

Support for Play & Early Learning in Lanarkshire

We hope you all had a lovely Spring Break and Easter. The summer term is usually a very busy one with lots of groups arranging outings, graduations and parties. Lots of groups have booked play activities for this term, which we are really looking forward to delivering.

If you would like anything included in our June newsletter please contact us by Wednesday 22nd May.

Nurseries and Playgroups - PVGs

Please ensure that if your establishment uses parent helpers, they are members of the PVG scheme and you have carried out the necessary disclosure checks. As you are a voluntary organisation you will be able to get this done free of charge through Volunteer Scotland. If you would like further details please speak to your Support Worker or contact the office on 01698 768933 / 768944.

A Few Reminders for Outings

Risk Assessments

Please make sure if you are planning any outings you carry out a risk assessment on the venue and the type of activities you are doing. As always make sure that there are enough adults per child and that you have your first aid kits, registers, permission slips (if applicable) and emergency contact details for parents, carers and children with you.

First Aid Kits

First Aid Kits should be checked regularly to ensure that they are fully stocked with correct and in-date contents. SPELL can provide you with a list of what your First Aid Kit should contain.

Registers

It is important that all children are signed in and out of sessions even if you are on an outing. SPELL provide all new groups with a register and additional copies can be purchased for £3.

Photo and Video Policy

Please make sure that all your groups have a photography and video policy which is given to and signed by all members at the group. Parents / carers must not publish any material on social media sites and the internet that contain images of any children other than their own, as the group has no control over these images once they are in the public domain. This applies to groups when they are on outings too. SPELL are able to provide groups with a sample photograph and video policy.

For any advice or further information on any of these reminders, please speak to your Support Worker or contact the SPELL office on 01698 768933 / 768944.

Above all, we hope you all have lots of fun 😊



Groups Open during the Holidays

There are a few groups that are planning on running during the school breaks. Please remember that if you are planning on opening and inviting older siblings to attend, that you have checked with your insurance company. Your normal group insurance may only cover you for ages 5 and under.

Group News

Wriggly Rascals

St Andrew's Toddler Group and Drop-in have changed their name to Wriggly Rascals. The group runs on a Tuesday and a Thursday from 9.15am until 12pm at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Cedar Drive, Greenhills, East Kilbride, G75 9HZ. They have a Facebook Page [@Wriggly Rascals Toddler Group](#)

Braidwood Playgroup Fun Day

Braidwood Playgroup are hosting a Fun Day with bouncy castle and face-painting on Saturday 18th May, 11am until 2pm at Braidwood Community Wing, Braidwood Primary School, ML8 4NZ. Entry is Free.

Braidwood Playgroup Open Day

Braidwood Playgroup are having an Open Day on Monday 20th May from 9.30am until 11am at Braidwood Community Wing, Braidwood Primary School, ML8 4NZ. The open day is for any prospective parents / carers to come and visit the playgroup with their child. There will also be a SPELL activity at the session.

Crossford Playgroup Summer Fete

Crossford Playgroup are hosting their Summer Fete on Saturday 1st June, 10am until 12pm at Crossford Village Hall, Lanark Road, ML8 5RE. Please join them for cream teas, kids' games and toys, bouncy castle, cake and plant stalls and lots more.

Mailing List

To receive SPELL's monthly newsletters direct to your email account, please email spell.org@btopenworld.com quoting 'Mailing List' in the subject.

NSPCC

The NSPCC has launched a new campaign 'Look, Say, Sing, Play' which builds on the interactions parents are already having with their children. Almost two thirds of parents are unaware that back and forth interaction with their child from birth is good for their babies' social, emotional and cognitive development.

Signing up to the campaign is FREE. Ideas are emailed to you weekly such as how to play Laundry Hokey Cokey with your child and how to create a Lullaby Remix. Please visit the NSPCC website or click [here](#) for further details on the campaign.

Play Activity Update

Our play tutors are very busy over the coming months but we do still have some availability for a selection of our play activities. The dates listed below are currently available for Farmyard Story & Songtime, Under the Sea, Pirate Adventures, Jungle Carnival and Summer Music and Drama activities:

May Dates: 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th

June Dates: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th

The activities are free of charge and are available to book by phoning Wendy on 01698 768944 or email spell.org@btopenworld.com



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