



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

September 2023



We would like to offer a warm welcome back to last session's returning children and their families, and extend this welcome to our new children and families who have recently joined us. All of our early learners have settled in well and we look forward to the exciting times ahead with them and working in partnership with all parents and carers.

The children have been very busy over the last month, in the playroom and outdoors, and are enjoying playing, learning and having fun together. As part of our focus on our Wellbeing Indicator of the Month (Safe), they have been learning about SIMOA the elephant who looks after them everywhere they go. The children have also been enjoying our daily 'Woodlands Play' sessions, as have our staff!



As always, if you have any concerns or issues, please speak with Mrs Lyons (Team Leader) at drop off/ pick up or speak with your child's keyworker. Remember you can call or email (through our dedicated address lanarkelc@glow.sch.uk) or contact the school office through our communication app, many thanks.

The Staff Team



Homelink Folder

Our staff team will continue to send a piece of work home throughout the session (Homelink Folders), to let you share in your child's learning experiences within the ELC. When you receive your child's Homelink Folder, please share the work together with your child and complete the comments box for both your child and you, as the parent/carers in the appropriate section. It is important that you return the folder back into the ELC by the date recorded on the slip. We hope that you find this initiative enjoyable and worthwhile, as we work together in partnership to help your child reach their full potential. We hope that you enjoy sharing the work with your child and thank you for your continued support.



Bookbug

Bookbug is the Scottish Book Trust's Early Years programme, encouraging parents and children to share in stories, songs and rhymes from birth. Mrs Lyons currently leads our weekly Bookbug sessions with our early learners in the playroom, however we will soon be inviting parents/carers back into the ELC to join in with these fun sessions. Download the Songs and Rhymes App, which is one more way to fit songs and rhymes into your day!



Happy Birthday to:

August

Alexander
Aleeza



September

Luna Marco
Evie Amelia
Glen Aria
Lilith

Lanimer Committee

As part of our planning for next year's Lanimer entry, we will be holding a Lanimer Committee planning meeting on **Monday 2nd October at 4pm** in the school. The committee are always looking for new members to join so if you'd like to be involved, please feel free to come along!

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Wellbeing Indicator of the Month – Safe

Every month we 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 SAFE- which includes learning about how to stay safe online, road safety, stranger danger and keeping you safe from harm. Ask your child about the different ways that they can stay SAFE!



Children's Achievements

If your child has any achievements outwith the ELC, please let us know through our dedicated ELC email address or inform Mrs Lyons or their keyworker, 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, at our weekly assembly on Mondays.

Parent Council

Our first Parent Council meeting of the session took place on Monday 4th September. Meetings will take place as a combination of online and face-to-face, and meeting dates are as follows:

Monday 2nd October (7pm online)

Monday 6th November (6.15pm in the school)

Monday 15th January (7pm online)

Monday 19th February (6.15pm in the school)

Monday 18th March (7pm online)

AGM - Monday 20th May (6.15pm in the school)



The Parent Council are always looking for new parents/carers to join the Parent Council. If you would like more information on what the Parent Council do or would like to join you can get in touch through the Parent Council Facebook Page or by emailing lanarkprimary.parentcouncil@gmail.com

Tempest Individual & Family Photographs

Tempest photographs will be in school and the ELC on **Monday 9th October** to take individual and family photographs.

They will return on Monday 6th November to take class photographs.



Communication/'Keeping in Touch'

The Primary School App, website, Twitter and our dedicated ELC email address (lanarkelc@glow.sch.uk) 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 daily 'Woodlands Play' sessions commenced on **Monday 11th September**, with our early learners visiting our woodlands every morning, Monday to Friday each week, from 9am to 10.20am in order to experience regular outdoor play in a natural environment.

We are very privileged here at Lanark Primary ELC to have our very own woodlands within our safe, establishment grounds. The outdoor environment has great 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. These daily quality learning experiences in our woodlands will also connect our learners with the outdoor world and offer opportunities for personal and learning skills development in areas such as communication, problem solving, teamwork and resilience.

As our learners will be heading to our woodlands first thing every morning, **they should come to the ELC dressed appropriately e.g. warm clothing, long sleeved tops, waterproof jackets/trousers, hats, scarves, gloves and suitable footwear (boots/wellies)**. The children will not be getting changed first, they will go straight out into the woodlands. Please remember a bag so your child can put their woodlands clothes into to take home, ready for the next day!



Gentle Reminder

Thank you to all parents/carers who have provided the ELC with a change of clothes. Can we ask that if your child requires to use these, you replenish them so that we always have an extra set in the event of any accidents.

Please remember that dogs are not permitted in the school grounds.



Lunches

If you know your child is going to be late in, can we kindly ask that you call the ELC to us know what they would like for lunch **before 9.30am**.

This allows us to inform the canteen staff well in advance, many thanks.



Diary Dates

Homelink Folders	Issued- Monday 18 th September Returned By- Friday 22 nd September
SCHOOL/ELC CLOSED for September Weekend	Friday 22 nd September Monday 25 th September
Lanimer Committee Meeting	Monday 2 nd October at 4pm
Parent Council Meeting 2	Monday 2 nd October at 7pm (online)
Tempest Individual & Family Photographs	Monday 9 th October
Parent/Carer Consultations (more info to follow)	Week Beginning Monday 9 th October
SCHOOL/ELC CLOSED for October week	Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th October

