



# Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

## October 2024



What a busy month we have had in the playroom, outdoors and in our Woodlands! Our early learners have been busy creating lots of Autumn based activities- finding conkers has been a highlight of the month in the Woodlands! They have been developing many skills in areas such as communication, problem solving, teamwork and resilience, as they experience daily opportunities to play in a natural environment. It is lovely to observe them taking ownership of their area and learning, and participating in daily risk assessments of the site, but most of all having fun!



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](mailto:lanarkelc@glow.sch.uk)), comment through the Learning Journals, or contact the school office through our communication app, many thanks.

*The Staff Team*



### Gentle Reminder

Our opening hours are 8.50am to 2.50pm. We decided to open earlier than 9am and close earlier than 3pm to help with school pick-ups and congestion in our car park. Our doors open at 8.50am and we open them five minutes earlier at pick up time, 2.45pm. Thank you for dropping off and collecting your child within our opening hours.



### Happy Birthday to:

October

Carrie



### 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!



### Nurture Principles

As part of our Health and Wellbeing work to further develop our attachment informed, trauma sensitive approaches to support learners, we have worked on linking the Nurture Principles, in child-friendly language, to our Wellbeing Indicators of the Month.

Our Nurture Principle for this month's theme of **Healthy** is:

**The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing (Nurture helps us feel good in our body and our mind).**

We will continue to share these principles throughout the session to make them meaningful not only to our staff and learners, but to parents and carers too.

### Loose Parts Play



We are currently revamping our outdoors and looking to develop our 'Loose Parts Play' area, both in the woodlands and in the outdoor area attached to the playroom. In this area, our early learners 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, cones, crates, wooden blocks, large cardboard tubes (carpet rolls), buttons, shells, small stones/pebbles/rocks- the list is endless! We are also looking for pots, pans and utensils that you no longer need for our mud/ sand kitchen too! If you can help out with any donation of materials, please speak with a member of our team. Thank you for your continued support!

### Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended their child's consultation with their keyworker to discuss their strengths and development needs. We would also like to thank you for completing the 'Star and a Wish' sheet to provide us with feedback, as we work together in partnership to help your child achieve their full potential.



### Stay and Play Sessions

We are delighted to invite our parents/carers into the ELC for our next 'Stay and Play' session in our Woodlands. This will give you the opportunity to share in your child's learning experiences and join in with their play! Please see below for the date and time:

**Woodlands 'Stay and Play' Session**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November (8.50am-10am)**



## Parent/Carer Peep Information Session

We would like to invite you to a Peep Information Session to learn about how 'Peep' can help you and your child.

This will be led by Mrs Lyons and held on:

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please enter via the Canteen Doors.

We look forward to seeing you!



## Visits to Crosslaw Care Home

As you may know, over the last few sessions we visited McClymont House as part of an intergenerational project. Now that McClymont House has closed, we will begin visits to another local care home, Crosslaw.

Learners will attend in 'teams' (from 1.15pm) every two weeks and dates as follows:

- Blue Team- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Red Team- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov
- All Teams- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec (Christmas)
- Yellow Team- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Green Team- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

***Please note that on your child's visit date- they require a change of outdoor shoes and jacket (just incase they're Woodlands clothing is too dirty!***

Look out for more details in your child's tray!

## Book Club

As you may recall from last session, we operate a weekly Book Club that is run by a volunteer and former parent.

The Book Club involves children bringing in **50p each week for three weeks**. Once £1.50 has been saved\*, children can choose from a wide range of books. Money is collected every Friday and we are delighted that it started again.

The Book Club allows children to purchase high quality books at a low price which encourages a love of reading; supports the cost of the school day; and promotes a habit of saving (**for this reason we do ask that children do not bring any more than 50p in any one week so that they are saving towards their chosen book**). Mrs Lyons will be there to collect at the 'Drop-off' time.

Happy Reading!

*Please remember this is not a compulsory initiative so there is no pressure to take part.*

### 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.



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 9.15am**. **This allows us to inform the canteen staff well in advance, many thanks.**



### Diary Dates

	<b>November</b>
Parent Council Meeting 3 (in school)	Monday 4th at 6.15pm
Bonfire Themed Menu	Tuesday 5th
ELC Peep Information Session	Thursday 7th at 2pm (Canteen)
In-Service Day 3 (staff will be in attendance but children should not attend)	Monday 11th
Crosslaw Care Home Visit- Blue Team	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> (PM)
Fluoride Varnish	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>
Peep Session 1 (Blue and Red Teams)	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> at 2pm (ELC Foyer)
Crosslaw Care Home Visit- Red Team	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> (PM)
Stay and Play Woodlands Session	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> 8.50am-10am
Lanark PC Christmas Gift Sale	Friday 29th