



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter



January 2024

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year! It is good to have all the children back and ready for the busy term ahead. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new children who have joined us and we look forward to working with them and their families.

We have been very busy in the playroom and outdoors this month. Our early learners are working very hard at learning the Scottish song, 'Ye Cannae Shove Yer Granny Aff a Bus', as part of our whole school Scots celebrations. The children have been learning lots about Scotland and enjoyed developing their creativity skills by designing their own castles and tartan!



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!



Stay and Play Session

We will be having our next 'Stay and Play' session in the woodlands area on **Tuesday 6th February** from **9am-10am**.

We have arranged another date for **Tuesday 5th March** in the playroom and outdoor area 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!

Important Notice- Enrolment for ELC (Nursery) Online

Early Years are accepting new applications for ELC establishments across South Lanarkshire. If your child is 3 years of age between 1st March 2024 and end of February 2025, they are entitled to a fully funded place. Forms can be collected from the main office in the school. The closing date for all ELC new applications is **29th February 2024** for a start date from August 2024. Please pass this information on to anyone you might think it is relevant to.

Important Notice

Lanimer Entry 2024- Thursday 7th June

Now we have had the excitement of the Lanimer Court being chosen, we can return our attention to this year's Lanimer Entry.

The committee have already been busy gathering ideas and we are looking forward to seeing the 'Olympics' theme come together!

We would really love to have as many children taking part and representing #TeamLPS on the day! If you would like your child to take part, please fill in the form below, detailing each of your children who will be in attendance. **This will close on Monday 5th February.**

Thank you for all those have already indicated that they will be taking part in this year's Lanimer Entry.

We are still looking for more information regarding sizes required etc.

If you did not fill out the original form, but would now like your child to take part, please answer all questions.

If you completed the original form- you only need to fill out the name, size and reception questions.

[LPS Lanimer Entry 2024](#)

January Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to:

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Wellbeing Indicator of the Month - ACTIVE

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 being ACTIVE. This means having opportunities to take part in activities such as play, recreation and sport, which contribute to healthy growth and development, at home, in school and in the community. Ask your child about the different ways that they are being active!



Children's Achievements

If your child has any achievements outwith the ELC, please let us know through our dedicated ELC email address and we will share any photos on our Twitter feed. We like to celebrate the success of our early learners in and outwith the playroom!



Every week, a keyworker from one of the teams chooses a 'Star of the Week' and they receive a special certificate and sticker from Mrs Crook, our Head Teacher.

Peep Information Session

Thank you to all parents/ carers who attended our Peep Information Session with Mrs Lyons- it was great to see you there!

The topic results were as follows:

Physical Movement- 1 vote
Playing With Others- 1 vote
Toilet Training- 1 vote
Healthy Eating- 2 votes
Sleep/ Bedtime Routines- 2 votes
Counting & Number Recognition- 3 votes
Mark Making/ Drawing etc- 3 votes
Listening & Talking- 5 votes

peep
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We will be focusing on the topics with the highest votes and the first session will be held on **Thursday 1st February at 2pm for the Red and Blue Team (Listening & Talking).**

The sessions will take place on:

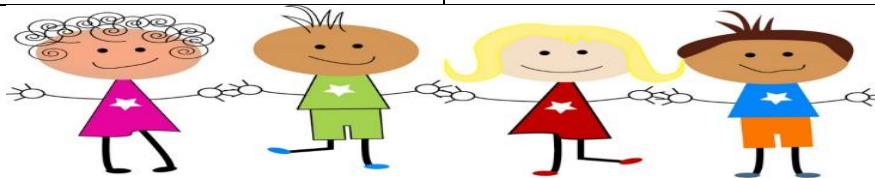
Thursday 15th February- **Yellow and Green Teams (Listening & Talking)**
Thursday 29th March- **Blue and Red Teams (Mark Making & Drawing)**
Thursday 14th March- **Yellow and Green Teams (Mark Making & Drawing)**
Thursday 18th April- **Blue and Red Teams (Counting & Number Recognition)**
Thursday 9th May- **Yellow and Green Teams (Counting & Number Recognition)**
Thursday 23rd May- **ALL TEAMS (final evaluative session)**

We look forward to seeing you all there!

