



# Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

## February 2020



The children have been very busy in the playroom over the last month! We were so proud of them at our Scots assembly when they performed their poem 'The Rain' in front of the whole school! They are our little stars!

They have also been out and about in the community visiting the opticians and Tesco. Our learners loved trying on the different glasses and have created their own opticians in the open area which they use alongside the pupils in P1 and P2.



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*



### 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 24<sup>th</sup> February**

If you are unable to attend during these times, Mrs Bryce (ELC Teacher) will arrange an appointment with you during the school parent/carers consultations on either **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** or **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Lanimer Entry

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

The Lanimer Committee have asked that you start to save your empty, clean plastic bottles and all colours of milk bottle tops for the lorry. These will be gathered sometime in March.

### Family Bingo Night

LPS Family Parent Council have been busy arranging this year's family fundraiser, a Family Bingo Night. This will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at St. Nicholas Church Hall at 7pm. More details will follow soon.



### Bookbug App

Mrs Lyons our Team Leader in the ELC, leads our Bookbug sessions in the playroom every Wednesday at 10:45am and 3:15pm. These sessions are very powerful and we would love for you to come along and join your child any Wednesday that you are free.

The Bookbug App is available and 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 are 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.



### February Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to:

Zoe Boyle

Ben Leitch

Grier Neil

Kyle Scott

Hope Manchester



### Parent/Carer Chit Chat Group

Thank you to all parents/carers who came along to our last Chit Chat group meeting. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at 2.15pm-2.45pm. Please come along and join us before you collect your child for some tea/coffee and biscuits, as well as having a chat about what's happening in the ELC!



### PLT Toy Sale-

#### Community Ambassadors

Our Community Ambassadors Pupil Leadership Team are in the process of arranging a Toy Sale, with proceeds going to Castlebank Horticulture Centre. They have decided to raise funds for this centre, which is operated by Lanark Community Development Trust, as a way of supporting our community. The pupil leadership team have already spoken to the school at our weekly assembly. They are looking for children to bring in any unwanted games, toys, DVDs and books. The team will then sort these out ready for a Toy Sale on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Our Start of Week pupils can visit it on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Many thanks in advance for any donations and sales.

### Wellbeing Indicator of the Month- Respected

Every month we 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 being RESPECTED. This means having the opportunity, along with carers, to be heard and involved in decisions that affect them. Our Pupil Leadership Teams are a good example of how we support this in the school and ELC.



### Cost Of The School Day

We know that those disadvantaged through poverty often struggle with living costs. This affects members from across our community. In order to support our children and you as parents/carers, we will now include the 'Cost of the School Day' as an item on each month's newsletter. We will use this opportunity to share the range of support which is available to you.

This month, we would like to draw your attention to the free sanitary wear which is available in the school as part of the work to reduce Period Poverty. Products are readily available in the school and extras can be picked up from the office for weekends and holidays. This is done in a discreet, confidential way so please come in if you would benefit from access to these free products.

As you may already know, the Parent Council support the school in many ways. One of those ways is to provide a small discretionary fund which can be used to support the purchase of clothing, cost of trips or to help provide snacks in times of financial difficulty.

The school can also provide clothing and uniform if needed. Please contact Mrs Crook at the school if you would like to know more. As always, this would be in the strictest confidence.

### Lunches

If you know your child is going to be late in, can we kindly ask that you call the ELC to let them know what they would like for lunch **before 9.30am**. This allows us to inform the canteen staff well in advance, many thanks.

### Forest Kindergarten

Due to our woodlands being used for school Forest School sessions, Forest Kindergarten will only take place this term for the Start of Week pupils. These will commence on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and last for 5 weeks- parents/carers are invited to attend on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. The End of Week pupils will experience Forest Kindergarten in April/May.

### Diary Dates



Scots Night (school)	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Bookbug Open Sessions	Every Wednesday at: 10.45am-11.15am and 3.15pm-3:45pm
In-Service Day (No pupils should attend)	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
HOLIDAY	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
HOLIDAY	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
In-Service Day (No pupils should attend)	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Pupil Leadership Teams	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Toy Sale	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February (for SW ELC)
Parents'/Carers' Consultations ( ELC hours)	Week commencing Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Parents'/Carers' Consultations (4-7.20pm)	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb. or Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
Parent Council Meeting	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March at 6.15pm-8pm
Forest Kindergarten -parents/carers invited Tues. 24 <sup>th</sup> March -SLC visitors invited Tues. 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> March
Parent/Carer Chit Chat Group	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm-2.45pm
Family Bingo Night	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March at 7pm
Finish up for Spring Break	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April at 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 foyer. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help your child achieve their full potential.

