



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

February 2019



The children have been very busy in the playroom over the last month! They have learned lots about their winter theme and are currently learning about Scotland. We were so proud of them at our Scots assembly when they performed 'Wee Willie Winkie' in front of the whole school! They are our little stars!

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



Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Jordanna Yellop to our staff team every Friday. She will replace Miss Graham who has reduced her hours and no longer works a Friday.

We would also like to welcome two new students into our establishment. Miss Danielle Black will be with us every Friday and Miss Holly McDowell will be with us on Thursdays. Both students will stay until the end of June and we know that they will have a wonderful experience in our playroom as part of our amazing team!



Gentle Reminder



Please provide and ensure your child wears indoor shoes while they are in the playroom. With the winter weather forecast, we want to keep our carpets as clean as possible, thank you!

Parent/Carer Consultations

These will take place over the course of the week during normal hours with your child's key worker during:

Week beginning Monday 25th February

If you are unable to attend during these times, Miss Raeside (ELC Teacher) will arrange an appointment with you during the school parent/carers consultations on either **Tuesday 26th February** or **Thursday 28th February** from 4pm-7:20pm.

Lists of times available for each group will be displayed on the noticeboard for parents to choose a time that is suitable.

Forest Kindergarten

Miss Elkin will commence Forest Kindergarten sessions on **Tuesday 5th March** which will last for three weeks until the end of term. Children should dress appropriately for their visits to the woods, especially since it could still be cold e.g. warm, long sleeved top, waterproof jacket/trousers, hat, scarf, gloves and wellies. It is important that your child is warm, so layers of clothes are best. Your child will enjoy the freedom to participate in adventurous play, take and manage risk, challenge themselves physically and most importantly, **HAVE FUN!** They will have the opportunity to learn about safety around a small campfire, cook outdoors and use tools safely under the close supervision of our staff team.



Lanimer Entry

Letters have now been issued detailing this year's Lanimer entry. 'The Weather' theme promises to be an exciting choice and we hope that many of the children will join in these local celebrations!

February Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to:

Jude Beattie

Ben Leitch

Arron Wright



Parent/Carer Chit Chat Group

Thank you to all parents/carers who participated in the consultation about our meetings. We will now be holding two meetings to accommodate parents/carers from both sessions as 63% said that they would not be willing to come to the meeting during another session. Dates will be organised soon!

Planned Roadworks

The Marches and Rhyber Avenue (between St Nicholas Road and its termination) will be closed from 6am Saturday 9th February to 8pm Sunday 17th February to allow carriageway resurfacing. Alternative routes will be signed via St Nicholas Road, Leechford and Laverockhall. Please take care in and around school.

Bookbug App

Mrs Lyons our Team Leader in the ELC, leads our Bookbug sessions in the playroom every Thursday at 11:15am and 3:30pm. These sessions are very powerful and we would love for you to come along and join your child any Thursday that you are free.

The Bookbug App has just been launched! You can download it for free to share songs and rhymes on the go, look up new words or make up your own songs and rhymes to the new instrumental versions! Apps can be great for supporting children's learning and encouraging play and creativity. Bookbug's Songs and Rhymes is one more way to fit songs and rhymes into your day, and it's here to support you as you play and sing with your wee one! Visit the App Store or Google Play to download.



Beat the Street

Val came along to one of our recent assemblies to launch Beat the Street, a fun, free game that will see Lanark transformed into a giant game! See how far you can walk, cycle and run in just 6 weeks. Play the game from 15 February to 29 March and register to win prizes for yourself or join a team to win team leader board prizes. Every journey you make adds to your points total as well as your team and the whole of Lanark.

Children will be coming home with fobs and maps soon and extra cards can be picked up for family members at Lanark Lifestyles and Lanark Library. The winning school will also win prizes, so please join in!

Diary Dates



Scots Night (school)	Wednesday 6 th February
Bookbug Open Sessions	Every Thursday at 11:15am and 3:30pm
HOLIDAY	Monday 12 th February
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INSET Day (No pupils should attend)	Wednesday 13 th February
Parents'/Carers' Consultations (ELC hours)	Week commencing Monday 25 th February
Pre-school Orthoptic Screening	Monday 25 th February
Parents'/Carers' Consultations (4-7:15pm)	Tuesday 26 th Feb. or Thursday 28 th Feb.
Forest Kindergarten	Tuesdays 5 th /12 th /19 th March
Finish up for Easter Break	Thursday 29 th March @ 2:30pm

We are always looking to continually improve our ELC so if you have any suggestions for how we could do this, or tell us something that you think we do well, please use the box below and pop it into the suggestion box in the entrance hall. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help your child achieve their full potential.

