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Early Years Newsletter

10 May 2024





Welcome to the Provider Update 33 (2023/24)

Dear Provider

We hope you are enjoying the sunshine and warmer evenings, lets hope it we have said goodbye to all that rain (fingers crossed)!

May seems to flying by quickly and its not too late to book onto the Childminding and Day Care Conference! This week we also have some information from the DfE, apprentice opportunities and we want to start to share some of the amazing things you do.

Have a great weekend.

The Early Years and Child Development Team

FINAL CALL!

Early Years Daycare and Childminding Conference – Saturday May 18th

Time is running out but it's not too late to book! Join like-minded childminders and day care practitioners at The Cheltenham Chase hotel for an exciting day that starts with the well-known keynote speaker Neil Griffiths, the story sack expert. Join a workshop to develop knowledge in a specific area. This event is open to childminders and daycare practitioners. We look forward to seeing you: [BOOK TODAY](#).

PLEASE NOTE! For those of you who have booked the forest school with Badger Wood Adventures breakout session in the afternoon - please keep an eye on the weather and make sure you bring suitable clothing and footwear as this session will be outside.

Nutrition content for early years providers - Help for Early Years Providers

Within the Early Years Foundation Stage framework there is a requirement that states: 'Where children are provided with meals, snacks, and drinks, these must be healthy, balanced and nutritious'.

Establishing healthy eating habits at a young age is important for long-term health. As Early Years Practitioners you can help set solid foundations for children's future health by providing them with nutritious food in your settings.

Help for Early Years Providers has added [new nutrition content](#) including videos to help you fulfil the requirement to provide healthy, balanced and nutritious food for the children in your care.

We want to share your AMAZING practice

Over the last 4 months the Quality Leads have visited 61 early years providers. We are spending more time in sessions, playing alongside the children and getting to know your teams. We often see really inspirational practice whether this Toothbrushing routines (Pip and Jim's have this nailed!) or your Forest School and Practice is Outstanding (St Mary's Playgroup, Tetbury this is you!) Over the next few months we will be sharing case studies of great practice, and eventually hope to have these amongst other resources on our website. If there is something you would like celebrate pop an email across to us: [Early Years Quality Team](#).

Apprentice Information

Employing and supporting an apprentice can be a little daunting for some. Over the last couple of months we have met with a number of apprentice providers, including Adult Education, South Gloucestershire & Stroud College and Gloucestershire College. We will begin to share information and links to training providers on our website but for now we have attached some information from South West Apprenticeship Company for your information: [Apprenticeships Flyer](#)

ECAT - Every Child a Talker

As requested by settings, we now have an ECAT page on our website. Please use this link:

[ECAT web page](#)

NEW training opportunities are coming for June/July

The EY Admin will be adding more training events to GCC+ over the next week including new SIOT Level 1 and Level 2 sessions and EYFS Profile Workshops. There will be more information in next week's Bulletin.

Training/event opportunities in May 2024

Business Planning - 20 May 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - Shire Hall - [Book here](#).

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 20 May 2024 7.30pm to 8.30pm - [Book here](#).

Expanded Entitlement Event - 15 May 2024 4.30pm to 7.30pm - Cheltenham Chase, Shurdington Road, GL3 4BP - [Book here](#).

Expanded Entitlement Event - 22 May 2024 4.30pm to 7.30pm - The Speech House, Speech House Rd, Coleford GL16 7EL - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster meeting - Cheltenham - 20 May 2024 4.00pm to 5.30pm - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster meeting - Tewkesbury - 21 May 2024 4.00pm to 5.30pm - [Book here](#).

SIOT Level 2 - Play to ignite development - Thursday 23 May - 4pm-6pm at Severnbanks Primary School (Naas Lane, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5AU). [Book here](#).



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