

# SPELL

January &  
February 2018

Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

We hope all our groups have now settled back after the Christmas break. We have decided to combine our January and February newsletters this year. If you would like us to feature anything in our next newsletter it will be in the March edition. Please make sure you let us have any suggestions by emailing us at: [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com)

## Play Activities

Groups are starting to book play sessions for their Easter end of term activities. Please make sure if you wish to have a play activity for a specific occasion to book well in advance to avoid disappointment. To book a play activity please speak to your Support Worker or contact Wendy on 01698 768944.

## Group News

For an up-to-date list of all Baby & Toddler Groups please click [here](#).

For an up-to-date list of Playgroups and Nurseries please click [here](#).

## Name Changes

Tiny Tots in Greenhills, East Kilbride have changed their name and are now known as ABC Tiny Tots.

## Job Vacancies

Jack and Jill Pre-5 Group are in East Kilbride are recruiting for a Nursery Manager. For more information please visit our website at [www.spell-lanarkshire.com](http://www.spell-lanarkshire.com)

## Training Calendar

Our Winter & Spring edition of our training programme has been announced. Full details can be found on our website at [www.spell-lanarkshire.com](http://www.spell-lanarkshire.com)

SPELL's training programme is funded by South Lanarkshire Council and is free and open to all parents; and childcare staff and volunteers who work within baby & toddler groups and playgroups in South Lanarkshire. SPELL ask for a £10 booking deposit to confirm spaces which will be returned to you on attendance at the course.

Training this year includes:

- Makaton Training  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in Hamilton
- Grief & Bereavement in an Early Years Setting  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 in East Kilbride
- 2 day Paediatric First Aid  
Tuesdays 24<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 in Hamilton

To book a place on any of the courses please phone the SPELL office on 01698 768944 or email us at [spell.org@btopenworld.com](mailto:spell.org@btopenworld.com)

## Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group

Following the success of our groups in East Kilbride and Rutherglen we are now pleased to announce details on our next block of Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group. Places are free however spaces are limited so booking is essential. Please email [littlehedgehogs.spell@gmail.com](mailto:littlehedgehogs.spell@gmail.com) for more information.



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## Little Hedgehogs Outdoor Toddler Group

Outdoor play, nature exploration, campfires, dens, mud kitchens, hammocks, outdoor crafts, tool use, and more!

**Mondays**

10.00am – 11.30am

or

12.45pm – 2.15pm

19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Little Hedgehogs is **FREE** to attend however there are a limited number of spaces so booking is essential.

All sessions will take place at  
Braidwood Pond, Braidwood, ML8 5PD  
Meeting instruction will be given on confirmation of booking.

For more information and booking please contact SPELL

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If you are unable to attend our Little Hedgehogs Group but would be interested in setting up your own outdoor group please call us at 01698 768933 and one of our Support Workers can come out to discuss this with you.



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## NHS Lanarkshire

NHS Lanarkshire are running information sessions for parents and carers of children who stammer. The sessions will provide you with strategies to help.

The session being held in South Lanarkshire is on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30am - 11am  
Health Education Room,  
Douglas Street Community Health Centre,  
Hamilton ML3 0BP.  
Children should not attend the sessions.

## Play Scotland

This year Play Scotland will be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, The Year of Young People in Scotland and 31 years of Play day.

Play Scotland provides parents, carers and playworkers with useful ideas and information for children. They have a section specifically for under 5s and have recently updated their website to include a page on snow and ice play. They are also currently developing a range of posters in Gaelic. To visit their website please click on the link. [www.playscotland.org](http://www.playscotland.org)

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