



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

November 2018



What another busy month we have had in our playroom! The highlight of the month was our Sponsored Wiggle to raise money for a Christmas treat. We have raised over £1000 from this event and special thanks go to all of our parents/carers, friends and families of our children for supporting us. This is an amazing amount and we have booked to take all the children in our ELC together, to meet Santa at Gouldings on the afternoon of **Wednesday 19th December**. More information on this outing will be issued soon.

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 Miss Julie Fitzgerald (HNC Childhood Practice Student) who will be with us every Tuesday and Wednesday on placement up to June 2019. We also welcome Miss Ellie Smith every Friday, a 6th year student from Lanark Grammar, who is a Foundation Apprentice in Early Years. Both will work closely with our staff team.



Outdoor Learning Day

We held another successful Outdoor Classroom Day on Thursday 1st November. This was a great way to support our learners in developing key skills like problem solving, creativity, teamwork and sharing. Thank you to all parents/carers who came along to join in with their child in the different activities.



ELC Chit Chat Group

Thank you to all parents/carers who came along to our second meeting. At this last meeting, we decided on a name for our newly formed group, 'ELC Chit Chat Group'. We would like to invite more parents/carers to join us and take part in discussions about what's happening in the ELC and sharing ideas for such things like fundraising. Our next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 21st November at 11:15am**, we look forward to working in partnership with you. Have a look at our new display board in the foyer containing the minutes of the last meeting.

Christmas Gift Sale



The LPS Parent Council's Christmas Sale will take place on Friday 30th November. This is a great opportunity for our pupils to buy affordable gifts for their loved ones. For the day to run smoothly, the Parent Council are asking for volunteers to help 'man' the stalls and/or wrap presents. If you can help, please contact the school office and we'll pass on your details.

New Tracking Sheets

We have introduced new skills tracking sheets for every child in the playroom, focusing on Numeracy, Literacy and Health and Wellbeing. These focus on progress over time and staff will use a coloured system to show this. Practitioners will indicate progress within each statement using a colour coded system as follows:

Red (Introduced) - Your child has had the opportunity to learn in this area through **a variety of opportunities and experiences**. To record this, a red dot will be placed at the beginning of the statement to record progress.

Yellow (Progressing) - If your child can respond to **a level of challenge in the experience and is moving forward in this statement**, the 'I can/know/understand' will be highlighted in yellow to record progress.

Green (Competent) - If your child **can apply what they have learned in new learning opportunities across the curriculum**, the whole statement will be fully highlighted green to indicate they have demonstrated competence. When it is highlighted green, this will be dated with the month and year e.g. Nov '18

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to:

Holly Willis
Lucas Boag
Olly Paterson

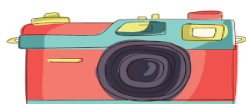


Wellbeing Indicator of the Month - ACHIEVING

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 ACHIEVING. This includes being supported and guided in learning and in the development of skills, confidence and self-esteem, at home, in the playroom and in the community.

Class Photographs

The photographer will be in school for class photographs on **Tuesday 13th November**.



Lending Library

Our lending library is now up and running, thanks to the support of our parent/carer helpers who have volunteered to help run it, we very much appreciate this! If you can spare some time on a Friday to help us out, please add your name to the list in the foyer. Please encourage your child to 'read' their chosen book at home and return it in their library bag for the following week. All bags should be put in the box at the bottom of the parents' signing in unit. An evaluation form should be completed for each book your child has home.

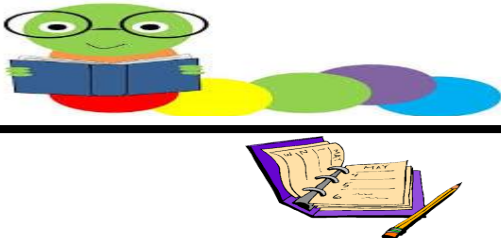
Rag Bag Collection

Our ECO Pupil Leadership Team are participating in the Rag Bag textile recycling scheme which provides regular fundraising for our school and ELC, as well as raising awareness about recycling. Each family will be provided with a bag and if you have any unwanted good quality, clean clothing, belts, bags and paired shoes (tied together), please put them in the bag provided and return to school. The bags will be uplifted on Thursday 15th November so please have them with us before this date. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Book Week Scotland

The school and ELC will be participating in Scottish Book Week again this year, taking place from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd November. We firmly believe that reading and a love of it, is a gateway to learning!

The ELC will be organising some fun activities in the playroom throughout this week.



Community Event

We have been asked by one of our parents to contribute some artwork to an upcoming community event, 'LiveScot', taking place on Saturday 24th November in Lanark Agricultural Centre. If you are attending this event, look out for our fabulous work on display!



Diary Dates

Bookbug Sessions	Open sessions every Thursday at 11:15am/3:30pm
Forest Kindergarten	Tuesday 6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th November (parents/carers invited to last session)
Flu Immunisation	Friday 9 th November
Class Photographs	Tuesday 13 th November
Rag Bag Collection	Thursday 15 th November
INSERVICE Day (NO PUPILS)	Monday 19 th November
Book Week Scotland	Monday 19 th to Friday 23 rd October
ELC Chit Chat Group	Wednesday 21 st at 11:15am
Parent Council Gift Sale	Friday 30 th November
Sports Scotland Award Assembly	Monday 3 rd December
ELC Christmas Concerts	Wednesday 12 th December
ELC Trip to Gouldings	Wednesday 19 th December at 1pm
ELC Christmas Parties	Thursday 20 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 21 st December (Close at 2:30pm)
SCHOOL & ELC RE-OPEN	Monday 7 th January

Please turn over to see our planned activities for Book Week Scotland in the ELC.

Celebrating Book Week Scotland

19th Nov - 25th Nov 2018



To celebrate Book Week Scotland 2018, the ELC is holding a variety of events/activities throughout the week. Please note the following days and events:-

Monday 19th - In-Service Day

Tuesday 20th - Forest Kindergarten - The children will enjoy listening to various stories in the woods and around the camp fire.

Wednesday 21st - Pyjama Day at ELC - Please come to the ELC dressed in your pyjamas and bring with you your favourite bedtime story book to show and share with a school buddy.

Thursday 22nd - Bookbug Session in ELC - 11.15am/3.30pm for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Please feel free to come along and join in with your child during the session.

Friday 23rd - Visit from Lanark Library 10am and 3pm