

# Everton

## Nursery School and Family Centre



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**Dr. Lesley Curtis OBE**  
Headteacher/Head of Centre

# Welcome

Welcome to the summer term and to any new parents that have joined Everton Nursery School and Family Centre over the last term, you are very welcome. The last term was very busy with many spring activities such as the chicks and ducklings hatching. In this newsletter you will read articles on how the children observed the hatching process and then cared for the chicks and ducklings when they hatched. Children gained experience of new life and for caring for the chicks and ducklings.

All staff used the opportunity with the children to extend vocabulary using words such as hatch, incubator, wing, beak, feathers etc.

Other News - Everton Nursery School and Family Centre staff gained the Silver Well-Being award with Liverpool Local Authority and also the Attachment and Trauma Sensitive award with Jenny Nock. Many staff attended training from 3.30-5.30p.m. during the autumn term and reviewed their own practice with the children in the spring term to gain the awards. This in turn has supported the staffs professional development in working with the children.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the spring events in the hall just before Easter.

If you didn't have the opportunity to see your child's file, their class or the class teacher, let me know on the new school email address of [evertonnsfc@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:evertonnsfc@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk) and we can book you in over the next half term.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported us in toilet training their child over the February half term and Easter break. This really makes an impact on the teachers time and your child's learning time. Finally, please note our article on attendance and punctuality.

If your child cannot attend Nursery School, please leave a message on ParentMail rather than ringing up to inform the admin staff. Good attendance and punctuality are priorities of the City Council which we adopt as a maintained school. Even though your child is not statutory school age, you have chosen to access the 15 hours or 30 hours so it is important your child attends regularly. I look forward to seeing more parents this term as we move towards the summer from spring.

Lesley Curtis  
Headteacher

# Spring 2022

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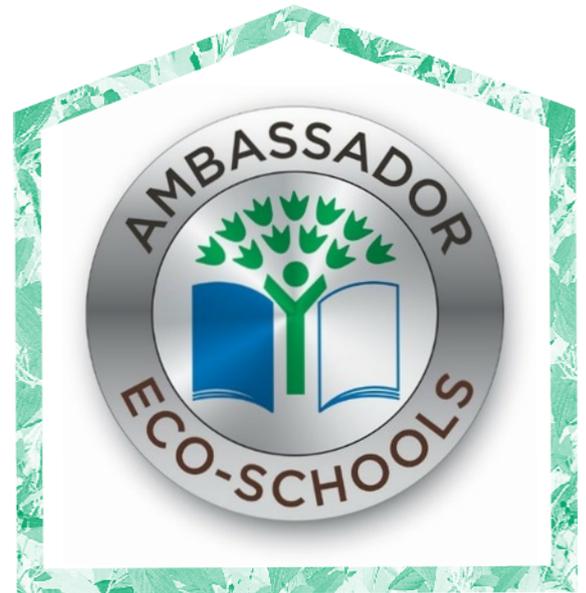
**Faye O'Connor**  
Assistant Headteacher

# Eco Schools

Have you ever noticed the Green Flag flying high above the school? This represents Everton Nursery Schools commitment to Environmental Education.

Eco-Schools is operated globally and was launched in 1994 in response to the 1992 UN Rio Earth Summit.

Environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy is the Eco-Schools National Operator for England, where more than 18,000 schools are registered and 1,200 schools currently hold the internationally recognised Eco-Schools Green Flag.



Here at Everton we currently hold The Eco Schools prestigious 'Ambassador' status which was awarded in 2019. This award recognises the impact our Eco Curriculum has upon the education of young children.

The award acknowledges our commitment to providing essential learning experiences that shape children's values, perspectives and understanding of the world around them.

The programme we embed teaches children about ten topics; bio diversity, energy, litter, global citizenship, healthy living, school grounds, transport, waste, water and marine.

Bird watching week, switch off fortnight, the Duckling and Chick hatching project...these are just a few examples of how we support children to understand how they can help the environment.



Don't forget to spend time showing your children how you recycle at home and how the bins are filled and collected.

Remember... Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!





