



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

September 2019



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new children who started with us in August and at the beginning of the month. Everyone is delighted at how well they have settled into their routines, especially with having lunch in our canteen. We are particularly grateful to all the existing boys and girls for the help and kindness they have shown to their new friends. We look forward to working in partnership with all new parents and carers, as well as our existing ones!

The children have been very busy in the playroom and outdoors, over the last month, and have been learning lots. Everyone is enjoying 'Wheelie Wednesday' where they can choose to play with anything that has wheels outside! They have also been learning about the wellbeing indicator of 'Safe' and have been experiencing lots of different activities around this theme. They are busy discussing names for a 'Safe' character that can be shared with the rest of the school- we can't wait to hear all about their final decision!



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



ELC Chit Chat Group



Our ELC 'Chit Chat Group' starts back up this session and provides parents/carers with opportunities to take part in discussions about what's happening in the ELC and sharing ideas. Our first meeting will take place on **Tuesday 1st October at 2:15pm** for our 'Start of Week' parents and **Thursday 3rd October at 2.15pm** for our 'End of Week' parents. We look forward to working in partnership with you. Have a look at our display board in the foyer containing the dates and times of the next meetings.

Reminder

Please remember to check your child's tray every day for important letters, completed work etc.





Bookbug



Bookbug is Scottish Book Trust's Early Years programme, encouraging parents and children to share stories, songs and rhymes from birth. We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Lyons will be leading our Bookbug sessions in the playroom every Wednesday (commencing 25th September) at 10:45-11:15am and 3:15-3:45pm. These are very powerful sessions and we would love for you to come along and join your child in these open sessions any Wednesday that you are free. Please use the link below for a report on the impact of the Bookbug bag and sessions in Scotland:

www.scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug/working-with-bookbug/bookbug-outreach/bookbugsimpact

Aldi Kit for Schools Campaign

We will be taking part in this initiative being run by Aldi to try to win sports kit and equipment for the school and ELC. Remember to pick up a team GB sticker whenever you spend £30 in any Aldi store. Sticker can be sent into school with your child and added to our poster. We can fill in more than one poster, so please encourage family and friends to pick up stickers too!



Clothing/Indoor Shoes

We would respectfully ask that you change your child's shoes at the start of each session into their soft indoor shoes, placing their outdoor shoes in the shoe box (dookit).

Please help us by writing your child's name on all items of clothing and shoes, this ensures no items get lost.

We would also ask that your child keeps a change of clothes in their small bag, which is kept in the cloakroom, in case they need a change during the session.

If your child currently wears nappies or pull-ups, we would be grateful if you could supply the ELC with nappies/pull ups and wipes, so that they can be placed in your child's individual box within the changing area for use as required.

Thank you.



New Groupings

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we have been observing the children closely over the last few weeks and worked collaboratively, to decide on our new groups. You will have received a letter informing you of your child's new coloured group and key worker.

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Andie Ashe
Cole Christie



Change in Snack Money

Our pupils will continue to have daily healthy snacks, but due to them receiving lunch on full days, we are reducing the amount that we ask of you. We kindly ask for £2.50 snack money donation every week. This will help us provide our pupils with more experiences and responsibility for the organisation of snack this session, buying and preparing it. As we are a non-cash establishment, this should be paid through our ParentPay online system. Please speak with Mrs Lyons, our Team Leader, if you have lost your login details or need to be set up. Thank you for your support.

'See Your Child at Play' Friday 20th September/Monday 23rd September

On Friday 20th September, the ELC and school will open their doors to parents, carers and visitors in order to see the children at work and play. This is an exciting opportunity for you to come along to the playroom and join in activities with your child. You can come along at 1.45am for the 'End of Week' children and on Monday 23rd September at 2pm for the 'Start of Week' children. We look forward to welcoming you into our playroom and outdoor area!



Loose Parts Play



We are currently revamping our outdoors and looking to develop our 'Loose Parts Play' area. In this area, our pupils can use materials that can be moved around and used in lots of different ways, the versatility of the materials provides our early learners with endless ways to be creative and develop many skills. We are looking for items such as PVC pipes and guttering, logs, crates, wooden blocks, large cardboard tubes (carpet rolls), buttons, shells, small stones/pebbles/rocks- the list is endless! If you can help out with any donation of materials, please speak with a member of our team. Thank you for your continued support!

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 being SAFE. This means learning about road safety, stranger danger and keeping our children safe from harm.



Parent Council

The Parent Council would like to draw your attention to the 'Lucky Numbers' club for which you have already received information about. 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.

The Parent Council will be raising funds by selling specially designed tea-towels this year, so look out for more information on this!

The dates of their upcoming Parent Council meetings are included for your information. Please do try and come along if you can. All meetings are from 6.15pm-8pm in the school:

7th October 28th October 25th November 27th January 2nd March 11th May (AGM)

Lanimer PTA

To build on the success of Lanimer 2019, the committee are seeking the support of parents/carers/friends of LPS and ELC to help in the planning and design of next year's entry. A little time and enthusiasm is all that is required! Any additional skills such as woodwork, artistic creativity and dressmaking will be encouraged, and will help guide the rest of the team in progressing in the most practical, economic and purposeful way to produce an outstanding entry for the children to enjoy.

If you would like to become involved at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact:

Sharon Hamilton – 07901000696 or Paula Hamilton - 07909631766

Shining Stars - Children's Achievements

If your child has any achievements outwith the ELC, please take and fill out a slip from our 'Shining Stars' wall in the foyer and give it to one of our staff team. We like to celebrate the success of our learners in and outwith the playroom!



See over for diary dates.



Diary Dates

Visit to Opticians (Red and Yellow Group 'Start of Week' pupils only)	Monday 16 th August (more dates will be arranged for other pupils throughout the session)
Bookbug (all parents/carers welcome)	Open sessions every Wednesday at 10.45am-11.15am and 3.15pm-3:45pm
'See Your Child at Play' Day	Friday 20 th September at 1.45pm (End of Week pupils) Monday 23 rd September at 2pm (Start of Week pupils) Up to 1140 hours parents can choose either session
HOLIDAY – Sept Weekend	Friday 27 th - Monday 30 th September
Parent/Carer Consultation Week	Week beginning Monday 7 th October
HOLIDAY - October Week	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th October
Parent Council Meeting	Monday 28 th October at 6.15pm-8pm
School and ELC Photographs	Wednesday 30 th October
ELC Christmas Celebration (details to follow)	Wednesday 11 th December

We are always looking to continually improve our ELC so if you have any suggestions for how we could do this, or tell us something that you think we do well, please use the box below and pop it into the suggestion box in the foyer. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help your child achieve their full potential

