



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter



February 2024

What a busy month we have had in the playroom and outdoors! Our early learners are continuing to enjoy their experiences in the Woodlands and thank you to everyone who attended our Stay and Play session at the beginning of the month. A great big thank you to Ava's grandad, Richard Paterson, who has built us a fabulous seating area and fire pit!

We have been developing our skills in numeracy and maths. At the technology area, we were exploring patterns on the C-touch and using cubes to create patterns. We have also been developing our skills in measure by exploring non-standard units by using hands to measure different objects in the playroom.



As always, if you have any concerns or issues, please speak to your child's keyworker at drop-off or pick-up time, or call or email (through our dedicated address lanarkelc@glow.sch.uk) to speak with Mrs Lyons (Team Leader). You can also contact the school office through our communication app, many thanks.

The Staff Team



Once a Week, Take a Peek!

Headlice are not for sharing,
So get a kit and be caring,
So just remember-
Once a week, take a peek!



Parent/Carer Consultations

These have been taking place over this week, from Monday 26th February. Thank you to all parents/carers who have attended so far and for completing the 'Star and Wish' feedback sheet.



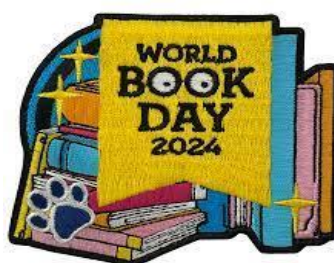
Important Notice- Enrolment for ELC (Nursery)

If your child is due to start an ELC (Nursery) Placement in the session August 2024-June 2025 (i.e. if your child is 3 before the last day of February 2025) you should complete an application form before the closing date of **Thursday 29th February, 2024**.

Please pass this information on to anyone you might think it is relevant to.

Important Notice

World Book Day



We will be celebrating World Book Day, along with the school, on Thursday 7th March.

Our early learners will be involved in lots of activities throughout the day, and we would like them to bring in their favourite book so that they can share it with staff and peers.

The children can come to the ELC dressed up as their favourite book character, if they so wish.



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to:

Tom



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 parents/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.



ELC Improvement Plan- Self-Evaluation

As part of our Improvement Plan this session, the staff team are actively involved in self-evaluation and identifying areas for improvement. We are involving all stakeholders in our self-evaluation exercises as we strive to provide the best care possible to our learners and families. In last month's newsletter, we shared the results of our parent/ carer questionnaire, and we would now like to share the results of our learner questionnaire. Here are the results:

1. What's the best thing you do here?

- Colouring in and painting
- Playing and building towers
- Reading books
- Drawing pictures and playing with playdough
- Playing outside and going to the woods
- Playing with the cars and magnets
- The block play
- Playing in the kitchen
- Playing with sand, I love sand
- The screen (C-touch)
- Playing in the Home Corner
- Brushing our teeth
- The drawing area and quiet area
- Coming to school, I love it
- Woodwork
- Playing with the bricks
- Outside playing with Isaiah

2. What don't you like?

- I don't like the sand
- It's windy
- The paint, it's messy
- Reading books
- I don't like playing with Peppa Pig
- I really don't like going in the woods so much
- The Home Corner because I don't really like cooking
- Nothing, I like nursery
- The playdough or paint, I don't like the feel of it
- Nope, I just like everything
- People not behaving
- Block play, Home Corner, sand- I hate the woods because it is cold
- The climbing frame outside
- The block play, sometimes I play with it
- Giving people my scissors

ELC Improvement Plan- Self-Evaluation (continued)

3. What would make it better?

- I don't know
- New glue, new pens
- It's perfect
- Go on the bikes
- Maybe putting new toys in
- Real lockers for our bags
- A teapot in the Home Corner
- More lunch

4. I am treated fairly and well.

100% chose a happy face

I feel good and safe.

100% chose a happy face

Staff help me to do the best I can.

97% chose a happy face

I can learn and play with others.

100% chose a happy face

I can choose my own activities.

97% chose a happy face

I have fun.

100% chose a happy face

I can learn and play outdoors and explore nature.

97% chose a happy face

11. What would you tell a friend who wants to come here?

- There are magnets and cubes
- It's so much fun
- Come to our nursery because I want to play with new people
- It's got a sandpit
- You'll love nursery
- It's fun in the kitchen
- Come and play with us
- It is perfect
- You can play with me
- It's good
- Do you want to play with playdough?

ELC Improvement Plan- Online Learning Journals

We will soon be moving to a new online learning journal system and thank you to all parents/ carers for giving permission for their name and email address to be used to facilitate this. The Staff Team have received training using this new system and more information will follow soon on how parents/ carers can access it once it is 'set up and ready to go!'

Peep Sessions

Thank you to all parents/ carers who have attended our Peep Sessions over the last month. Please see below for the dates and times of the next sessions, alongside the topics that have been voted for to focus on:

Thursday 29th February at 2pm- **Blue and Red Teams (Counting & Number Recognition)**

Thursday 14th March at 2pm- **Yellow and Green Teams (Counting & Number Recognition)**

Thursday 18th April at 2pm- **Blue and Red Teams (Mark Making & Drawing)**

Thursday 9th May at 2pm- **Yellow and Green Teams (Mark Making & Drawing)**

Thursday 23rd May at 2pm- **ALL TEAMS (final evaluative session)**

We look forward to seeing you all there!

peep supporting
parents and children

Stay and Play Session **play!**

We will be having our next 'Stay and Play' session in the playroom/outdoor area on **Tuesday 5th March** from 1.30pm-2.30pm.

Please come along and share in your child's learning experiences and join in with their play. We look forward to seeing you!



Gentle Reminder

Our opening hours are **8.50am to 2.50pm** and we kindly ask that you drop off and pick up within these times. *We can only open earlier than 9am if we close earlier than 3pm.* This ensures hours offered are accurate. It also helps with school pick-ups and congestion in our car park.

The Staff Team would like to thank you for your support with this.

Diary Dates

Woodlands Play	Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
ELC Parent/Carer Consultations	Commencing Monday 26 th February
McClymont House- Blue Team	Wednesday 28 th February
Peep Session- Blue & Red Teams	Thursday 29 th February at 2pm
Stay & Play Session (Playroom & Outdoors)	Tuesday 5 th March (1.30pm-2.30pm)
McClymont House- Red Team	Wednesday 6 th March
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March
McClymont House- Yellow Team	Wednesday 13 th March
Peep Session- Yellow & Green Teams	Thursday 14 th March at 2pm
McClymont House- Green Team	Wednesday 20 th March
McClymont House- Blue Team	Wednesday 27 th March
Pyjama/Onesie Day for St. Andrew's Hospice	Thursday 28 th March
Spring Break	ELC closes at 2.30pm on 28 th March
School/ ELC Re-opens	Monday 15 th April