## Rebecca Melia

Assistant Headteacher / SENDCo / Spencer 1 Nursery Teacher

# Spring Events

During the week of 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022, Everton Nursery School and Family Centre hosted a Spring event for parents, carers and families in our main school hall. Each class hosted on a different day to ensure their event was tailored to and specific for individual classes. These events were an opportunity for parents and carers to come into our setting and see their own children in their nursery environment. Creative and fun activities were provided for children and families to engage in together such as planting a sunflower, creating an Easter card and various exciting Easter crafts. There was also an opportunity for parents and carers to read their child's Family Worker file and speak to their child's Family Worker and/or their class teacher about their child's progress and development. Children were also keen to give their parents and carers a guided tour of their classroom, which all children and staff take great pride in. This allowed parents and carers to see children's Family Worker boards, including PLOD's, and gain a deeper insight into understanding what their child's learning environment looks like.



As an added bonus, our children were also able to introduce their families to our 6 chicks that hatched with us in March 2022. The chick eggs were provided by a company called 'Eggucation', which is a family run business. With over 20 years' experience delivering Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics



(STEM) education. Eggucation provides high quality and ethically sound enrichment experiences in schools right across the UK. This project allowed our children to observe the hatching process of chicks and observe how chicks grow and develop over a short period of time, which children were then able to share with their parents, carers and families.



Each of the classes Spring events had a great turnout of parents, carers and families and many positive comments about their own children and also about Everton Nursery School were received from the parents, carers and families who attended these Spring events. As a staff team, we are very much looking forward to inviting parents, carers

and families back to Everton Nursery School in the Summer term for another exciting and fun event!



**Kate Doyle**

Nursery Teacher Spencer 2

## Developing our School grounds

Back in February we had the opportunity to work with Steve Fuller and Simone Siegan from Willowpool designs to create a variety of willow structures for our school grounds. The children participated in workshops and learned how to make birds and animals, such as fish, pheasants and butterflies from soaked willow rods. Simone taught children how to make crowns and star shaped wands while Steve welcomed children's support as they worked collaboratively to create a wishing tree for our indoor learning environment.



Many parents were introduced to this new sculpture during our Spring event and lots of parents hung personal wishes for their child on the branches.

This is now displayed on our main corridor as an extension to our Eco display.

The main purpose of Steve and Simone's visit was to help us create a natural arch and boarder for our forest school entrance. This is a wonderful addition to our school grounds as it adds to the excitement of visiting our forest school area and acts as a natural barrier to divide our outdoor learning spaces.



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This term the children will have the opportunity to work alongside our site management team to develop a pond area within the new outdoor space at the front of our school building.



As part of the planning process, a group of children had the opportunity to visit Everton Park Nature Garden to explore the pond area and to gather ideas

on how to make a pond and what we need to get this project started.



The children experienced pond dipping in the two small lakes, and spent time exploring the grassland meadows and woodland area that surrounds the lakes. This was a wonderful learning experience and we hope to revisit the nature garden again very soon.





**Rebecca Melia**

Assistant Headteacher / SENDCo / Spencer 1 Nursery Teacher

# Five Little Ducks

## Five Little Ducks

The arrival of the duckling eggs from the company 'Incredible Eggs' had a key influence on children's learning at Everton Nursery School during March and April 2022. 'Incredible Eggs' has 7 branches across England and Scotland and are run from 4 small farms, which are based in the countryside of Cornwall, Kent, Norfolk and County Durham. Each farm is family run with many years of small-scale poultry keeping/breeding experience.

This learning process of observing the beginning of a duckling's life cycle consisted of a sequence of events for children and adults to observe and become involved in.



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Embryo eggs were provided, 2-3 days from hatching, giving children and adults the opportunity to observe this hatching process. The incubator provided was calibrated to maintain a constant temperature of 37.5 Degrees Celsius. A brooder plate was also supplied for once the ducklings hatched. In order for the supplied brooder plate to be effective it was advised that the ducklings must be able to touch the bottom of the heat plate to stay warm. The ducklings required clean water and food each day to support their growth and development. Many children undertook the responsibility of this task each morning. This process allowed children and adults easy and safe observation and access to the ducklings during this cycle.

As predicted, after 3 days of the eggs arriving at Everton Nursery School they began to hatch. Six eggs were provided and five healthy ducklings hatched successfully. During the following week, the children observed the ducklings adapting to their environment effectively, both walking inside the brooder cage and swimming in water.

Our children have been very fortunate to observe this life cycle, allowing them to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world around them accordingly. We are already very excited for next year's arrival of the ducklings!





