



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

November 2022



Over this month, our early learners have been developing their knowledge of the wellbeing indicator 'Achieving' and they have certainly been achieving lots and progressing their skills in the playroom, outdoors and in the woodlands! They all enjoyed participating in lots of different activities to celebrate Book Week Scotland and thoroughly enjoyed having the older children from Mrs Mulvey's class (P6/5) come down to read to them.



As a staff team, we were delighted to welcome parents, carers and family members back into our establishment for a Woodlands Play and Bookbug session. Thank you so much for giving your time to join us in these fabulous learning experiences with your child, and I know that they all loved having you join in the fun of learning with them! We look forward to organising more of these in the new year.



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



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Sophie Logan and her husband Johnny on the safe arrival of their baby boy, Alessio Logan. He entered the world with a bang on the 5th of November weighing 7.5lbs. Both mum and baby are doing well!

Christmas Lunch Menu



The whole school and ELC will have their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 14th December. Please complete the menu choice on the flyer issued by Mrs Lyons and return it back to the ELC as soon as possible, many thanks.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Miss Meghan Jamieson to the staff team! She is our supply Early Years Practitioner and will be covering the Red Team until Mrs Logan's maternity cover starts with us. Welcome to #TeamLPS Miss Jamieson!

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.



Woodlands Play

The Scottish Government's vision is that children will spend as much time outdoors as they do indoors as part of their ELC experience. Currently, our learners enjoy up to 1 hour of woodlands play each day (weather/event permitting).

This has been done in line with Scottish Government, Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate examples of good practice so that:

**'As a child, I play outdoors every day and regularly explore a natural environment'.
(Health & Social Care Standards 1:32)**

Unfortunately, we cannot offer the woodlands play sessions as a 'choice' each day, as we do not have the additional staff required to maintain ratios needed to safely support the children in two different environments at the same time (i.e. The Playroom and Woodlands).

Following feedback from parents/carers, we have consulted all stakeholders (parents/carers, the children and staff) on whether we maintain the daily sessions or move to a 3 sessions per week approach. The results of this consultation will be shared with you very soon and we thank everyone for your feedback- your views as very important to us!



New Applications for ELC

Early Years are accepting new applications for ELC establishments across South Lanarkshire. If your child is 3 years of age between 1st March 2023 and end of February 2024, they are entitled to a fully funded place. The closing date for all ELC new applications is **end of February 2023** for a start date from August 2023. Applications can be completed online.



Stay and Play Sessions

Thank you once again to all our parents/carers and family members who attended our recent Woodlands Play and Bookbug sessions.

Unfortunately our planned 'Stay and Play' session indoors did not take place due to the strike. We will organise another in the new year.

PLAY!

Learning at Lanark ELC

Your child's Curriculum Overview for the playroom will soon be available on the app and website under the 'classes tab'. This provides parents and carers with a summary of the learning taking place over November and December. We hope you find this useful.

Homelink Folders

You will have received your child's Homelink Folder last week containing a piece of work that your child has experienced within the playroom/outdoors. We hope you enjoyed sharing the work together with your child and completed the comments box for both your child and the parent/carer section. Thank you to those who have already returned the folder, and if not, can we ask that you return it back into the ELC at your earliest convenience. We hope that you find this initiative enjoyable and worthwhile, as we work together in partnership to help your child reach their full potential.



Equity- Reducing the 'Cost of Christmas' - Christmas Foodbank

At this time of continued financial uncertainty, Room 4 will again be organising a 'foodbank' collection- this time with a difference!

Any items you can give would be appreciated. Our 'foodraiser' will be used to help the Lanark Primary & ELC community (details to follow).



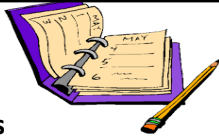



Lanark Food Bank
Christmas Foodraiser

Please help ensure every family has enough to eat this Christmas by filling, or contributing to a Christmas Dinner Box.

<p>STARTER Good quality soup Oatcakes/crackers/breadsticks</p>	<p>MAIN COURSE Tinned ham, chicken or salmon Tinned potatoes Tinned vegetables</p>
<p>DESSERT Christmas Pudding Custard</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS EXTRAS Tinned fruit Mince pies Biscuits Sweets Non-Alcoholic Drinks Christmas Napkins Christmas Bags for Life</p>

Please hand items into your school by Monday 12th December
Thank you for your help.

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER	
Monday 14th November	In-Service Day
	Book Week Scotland (14th- 20th Nov)
Wednesday 23rd November	ELC Fluoride Varnish
Thursday 24th November	Strike Day
DECEMBER	
Friday 2nd December	Parent Council Christmas Gift Sale
Wednesday 7th December	ELC 'Pre-schooler' Vision Screener
Tuesday 13th December	ELC Christmas Concert at 2pm
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 22nd December	ELC Party (Children should come dressed for the party)
Friday 23rd December	Christmas Jumper Day
	School & ELC close at 2.30pm
JANUARY	
Monday 9th January	School & ELC re-open