

Struthers Early Years Centre Session 2017-18 Bulletin

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A quick week back! Thanks to all those who brought in Autumn items, the children enjoyed talking about these in their groups. This coming week will be a busy but fun week with the Halloween party on Tuesday and our Fullarton Woods Pumpkin trail trip on Wednesday. Children are welcome to bring in a pumpkin they have decorated at home to leave on the trail.

Halloween party and Stay n Play

The children enjoyed talking about Halloween on Friday and on Tuesday we will celebrate Halloween with a party in the EYC. Children are welcome to dress up but no scary masks/blood etc. please as this frightens some children. We invite you to join us for the last hour for some party games, dress to impress!



Fullarton Woods Pumpkin Trail Trip

On Wednesday the 1st of November we plan to visit Fullarton Pumpkin trail. We will go as a whole session (am/pm) and would ask that you **drop off and pick up at the woods** at the following times:

Morning

9:00am drop off and pick up at 11:30am

1:00pm drop off and pick up at 3:30pm

We understand that those with siblings may arrive before/after 9:00am. We will be looking for at least four parent helpers to support the trip (but the more the merrier!) please sign up in the foyer if you are available and willing!



Environmental Print

We are continually reviewing and striving to improve our early years centre environment. To raise children's awareness of print and letters and support their early reading skills we would like to incorporate more environmental print in the playroom

Environmental print is the print that is found in the world around us and is usually the first print a young child recognises. The print they see in their everyday lives holds great meaning for them, such as:

- Labels on food boxes, cans, and bags
- Signs for familiar restaurants or stores
- Traffic signs
- Logos for favourite toys



Recognising environmental print is one of the early stages of reading. Children enjoy the feeling of being able to "read" the print in their environment. When they begin to understand that letters and symbols have meaning it develops their confidence and they begin to feel like successful "readers" which in turn motivates them to read more.

We are looking for text/logos that they are familiar with to display around the centre to generate conversation and to add into a 'words we can read' book. To support this **could you please help your child (or children!) collect a few examples of environmental print from their favourite foods.** Some examples might be the fronts of cereal boxes, labels from cans or snack wrappers. Please make sure the sample is clean and flat- it may need to be cut

Thank you!

Babies and Bumps

A new first years group (babies 0-1 year or until toddling) will begin this week in the community room. The class takes place at the following times:

Tuesday 10:00am - 12:00pm

Thursday 2:00pm - 3:30pm

You are welcome to come and have fun with your little one and meet other parents.

The classes are £1 and this covers the cost of tea/coffee and cakes. We are also looking for donations of toys and baby play mats for the classes if you have any of these items that you know longer use they would be greatly appreciated