**Selma Kesedzic**

Cresswell 1 / 2 Nursery Teacher

# Spring Independence

In Everton Nursery we provide children with the tools and practice they need to become independent with their self-care. Children require fine motor skills,



coordination, balance and gross motor skills to become independent dressers. Young children want to be independent, especially with dressing and undressing, but they need time and practice to get it right.

We provide plenty of real opportunities for children to practice dressing themselves with outdoor wear, helmets for construction role play areas, aprons for cooking and for messy play, and plenty of dressing up for role-play clothes and material. This is paired with plenty of time, patience, minimal assistance and waiting for the children to ask or indicate

they want help to support their independence.

We recommend that parents and carers work together with children to practice



dressing until they are able to do it independently, for example, help your child put a t-shirt over their heads, put their arms through and allow them to complete the last step independently of pulling the t-shirt down.

Practice this process and advance by encouraging the child to do more steps independently.

Gross motor activities that focus on postural control, eye hand coordination and balance skills are beneficial when it comes to teaching dressing skills.

Here are some suggested activities:

- Play games where your child has to reach overhead such as blowing bubbles and encouraging your child to reach up to pop them.
- Bat a balloon up into the air without letting it touch the ground.
- Squatting while playing with toys to exercise balance.
- Body awareness: playing games such as 'Simon Says'. E.g. 'Simon says squat and touch the floor', 'Simon says sit down and touch your toes'.



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## Top Tips to encourage independent dressing

- Challenge your children to find as many different ways as possible to put on their coat, for example hood on first, right arm in first, lay the coat on the floor upside down and slide both arms in first. Encourage your child to talk and think about which way they find the easiest and you may want to do this with other pieces of clothing too.
- Set aside 5-10 minutes before getting ready to allow your child time to explore their clothes/shoes and try to put them on without being rushed. Allow your child time to get undressed themselves and guiding them through the process instead of doing it for them.
- Sing or make up songs about dressing such as *'This is the way we put on our socks, put on our socks, put on our socks, this is the way we put on our socks on a Tuesday morning'* with everyone miming the action together. Challenge children to be a song leader and mime the action without the word, can everyone guess what they are putting on or taking off.



- Choose simple clothing. Try to avoid complex clothes such as buttons and zips to start with as your child may not yet have the fine motor skills needed to navigate these. Elasticated waists and Velcro shoes are great options while you're building your child's confidence and skills.



## Angela McConville

Early Intervention Family Worker

 Everton Children Centre

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# Children's Centre

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
 <p><b>Nurture programme</b> <b>Coming soon</b> Helps parents and children to understand and manage feelings and behaviour. Improves relationships at home and school. 10 week course.</p>	<p><b>Sleep workshop</b> 9.30-11.00am Third Tuesday of every month.</p>	<p><b>You and Me Mum</b> 9.30am-11.30am Supporting families who have lived with domestic abuse 10 week course and crèche is available.</p>
<p><b>All about baby</b> 10.00am-11.00am <b>Under 1's stay and play</b> Come along to our under 1's group. Fun session for parents and babies with age appropriate activities.</p>	<p><b>Toilet Training</b> 9.30-11.00am First Tuesday of every month.</p>	<p><b>In Harmony</b> 11.00am-11.45am For children 0-3 years old. Music making session for children and parents with musicians from the Liverpool philharmonic.</p>
<p><b>Swan</b> 1.00pm-2.00pm Last Tuesday of every month. Join us for a supported play session for babies and children who have special needs to explore new play. Opportunities to ask</p>	<p><b>Development matters</b> 1.00pm-2.00pm Second Tuesday of every month. A monthly Session for parents who have any concerns in all aspects of your child's development.</p>	<p><b>Stay and Play</b> 1.00pm-2.00pm Fun and interactive sessions for adults and children age 1-3 years old.</p>
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**All sessions are bookable, please contact reception to book your place**  
Call:  
**0151 233 1969**

## THURSDAY

**Cooking on a budget** 9.30am-11.30am  
Plan and prepare healthy family meals.



**Lighthouse** 10.00am-12.00pm

To help you to understand the feelings underneath your child's behaviour so that you can decide how to respond best to what your child needs.  
Induction 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Start date 3rd March



**Baby Massage** 1.00pm-2.00pm

A five week course of promoting positive touch between you and your baby.

## FRIDAY



**ESF Ways to Work** Drop in 9.30am-10.30am  
Advice and support with returning to employment  
Appointments available upon request. Please contact Angela on 0151 233 1969.

