday, and extra pants and socks if possible. Please can you also make sure your child is warmly dressed in layers of clothes you don't mind getting messy. As we are an indoor/ outdoor setting, the playroom can sometimes be a little chilly and an extra fleece or jumper makes a big difference.

Please ensure all these clothes are labelled, particularly nursery sweatshirts. Thank you.



Holiday Childcare Easter 2024

This year our Easter/ Spring holiday run during the weeks of 1st and 8th April. If you require childcare during this time, please remember that you can book your child into nursery. Fees are £5.50 per hour or per part hour, and places are available from 8am to 6pm. Please ask a member of staff for more information if you are interested. Bookings must be made by Friday 15th of March to allow for staffing. Nursery will be open as usual for 50 week children. Thank you.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Thursday 29 February, 7 th March, 14 th March 1.30-3pm Early Years Centre	Playing with Music for 2 year olds and new 3 year olds and their parents/ carers
Tuesday 5 th , 12 th , 19 th March, 8.45-10.30am Early Years Centre	Peep Number for Pink and Yellow group
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – children to wear pyjamas and bring favourite bedtime story
Friday 15 th March	Bookings must be made for holiday childcare for Easter holidays.
Ongoing Tuesdays and Wednesdays 2.40-3.10pm	Drop in stay and play sessions at the end of the nursery day. Lending library book change.
Friday 29 th March	Last day for term time children
Easter Holiday Stay and Play- day/ date tbc	Stay and Play session information to follow
Monday 15 th April	Term-time children return to nursery



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And Finally

If you have any concerns regarding your child, or have any questions please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff, or phone (018907 50692 or 01835 826 834 (ext 6834)) and ask to speak to Mrs Macdonald (Senior Early Years Officer) or Mrs Watson (Early Years Officer) – or check the Early Learning and Childcare pages on our website www.eyemouthprimary.co.uk
With all best wishes, The Eyemouth ELC Hub Team