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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

SUPPORT FROM THE START GROUP NEWS AND INFO

Prestonpans— Successful run of Baby Massage through Patchwork EH32. PEEP sessions now established in Pennypit. Raising Children with Confidence course has been a great success and further session will be available.

Tranent— Tranent is focusing on developing a ‘parent pathway’ which will link together and promote the range of supports and courses available to early years’ parents in the cluster. The group has agreed to support Ormiston Primary develop a garden to plate project and the Ormiston Baby & Toddlers group with storage space for outdoor play equipment

Musselburgh— Whitecraig organised a Christmas lantern parade for families. Getting “Ready to Learn” events to be developed for communities within Musselburgh starting with East Musselburgh.

Dunbar Amongst other aims within their Action Plan, Dunbar Area group is particularly keen to assist and be involved in literacy initiatives. The group were therefore delighted when Lindsey Barley joined the group to tell about Dunbar Reads Together. They felt inspired and informed by her motivating talk, and look forward to future mutual actions. Making this particular link with Education felt valuable in terms of building relationships, and stimulating in terms of the group instigating their own spin off actions to support an increase in literacy. Thanks to Lindsey. Meeting dates for 2013 are: Jan 22nd, Feb 21st, March 18th, April 23rd and June 10th.

Seasonal greetings to all, and hope everyone gets a book for Christmas!

North Berwick The ‘Support from the Start’ display is on view at North Berwick Community Centre to showcase family activities available in the area. The Confident Parents, Confident Children group from North Berwick is planning a fundraising Fashion Show on Tuesday 26 Feb at 7pm, the event is entitled ‘Vintage Twist’ and will feature clothes and music from the 40s. Baby massage will be offered in 2013. A new bursary scheme will be launched in 2013 to support children from low income families to take part in local activities. ‘Support from the Start’ will be supporting Music Therapy for children with additional support needs.

Haddington – The group has agreed to support the Mother & Others group to develop and expand on its work over the next year. A ‘Pop up Play’ event will be held in late April/early May at the Pavilion in Neilson Park - this event will promote activities that help children to be ‘ready to learn’.

Musselburgh
19/3/13
15:30—17:00
Venue tba

	Future Meeting Dates	
<u>Tranent</u>	<u>Prestonpans</u>	<u>Dunbar</u>
16/1/13	23/1/13	22/1/13
12:30—14:30	13:00—14:30	18:30—19:30
Early Years Centre	Longniddry Church	Easter Broomhouse
	<u>North Berwick</u>	<u>Haddington</u>
	28/1/13	15/1/13
	18:30—19:30	13:30—15:00
	Aberlady Primary (tbc)	Bridge Centre

GOOD NEWS

Tots & Teens project to start in Prestonpans in January after successful bid by ELC Early Years team to the Lottery Communities and Families fund.
Additional nursery spaces are to be made available in Prestonpans

TRAINING

RCWC Training—due to the popularity of this training a further session has been organised for February/March.
For further details and to note interest please E-Mail Pauline McLaren pmclaren@eastlothian.gov.uk



Healthy Happy Bairns

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Young Start—create opportunities for children and young people £10,000—£50,000

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_young_start?regioncode=-uk

Communities and Families—help families and communities give children the best start in life

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_communities_and_families_fund

Tesco Charity Trust

The next deadlines are the 30th January and 30th June 2013. One-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 are available. For more information visit: <http://www.tescopl.com/index.asp?pageid=121>

Third Sector Early Intervention Fund—a new £20 million fund from the Scottish Government focusing on improving the future for all Scotland's children. It will be managed by Big Fund (the non-Lottery arm of the Big Lottery Fund) and will run for two years.

<http://bigblogscotland.org.uk/2012/12/18/new-20m-fund-means-brighter-futures-for-families-and-children/>

NHS Health Foundation grants—Closing date 31st January

<http://www.nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk/WorkingWithUs/GetInvolved/HealthFoundation/Pages/default.aspx>

OTHER NEWS

Summer Activities Brochure—East Lothian Council's 2013 "Summer Activities" brochure is now being planned and they would appreciate your input to help them make the brochure as easy to use as possible.

To complete the short survey click the link below, survey should only take 5-10 mins.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7QB2WKPK>

GUS Annual Conference - 19 Feb 2013 from 9.00am-12.30pm in Trades Hall, Glassford St, Glasgow

<http://www.tradeshallglasgow.co.uk/> This event is free but places are limited.

At the event, we will launch Initial Findings from our 'Birth Cohort 2' - 6,000 children born during 2010/11. Topics will include infant feeding, parenting and childcare. For more information about the Conference and to book a place, please visit the GUS events page: <http://www.crfr.ac.uk/gus/events.html>

Growing Up in Scotland reports on Early Experiences of Primary School

This report looks at factors which lead to a positive early experience of school early engagement of parents educational aspirations and practical issues associated with starting School such as school choice transport and wrap-around care

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/05/7940/downloads>

Bump Start Evaluation

This report is the evaluation of an Edinburgh ante natal programme to increase support to pregnant women.

[http://www.maternal-and-early-years.org.uk/search?q=Bump+Start?](http://www.maternal-and-early-years.org.uk/search?q=Bump+Start?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=BumpStart&utm_campaign=MEYDec2012)

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Early Years Collaborative

Plans for the Early Years Collaborative have been set out by the Early Years Taskforce and the Scottish Government, who has begun to consult with partners from the public, private, and third sectors. The Early Years Collaborative will make improvements in three proposed workstreams based on a family-centred, life-course approach: pre-birth to 1 month - 1 month to 3 years - 3 to 5 years.

View more information on the proposed workstreams on the [Scottish Government website](#).

The Importance of Early Years in Preventing Offending—Lecture (followed by a drinks reception) by Sir Harry Burns on Wednesday, 20th March 2013 at 17:30 sharp in Lecture Theatre LT 183, 2nd Floor University of Edinburgh, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9YL. This lecture is free of charge

Volunteers needed for Homework Clubs—The library Services are launching homework clubs for primary school children in January and are looking for volunteers to help. Each club will be run by 2 volunteers: a "Leader" who will have to be 16 or over and will need to join the PVG scheme and a "helper" who could be under 16. For Further information and forms please contact Agnès Guyon Tel: 01620 820 612 or E-Mail aguyon@eastlothian.gov.uk

Licketyspit Year 1 Evaluation Report—Licketyspit is a specialist early years theatre company that develops work through practical artistic research with children. . *LicketyLeap* was delivered to: First Step Community Project (Nursery), Levenhall Primary School (Nursery), Prestonpans Infant School (Nursery), Wallyford Primary School (Nursery), Whitecraig Primary School (Nursery). 64% demonstrated increased confidence, 64% demonstrated increased social skills, 72% increased problem solving ability., 78% increased resilience and emotional literacy

Website: www.licketyspit.com **Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Licketyspit-Theatre-Company/189780927824264> **Twitter:** [@LicketyTweet](http://twitter.com/LicketyTweet)

"ELVON is an umbrella organisation offering support and guidance to voluntary groups within East Lothian; Jim Kinross, Development Worker, ELVON 1 Civic Square, Tranent East Lothian EH33 1LH 01875 615423

James.kinross@elvon.org.uk has recently been appointed to post and would be happy to meet with organisations or individuals who feel he may be of assistance in either a practical or advisory capacity."



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