



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

October 2018



What a busy month we have had in our playroom! There have been lots of exciting learning experiences taking place. We all really enjoyed making our stick puppets and creating a show with Mrs McInnes, our student teacher. We hope you saw some of our photos on the school's Twitter page.

Please have a look at our planning wall in the foyer, which details your child's group planning over a two week period, to find out about what they will be learning. We have also included our plan for PE over this period too.

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



Parent/Carer Consultations

These will take place over the course of the week during normal hours with your child's key worker during:

Week beginning Monday 8th October

If you are unable to attend during these times, Miss Raeside (ELC Teacher) will arrange an appointment with you during the school parent/carers consultations on either **Tuesday 9th or Thursday 11th October** from 4pm-7:15pm.

Lists of times available for each group are displayed on the noticeboard for parents/carers to choose a time that is suitable.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Miss Emma Forrest, a HNC Early Learning and Childcare student, into our playroom every Wednesday and Thursday who will be working closely with our staff team.

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.



Forest Kindergarten

We are really excited that Miss Elkin, our Forest School Leader, will soon be starting up sessions in our school woods with the children. We believe that the outdoor environment has massive potential for pre-school learning, offering motivating, exciting, creative, challenging and relevant learning experiences. Outdoor learning experiences are often remembered for a lifetime and provide relevance and depth to the curriculum in ways that are difficult to achieve indoors. Outdoor learning also connects children with the outdoor world and offers opportunities for personal and learning skills development in areas such as communication, problem solving, teamwork and resilience.

Forest Kindergarten will commence on **Tuesday 6th November** and last for four Tuesdays with the last session taking place on **Tuesday 27th November**. Children should dress appropriately for their visits to the woods e.g. warm clothing, long sleeved tops, waterproof jackets/trousers, hats, scarves, gloves and wellies. We have a limited supply of waterproofs and wellies, so we can help out if needed. Your child will enjoy the freedom to participate in adventurous play, take and manage risk, challenge themselves physically and most importantly, **HAVE FUN!** They will have the opportunity to learn about safety around a small campfire, cook outdoors and use tools safely under the close supervision of our staff team. We would like to invite you to a Forest Kindergarten information session on **Monday 29th October at 9:10am or 3:15pm**, depending on which session your child attends.



Outdoor Learning Day

After the success of last year's Outdoor Classroom Day, we plan on holding a similar event on **Thursday 1st November**. We are hoping to welcome along *City of Play*, a social enterprise group based in Glasgow who highlight the social, health and educational of **play**. Our thanks go to **CAVLP and South Lanarkshire Council Greenspace** for funding this for us! Children should come dressed for learning outdoors with appropriate footwear and warm clothing and a waterproof jacket.

October Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to:

Robbie Paterson
Olivia Hamilton
Ayla McKendrick
Kara Hamilton



Halloween Sponsored Wriggle

Our parent group have decided to raise funds to have a 'Christmas Treat' this year, instead of going to Pips and Panda, but we know that transport costs can be quite expensive. On **Wednesday 31st October**, we will be getting active by tackling an obstacle course in our gym hall, dressed up in our Halloween costumes! There will be some challenging obstacles for us and we will be completing it to some spooky music!

SportsScotland School Sport Award

We are delighted to inform you that Lanark Primary School and ELC have been awarded the sportscotland GOLD School Sport Award for 2018-2021.

The Gold School Sport Award is recognition of our dedication to place sport at the heart of our planning, practice and ethos. Many thanks to Miss McMaster for coordinating our sporting activities, extra-curricular clubs and sports leaders (staff, pupils and volunteers) and to everyone who supports us in valuing being an active school.

We will be presented with our School Sport Award flag at a forthcoming assembly.

ELC Parent/Carer Group

Thank you to everyone who came along to our first meeting. Our next one will be on **Wednesday 24th October** at 11:15am.

School/ELC Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken on **Thursday 25th October**. Class photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 13th November**.

Support in Times of Hardship

As you may already know, the Parent Council support the school in many ways. One of those ways is to provide a small discretionary fund which can be used to support the purchase of clothing and cost of trips in times of financial difficulty. Please contact Mrs Crook at the school if you would like to know more. As always, this would be in the strictest confidence.

Diary Dates



Parent/Carer Consultations (ELC Hours)	Week commencing 8 th October
Bookbug Open Sessions	Every Thursday at 11:15am and 3:30pm
OCTOBER WEEK HOLIDAY	Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th October
ELC Parent Group Meeting 2	Wednesday 24 th October at 11:15am
School/ELC Photographs	Thursday 25 th October
Forest Kindergarten Information Session	Monday 29 th October at 9:10am/3:15pm
Parent Council Meeting	Monday 29 th October at 6:30pm
ELC Halloween Party/Sponsored Wriggle	Wednesday 31 st October
Outdoor Classroom Day	Thursday 1 st November
Forest Kindergarten (parents/carers are invited to attend the last session on 27/11)	Tuesdays 6 th /13 th /20 th /27 th November
IN-SERVICE DAY	Monday 19 th November
Parent Council Gift Sale	Friday 30 th November