

Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

<u>October 2022</u>

Over the last month, our early learners have been developing their knowledge of the wellbeing indicator 'Safe' by learning about SIMOA the elephant, and how to stay and leave safely in the ELC- they created a wonderful display to remind them about this.

They have also been very busy developing their skills in Numeracy and Maths. They worked together as a team to paint some boxes and had great fun creating 'Rocky the Robot' who looks over them in the playroom! They have also been building number towers outdoors with the Lego bricks by rolling the dice, counting the dots and building the tower with the correct number of bricks.





As always, if you have any concerns or issues, please speak to your child's keyworker or call or email (through our dedicated address <u>lanarkelc@glow.sch.uk</u>) to speak with Mrs Lyons (Team Leader). You can also contact the school office through our communication app, many thanks.

The Staff Team



Staffing Update

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Sophie Logan (Red Team Keyworker) the very best of luck as she starts her Maternity Leave during the October break. We cannot wait to meet the newest member of **#TeamLPS**!

We are currently advertising for a fixed term replacement for Mrs Logan and will let you know as soon as the process has been completed.



Dress Down Day

Our P7/6 St. Andrew's Hospice Ambassadors have decided that they would like to celebrate Hospice Care Week (10th-14th October) by having a Dress Down Day this **Friday 14th October**.

They have decided to go for the theme 'Add a Splash of Colour' and ask that children come to school/ELC wearing something colourful. A small tub will be placed in the foyer for children to hand in, **if able**, a small money donation to go towards the charity. Any funds will be gratefully received by St. Andrew's Hospice.



Parent Council Lucky Numbers

Your chance to WIN a £40 cash prize every month for the next 10 months, if your Lucky Number is drawn out.



£10 for one Lucky Number for the year!

You can purchase as many Lucky Numbers as you wish and could win more than once in a year! Purchasing your Lucky Numbers provides funds to help the Parent Council support the pupils of the School and ELC.

Tickets can only be purchased through a bank transfer using sort code 80 17 02

and account number 00193752.

If a bank account name is required, please use Lanark Primary School PTA.

Please also complete an order form when transferring your money by clicking on this LINK.

Order your tickets by 6pm Friday 28th October!

Any queries please email Lanarkprimary.parentcouncil@gmail.com



Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to all parents/carers who have already attended their child's consultation with their keyworker to discuss their strengths and development needs. Please click on the link below to access the Google Form to provide us with feedback from our early learners, alongside the opportunity for feedback from parents/carers.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqKMwYhJRC UtM5wa9or9bMfOnxVySBWXek3YXboJw4zjmyw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Wellbeing Indicator of the Month – Healthy

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 HEALTHY- which includes healthy eating, hygiene, taking regular exercise and getting plenty of rest. We often showcase how each class and team stay healthy through their outdoor physical activity on our Twitter feed. Remember you can follow us **@LanarkPrimary**. Ask your child about the different ways that they are learning to be healthy!



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.

Stay and Play Sessions

We are delighted to invite our parents/carers into the ELC for two 'Stay and Play' sessions, one in our woodlands and one in our playroom/outdoor area. These will give you the opportunity to share in your child's learning experiences and join in with their play! Please see below for the dates and times.

- Woodlands 'Stay and Play' Session Thursday 3rd November (8.50am-10am)
- Playroom/Outdoor Area 'Stay and Play' Session Thursday 24th November (1.30pm-2.30pm)



Halloween Party

On **Thursday 27th October**, the children can come to the ELC dressed in their Halloween costume. We will be taking part in some ghoulish games, freaky fun and will be having some tasty treats!

Please remember that children **should not** come with any accessories or wear any face paints, therefore no wands, bands, hats etc.

We kindly ask for a small donation on the day, if able, to go towards our LPS and ELC funds.



Paent/Carer Bookbug Session

We would like to invite you to a Bookbug session in the playroom on **Tuesday 15th November at 2pm** with Mrs Lyons.

Please come along and join in the fun with your child as they sing songs and rhymes, and listen to stories.

We look forward to seeing you!



Communication/'Keeping in Touch'

The Primary School App, website, Twitter and our dedicated ELC email address (<u>lanarkelc@glow.sch.uk</u>) are our main forms of communication, alongside our joint school and ELC sway newsletter. Please take the time to read through all the information.



We will also send out our monthly ELC newsletter following the Sway.

Woodlands Play

Our early learners are enjoying their daily woodlands play experience to develop their personal and learning skills in areas such as communication, problem solving, teamwork and resilience- they are especially enjoying the mud!

Can we ask that your child brings a plastic bag to put their dirty clothes/wellies in and if they come with an all-in-one suit, they bring an extra jacket to go home in at the end of the day. We also recommend that they bring a spare pair of shoes to wear going home too, as their wellies/boots can become very dirty.

Thank you for your continued support.









Diary Dates

OCTOBER	
Tempest Individual Photographs	Monday 10 th October
Dress Down Day for St. Andrew's Hospice	Friday 14 th October
(charity)	
HOLIDAY - October Week	Monday 16 th – Friday 21st October
	Children start back on Monday 24th October
Thursday 27 th October	Halloween Party
ELC Halloween Party	Thursday 27 th October
Class/Group Photographs	Tuesday 1 st November
NOVEMBER	
Woodlands Stay and Play Session (outdoors)	Thursday 3 rd November (8.50am-10am)
Parent Council Meeting	Monday 7th November at 6.15pm (in school)
In-Service Day	Monday 14 th November (Children should not attend)
Parent/Carer Bookbug Session	Tuesday 15 th November at 2pm
Lanimer Committee Meeting 2	Wednesday 16 th November at 4pm (in school)
Homelink Folders	Issued- Monday 21st November
	Returned by- Friday 25 th November
Rag Bag Collection	Wednesday 23 rd November
Playroom/Outdoor Area Stay and Play Session	Thursday 24 th November (1.30pm-2.30pm)
(indoors/outdoors)	