**Early Communication**  
Support to help you understand and support your child with speech and language. Please call the centre for more information. Appointments available on request

**Sensory room sessions available throughout the week phone to book.**

**Swimming pool sessions also available throughout the week phone to book session.**

Would you like to learn more about ICT or improve your confidence in using computers? Andy from Everton Development Trust will be delivering an ICT course here at Everton Nursery School and Family Centre. Andy can help you learn more about how to use email effectively, as well as word processing, spreadsheets, Microsoft PowerPoint and much more.

The course is suitable for all abilities. You will receive a certificate and/or work towards a full ICDL IT qualification at Level 2. The course will be delivered on Wednesday's 12.30pm - 2.30pm starting Wednesday 11th May. All resources including laptop will be provided. If you would like more information or to book your place, please contact reception or phone 0151 233 1969.

# ICT Course



**at Everton Nursery School and Family Centre**

**Starting:**

**Wednesday 11th May 2022, 12:30pm-2:30pm**



Delivered by EDT - Everton Development Trust. You will learn how to use email effectively as well as Word Processing, Spreadsheets, and Microsoft PowerPoint. Suitable for all abilities  
You will receive a certificate with a formal qualification



**\*\*Laptops provided\*\***

**Places must be booked: 0151 233 1969**

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**Faye O'Connor**  
Assistant Headteacher

# Woodwork

Woodwork engages hands, minds and hearts. Here at Everton Nursery School Woodwork is part of the enhanced timetable for children in 3-5's. The investigation room is a space for children to think creatively and develop problem solving skills.

Woodwork enables children to exercise skills such as making their own choices and learning through trial and error, it sparks creative thinking and imagination. Woodwork encompasses all aspects of learning and development, supporting maths, scientific investigation, physical coordination, language, and vocabulary.

Children in Spencer class access the investigation room weekly in a small group experience. Initially, children are taught how to use the tools safely and given opportunity to try techniques in appropriate ways. The children now demonstrate mastery, delight and pride in their achievements.

Learning in woodwork progresses at each child's individual pace. Once they have mastered the basic skills, children move into open-ended exploration, making unique creations. Spencer class children have produced many creations including a model of 'Big Ben' and more recently a slide for the visiting Chicks.

As a teacher I believe there is something really special about woodwork. I observe the children feeling empowered and valued by being trusted and given responsibility to work with real tools. The smell and feel of wood, using real tools, the sound of hammering and sawing, hands and minds working together. I look forward to the summer term in which children will take their woodwork skills outdoors and utilise the outdoor woodwork benches in Forest School.





**Julie Antonio**

Senior Early Childhood Educator Heyworth

## Exploring Topics

In Heyworth class we explore topics in an approach that is developmentally appropriate for 2 year olds such as caring for our outdoor environment, exploring the school grounds and how the season changes affect this, litter picking, recycling and reusing materials within our indoor and outdoor environment.

Healthy living is a holistic approach encompassing every aspect of life. This topic is essential to our learning experiences. There are four broad themes of healthy living which are embedded into our daily routine: exercise, healthy eating, staying safe and Emotional wellbeing.



A whole setting approach to healthy eating provides an opportunity to encourage children to eat well and learn about food. This approach helps protect children's health and sets the foundation for their future.



# Attention all parents!

Have you kept your ParentMail email address up to date with us as this is how we communicate with you to keep you up to date on our developments.

## Pick up school messages online or on the mobile app!

- Please remember to log your child's absence on the Parent Mail app.
- Telephone reception on 0151 233 1969 if your child is going to arrive late.
- A two week deposit for Daycare, Breakfast Club and After School Club sessions must be paid for in advance, via Parent Mail.
- All Daycare, Breakfast Club and After School Club sessions must be paid for in advance or the first day of their attendance.
- All lunches must be paid for on the first day of your child's attendance, if you fall into arrears you may be asked to take your child home for lunch.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please speak to **Joanne Rooney** (Receptionist/School Administrator).

### Get started...

1. Register with IRIS ParentMail
2. Download the App & login
3. Pick up school messages on the go

You can use your parent mail app to-  
Pay for SNACK-Select Shop-Snack Donation  
UNIFORM-Select Shop-All Uniform Items Displayed  
DAYCARE FEES-Select Shop-Click Top-  
LUNCHES-From Menu -Click Accounts-Top-Up Amount  
ABSENCES-From Menu-Notify Absence-Click Absence Reporting



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