



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

October 2025



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, and some of them were demonstrating their creative skills by building a giant hedgehog! They experience daily opportunities to play in a natural environment and everyone had great fun taking part in the Woodlands Obstacle Course to raise funds for our Sustainability Project- thank you to everyone who kindly sponsored our children, we raised the fantastic amount of well over £1200



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), comment through the Learning Journals, or contact the school office through our communication app, many thanks.

The Staff Team



Staffing

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Logan after her maternity leave. She will be responsible for the Red Team on a Monday and Tuesday. Miss Ford will commence her maternity leave in November and this post is currently being advertised- we will let you know as soon as someone is appointed after interview.

We also give a warm welcome to two students who will work alongside our staff team- Miss Lisa Nugent and Miss Kerry Prentice. We know they will learn lots from our talented staff team.

Happy Birthday to:

October

Lacey



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.

Emotion Works Cog- Orange

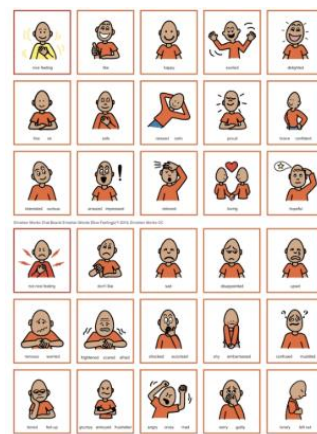
We will continue this session to use Emotion Works across the ELC and School- a resource to support emotional wellbeing in our learners and staff. We include this as a standing item in our newsletters to share our focus each month.

Please find a link to the leaflet explaining a bit more if you are new to the programme:

[Emotion Works Information Leaflet](#)

This month we would like to draw your attention to the Orange Cog.

"The ORANGE COG helps us to learn, think and talk about the words we use to name our feelings and emotions."



Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to all parents 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

Thank you for attending our first 'Stay and Play' session in the playroom and outdoor area, it was lovely to see so many of you there joining in your child's play. Please see below for the date and time of our next session:

**Woodlands 'Stay and Play' Session
Wednesday 26th November (8.50am-
10am)**

PLAY!

Parent/Carer Peep Information Session

Our Peep Information Session to learn about how 'Peep' can help you and your child, has been rescheduled for **Thursday 13th November at 2pm.**

This will be led by Mrs Lyons and please enter via the Canteen Doors.

We look forward to seeing you!



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

	November
Parent Council Meeting 3 (in school)	Monday 3rd at 6.15pm
Tempest Class Photos	Tuesday 4 th
Bonfire Themed Menu	Wednesday 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 10th
ELC Peep Information Session	Thursday 13 th & 2pm
Rag Bag Collection	Wednesday 19th
Stay & Play Woodlands Session	Wednesday 26 th (8.50am-10am)
Lanark PC Christmas Gift Sale	Friday 28th