



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter



March 2019

What a busy month we have had in the ELC playroom! The children were so excited learning about Scotland and were engaged in fantastic learning experiences. They are currently learning about spring and even have a Flower Shop in the playroom where they are demonstrating their planting, flower arranging and money skills!

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



Reminder

We would be grateful if parents/carers pay their weekly snack money through ParentPay. This money helps us to buy daily healthy snacks for our learners.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Miss Sophie Campbell, a teaching student, into our playroom for her placement. She will be working closely with our staff team.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to our consultations last week. We greatly value your partnership and hope you found your time with your child's key worker to be really informative.



Wellbeing Indicator of the Month - Responsible

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 RESPONSIBLE. This means having opportunities and encouragement to play active and responsible roles at home, in school and in the community. It also means that where necessary, having appropriate guidance and supervision, and being involved in decisions that affect them.



Red Nose Day



On Friday 15th March, people across the UK will be coming together to do things 'big and small' to raise money for Red Nose Day. For our part, we have been selling Red Noses through our ParentPay system and we will also be having a Dress Down Day on Friday 15th March (no football colours please). We ask that children bring a donation on this day.

March Birthday

Happy Birthday this month to:

Oscar McCusker



Gathering Your Views

Many thanks to all those who took the time to complete our most recent survey. The results of this survey will help inform our future improvement planning and we aim to report back on the findings soon.

In last month's newsletter, there was also a 'comments' page attached. If you didn't use this but wish to make a suggestion, you can find a comments form and Suggestion Box in the foyer.

We now have a Parent Council Comments Box which is placed at the school office window, for your use at any time.

Rag Bag Collection

The next collection will take place on Tuesday 19th March. Please bring any bags to the office for Monday 18th March- thank you!

World Book Day



We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. The children are being encouraged to come into the ELC dressed as their favourite storybook character. If you do not have a costume at home, we do have some spare outfits which can be borrowed.

Mrs Lyons will also be holding her usual Bookbug session on this day and she will be introducing our new and exciting numeracy programme, Little Big Maths. As always, please feel free to come along and join in with songs, stories and rhymes with your child.



Earth Hour

The Eco Committee would like to draw your attention to Earth Hour, a global movement, which brings millions together across the world to switch off their lights and show they care about the future of our planet. This year's Earth Hour takes place on **Saturday 30th March at 8:30pm.**

LPS Parent Council Quiz Night

After the success of last year's Quiz, the Parent Council have organised another chance for you to show off your general knowledge. The Family Quiz Night will take place on the evening of Friday 26th April in the school. Details will follow but please keep the date free!



Eco Day

The Eco and Outdoor Pupil Leadership Teams will be organising an Eco Day on **Friday 22nd March**. On this day, they have planned lots of exciting activities for the whole school and ELC including a recycling team race, making bird feeders, loose parts play and designing a poster. Thank you to one of our P1 parents, Mr Steven Purdie, who has kindly agreed to lead circuit fitness sessions in the MUGA. We will also be turning off the lights in the afternoon from 1pm-2pm to acknowledge the upcoming Earth Hour on Saturday 30th March. **The children can come to school in their sports clothes on Eco Day** but in line with SLC policy, no football team items should be worn. We are all looking forward to a fun filled day!



ELC Chit Chat Group

Thank you to all parents/carers who came along to our meetings, which after consultation, were held in the morning and afternoon to accommodate both sessions. We would like to invite more parents/carers to join us and take part in informal discussions about what's happening in the ELC and sharing ideas. We look forward to working in partnership with you. Our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 16th April at 11:15am/3:30pm**.



Achievements

If your child has any achievements outwith the ELC, please take and fill out a slip from our 'Shining Stars' wall in the foyer and give it to one of our staff team. We like to celebrate the success of our learners in and outwith the playroom!



See over for diary dates.

Diary Dates



Forest Kindergarten Sessions	Tuesday 5 th /12 th /19 th March
Bookbug Open Sessions	Every Thursday at 11:15am/3:30pm
Red Nose Day (Dress Down Day)	Friday 15 th March
New Starts in ELC Info. Session	Monday 18 th March at 10am
Rag Bag Collection	Tuesday 19 th March
New Starts to visit ELC	Thursday 21 st March
Eco Day	Friday 22 nd March
School/ELC Close	Friday 29 th March at 2:30pm
Earth Hour	Saturday 30 th March at 8:30pm
School/ELC Re-open	Monday 15 th April
Chit Chat Group Meeting	Tuesday 16 th April at 11:15am/3:30pm
Good Friday (school/ELC closed)	Friday 19 th April
Easter Monday (school/ELC closed)	Monday 22 nd April
Family Quiz Night (in school- evening)	Friday 26 th April