McClymont House Visits

As part of our links with the community, our early learners will continue to visit McClymont House on a weekly basis. Each team will enjoy a visit every Wednesday afternoon to meet and talk with the residents. We know the residents look forward to our weekly visits!

TEAM	DATES
Green	17.01.24, 21.02.24, 20.03.24, 01.05.24, 29.05.24
Blue	24.01.24, 28.02.24, 27.03.24, 08.05.24, 05.06.24
Red	31.01.24, 06.03.24, 17.04.24, 15.05.24
Yellow	07.02.24, 13.03.24, 24.04.24, 22.05.24



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 and emailed out a questionnaire in December for all parents/ carers to complete. Thank you to all those who completed this as your views are very important to us as we strive to provide the best care possible to our learners and families. Here are the results:

1. My child feels nurtured and cared for by staff.

92.3% Excellent 7.7% Very Good

2. The staff know my child well and know what is important to them.

84.6% Excellent 15.4% Very Good

3. My child is involved in decisions about their care.

81.5% Excellent 38.5% Very Good

4. My child enjoys the snacks and meals at Lanark ELC.

69.2% Excellent 23.1% Very Good 7.7% Adequate

5. Staff recognise when my child is unhappy or unwell and supports them well.

84.6% Excellent 15.4% Very Good

6. My child feels safe at Lanark ELC.

92.3% Excellent 7.7% Very Good

7. I feel that my child is safe at Lanark ELC.

100% Very Good

8. Staff communicate with me well about my child and their time at Lanark ELC.

84.6% Excellent 15.4% Good

Parent/ Carer Comments

"We are very happy with all aspects of the ELC and our child is blossoming thanks to the great job done by all."

"Keep up the good work ladies! My child loves you all!"

"I have nothing to add as I think the care given to my child is the best I could possibly ask for. I am extremely happy with all aspects of the ELC."

"More than two items at snack time. Doesn't seem a lot."

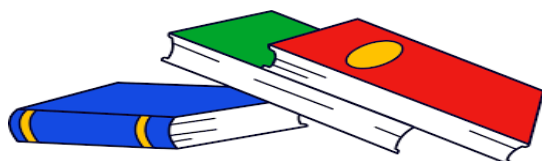
We will share the results of our learner questionnaire in our February newsletter, once they are all collated.

ELC Lending Library

Our school and ELC are continuing to focus on Reading. This involves fostering an enjoyment of reading across the ELC and school and encouraging good reading habits.

We have already started back up with our very popular LPS Book Club, every Friday, which supports not only a reading culture, but the cost of the school day. Your child is encouraged to save 50p per week until they have enough to purchase a book of their choice.

We have already started back up our ELC Lending Library. Your child will bring home a named library bag which will contain a book they have chosen. All details regarding the Lending Library will be contained in your child's library bag, which they will receive on Thursday. The Lending Library will run every two weeks.



Diary Dates



Woodlands Play	Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Parent Council Meeting 4	Thursday 15 th January at 7pm (online)
McClymont House- Green Team	Wednesday 17 th January
McClymont House- Blue Team	Wednesday 24 th January
Parent/ Carer Peep Information Session	Thursday 25 th January at 2pm
McClymont House- Red Team	Wednesday 31 st January
Peep Session- Blue & Red Teams	Thursday 1 st February
Stay & Play Session (Woodlands)	Tuesday 6 th February (9am-10am)
McClymont House- Yellow Team	Wednesday 7 th February
Scots Night	Wednesday 7 th February at 6.30pm
HOLIDAY	Monday 12 th & Tuesday 13 th February
In-Service Day 4	Wednesday 14 th February
School/ ELC re-opens	Thursday 15 th February
Peep Session- Yellow & Green Teams	Thursday 15 th February at 2pm
McClymont House- Green Team	Thursday 21 st February
ELC Parental Consultations Week	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
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
Finish up for Spring Break	Wednesday 28 th March at 2.30pm