



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

November 2019



Our learners have been very busy in the playroom, outdoors and in the community over the last month. They enjoyed visiting Hugh and McHugh's opticians to find out about the work they do and demonstrated our values of good manners and responsibility during their visit.



Some of our learners also visited Tesco to experience buying food so that they can have the opportunity to prepare their own snack. Relaxation time is proving to be popular in the playroom! Our learners just love snuggling into their own blanket as they listen to some 'chill' music.



They have been busy working on the Wellbeing Indicators and decided on the characters 'Sammy Snail' for Safe and 'Harry the Healthy Apple' for Healthy. These characters were presented and shared to the whole school by our early learners at the last assembly.

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 two new members of staff! Ms Francesca Duncan and Ms Lorraine Hamilton will join our fabulous team on a job share basis. Ms Duncan will work Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday AM and Ms Hamilton will work Wednesday PM, Thursday and Friday. We look forward to working with them!



Outdoor Learning Day

This will take place on **Thursday 21st November** and is a great way to support our learners in developing key skills like problem solving, creativity, teamwork and sharing. More information to follow



Christmas Gift Sale



The LPS Parent Council's Christmas Sale will take place on **Friday 29th 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.

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to:

Josh McWhirter



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.



Important Notice

We will be closed on **Thursday 12th December** due to the General Election and the school being used as a Polling Station.

HM Inspection

We are looking forward to welcoming the inspection team from Education Scotland the week beginning **Monday 11th November**. This will provide an opportunity to showcase our learning and teaching in the ELC and school, and to work with the team to support our journey of improvement. All staff and pupils have been working hard to prepare for the visit and we know that all will be impressed with how we work together as a team, upholding our values as we support each other to reach our full potential.

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11th November will see the start of anti-bullying week. The Kindness Council are taking charge of this initiative and will lead the learning of other pupils in the school and ELC at our **Monday Assembly**.

Lending Library

We are looking to set up our Lending Library soon and we are hoping for the support of our parent/carer helpers to volunteer in helping to run it. If you can spare some time on a **Wednesday** to help us out, please add your name to the list in the foyer.

Children in Need



This will take place on **Friday 15th November**. Children can come 'Pudsey'fied. Please bring in donation for the charity on this day, thank you.

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 **Friday 22nd 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 18th to Friday 22nd 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.



Pupil Leadership Teams (PLTs)

Here at Lanark PS & ELC, we place much importance on **Pupil Voice** and how learners can lead school improvement. The children in the ELC will experience one of six areas, over the course of the session, which are listed below:

- Loose Parts Play
- Mud Kitchen
- Woodland Play
- Cooking/Food Preparation
- Gardening
- Imaginative Play

This will allow our early learners to make decisions that will lead to improvements in their learning environment.

ELC Parent/Carer Group

We would like to encourage more parents/carers to attend our Parent/Carer 'Chit Chat' Group which will meet together regularly throughout the session. These meetings are very informal and provide you with the opportunity to meet with Mrs Lyons and Miss Elkin alongside other parents, over a tea/coffee and biscuits, to chat about what's happening in the ELC and offer any suggestions. We would like to consult you on your preference of days/times for these meetings to take place to see what would work best for all of our parents/carers. Please complete the attached consultation slip and hand it to your child's key worker or pop it into the white 'Suggestion Box' in the foyer. Thank you for your continued support.



Diary Dates



Bookbug Open Sessions (Please note, Bookbug will not take place during Forest Kindergarten sessions)	Open sessions every Wednesday at 10.45am-11.15am and 3.15pm-3:45pm
Forest Kindergarten (parents/carers are invited to attend the last session on 27/11)	Wednesdays 6 th /13 th /20 th /27 th November
HM Inspection Week	Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th November
IN-SERVICE DAYS (children should not attend)	Monday 18 th /Tuesday 19 th November
Outdoor Learning Day	Thursday 21 st November (more information to follow)
Parent Council Meeting	Monday 25 th November 6.15pm-8pm
Parent Council Gift Sale	Friday 29 ^h November

Christmas Celebrations- Key Dates



ELC Christmas Concerts	Wednesday 11 th December AM & PM (times to be confirmed)
ELC Christmas Parties	Wednesday 18 th December AM & PM (times to be confirmed)
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 20 th December ELC & School close at 2.30pm