



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter



December 2019

What a busy month December is for us! The children were full of excitement when they visited Santa at Gouldings this week and told him what they wanted for Christmas. They loved getting their golden coin and spending it in his Toy Shop. Everyone had great fun going on the rides and the bouncy castle.



Everyone has been working hard to learn the songs and stage directions for our Christmas Concert and they can't wait to perform to family members on Wednesday 11th December at 10:30am and 1:30pm. Please stay and join us after each performance for refreshments at the back of the hall.

As always, if you have any concerns or issues, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's key worker or any member of our team.

The Staff Team



Enrolment for New P1s August 2020

Please note that the enrolments for the new intake of P1 children takes place week beginning 13th January for children who are 5 years of age between 1st March 2020 and the end of February 2021. If you have any wee ones ready to start school in August or know of anyone in the locality who does, please take note of or share the following information.

Enrolments will take place on:

Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Friday 17th January from 8:30am-10:30am AND 2pm-4pm.

If you have any difficulties coming within these times, please telephone the school and we will do our best to accommodate you. Remember to bring along your child's **full birth certificate** and **two** proofs of address. Please note, it must be the parent or legal guardian who comes to enrol.



Christmas Gift Sale



Many thanks to all parents, carers and family members who attended last week's gift sale with the children. Our ELC learners enjoyed choosing their gifts and getting them wrapped too! Approximately £2000 was raised- an amazing amount. Well done to our fantastic Parent Council, parent volunteers and friends who made this such a successful event!

Our Parent Council have already gifted each classroom and the playroom £100 to help purchase create, play resources and they donated some funds towards the cost of our Gouddings outing to visit Santa- thank you!

Staffing

Sadly, we said our fond farewells to Mrs Yellop last week. She worked every Friday in the playroom since January 2019, covering for Miss Graham. We will miss her but wish her good luck.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Margaret Brown, a HNC Early Learning and Childcare student, into our playroom every Wednesday and Thursday. She will work closely with our staff team.

Wellbeing Indicator of the Month - NURTURED

Every month we will introduce/reinforce one of the areas which helps our children explore their wellbeing and how this can be improved or supported. This month's focus is on NURTURED. This includes having a nurturing place to live in a family setting, with additional help if needed, or, where possible, in a suitable care setting.



Forest Kindergarten



The children have been enjoying a range of outdoor activities and have developed many skills, especially in risk assessing, fire safety and team working.

"I love playing in the woods." (Hannah)

"I liked making porridge with the mud and the pots and the pans." (Cerys)

"I like playing on the big stage." (Sam)

"I toasted marshmallows at the fire." (Charlie)

Thank you to all parents/carers who came along to our last session and joined in with their child, the feedback we received was very positive. We will be planning sessions for next term and will inform you of these dates once known.

Outdoor Learning Day

On Thursday 22nd November, the ELC and school took part in an Outdoor Learning Day, where all learning activities were outside. Our learners experienced loose parts play, cooking at the fire circle, tool use, the mud kitchen and outdoor PE games. Outdoor Learning develops self-awareness, confidence and self-esteem, as well as collaborative working and communication skills. It provides positive health benefits- both physically and mentally- and assists gross and fine motor development. Our thanks go to Mrs Gracie and the Outdoor Pupil Leadership Team for all their hard work in planning the event.



Christmas Jumper Day

This will take place on the last day of term, Friday 20th December. Please remember if you have any old Christmas jumpers that may be of use to someone else please feel free to hand these into the office. You can collect a Christmas jumper from the foyer in the school anytime from Monday 9th December.

ELC Christmas Concerts

Our Christmas Concerts will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 10.30am and 1.30pm. Family members and friends should enter via the gym hall doors and once the performance has ended, there will be refreshments at the back of hall.

Please can all children come to the ELC on this day wearing a Christmas jumper for the concert. Thank you for your continued support.

Parent/Carer Chit Chat Group

Thank you to all parents/carers who participated in the consultation about our meetings. We will now be holding one meeting per month, as 60% of responses said they would be willing to come to a meeting during the other session. Therefore, we will plan monthly meetings on a rotational basis to accommodate the Start of Week and End of Week sessions. We value your partnership! The first meeting will be Monday 20th January at 3.15pm-3.45pm.

Some parents/carers mentioned that they would like to become a member of the Parent Council, meetings are open to all parents, so please come along at the next one on Monday 27th January in the school from 6.15pm-8pm, we would love to see you there.

Diary Dates



ELC Christmas Concert	Wednesday 11 th December at 10.30am and 1.30pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 11 th December
In-Service Day due to General Election (children should not attend)	Thursday 12 th December
ELC Parties	Wednesday 18 th December
Christmas Jumper Day (Last day of term)	Friday 20 th December ELC and School close at 2.30pm
ELC and School Reopen	Monday 6 th January 2020
Bookbug (open sessions, parents/carers welcome to attend)	Open sessions will commence Wednesday 15 th January and will take place every Wednesday thereafter at 10.45am-11.15am and 3.15pm-3:45pm
Enrolment Week	Monday 13 th , Tuesday 14 th and Friday 17 th January 8.30-10.30am and 2-4pm
Chit Chat Group	Monday 20 th January at 2.15pm-2.45pm
Parent Council Meeting 5	Monday 27 th January at 6.15pm-8pm

All the staff at Lanark Primary School and ELC wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!