



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

October 2019



What a busy month we have had in our playroom! There have been lots of exciting learning experiences taking place. We opened our doors to parents and carers to share in their child's learning and what a fabulous turnout we had! As part of Maths Week Scotland, our early learners engaged in a range of maths and numeracy activities throughout the week, ranging from identifying numerals on the bikes outside and parking them in the correct bay, to making and counting playdough cupcakes. We use our numeracy and maths skills every day!

Please have a look at our planning wall in the foyer, which details your child's group planning, to find out about what they will be learning. We have also included our plan for PE 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 the **week beginning Monday 7th October**.

If you are unable to attend during these times, Mrs Bryce (ELC Teacher) will arrange an appointment with you during the school parent/carers consultations on either **Tuesday 8th or Thursday 10th October** from 4pm-7:15pm.

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

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Miss Taylor Holmes, a HNC Early Learning and Childcare student, into our playroom every Wednesday and Thursday. We also welcome back from last session, Miss Hollie McDowell, a NC student every Monday and Tuesday. Both ladies 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 **Wednesday 6th November** and last for four Wednesdays, with the last session taking place on **Wednesday 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 **Wednesday 30th October at 9am or 3:15pm**, depending on which session your child attends.



Lucky Numbers- Last Chance!

Can we remind you of LPS Parent Council's 'Lucky Numbers' club for which you have already received information. It is a great way to raise money for the school and ELC, whilst giving you the chance to win a cash prize. Tear off slips and money should be handed into the school as soon as possible, or if you require another slip please ask Mrs Lyons.



School/ELC Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 30th October**.

Halloween Party

We have decided to hold our Halloween Party this year **30th October**. Children should come dressed in their costume and will take part in some ghoulish games, freaky fun and will have some tasty treats!



ELC Parent/Carer Group



Thank you to everyone who came along to our first meeting. We would like to encourage more parents/carers to attend as our turnout was low. After the October break, we will consult you on your preference of days/times for these meetings to take place to see what would work best for parents/carers.

Parent/Carer Helpers Required

We will be starting up our Lending Library again this session and are looking for the support of our parent/carers to help 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.

We are also looking to encourage our parents/carers into the playroom. Do you have a skill or talent that you could share? If you think this is you, please speak with a member of our team.

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 7 th October
Pupil Leadership Team Meetings	Wednesday 9 th October
Bookbug Open Sessions	Open sessions every Wednesday at 10.45am-11.15am and 3.15pm-3:45pm
OCTOBER WEEK HOLIDAY	Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th October
Visit to Opticians (Orange and Green Groups)	Monday 28 th October (AM)
School/ELC Photographs	Wednesday 30 th October
Forest Kindergarten Information Session	Wed. 30 th October at 9am/3:15pm
Parent Council Meeting	Monday 28 th October at 6:15pm
ELC Halloween Party	Wednesday 30 th October AM and PM
Forest Kindergarten (parents/carers are invited to attend the last session on 27/11)	Wednesdays 6 th /13 th /20 th /27 th November
IN-SERVICE DAYS	Monday 18 th /Tuesday 19 th November
Parent Council Gift Sale	Friday 29 ^h November