



Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

September 2025



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 and loved all the exciting activities to celebrate Maths Week Scotland.



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



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 and Miss Ford will lead weekly Bookbug sessions with our early learners in the playroom. Bookbug will choose a child every Friday to spend the weekend with, so please record a few photos of his time at home with you and your child on the Learning Journal.

Download the Songs and Rhymes App, which is one more way to fit songs and rhymes into your day!

Happy Birthday to:

August

Ivan
Ailsa

September

Aise



Peep at Lanark ELC

Peep is an early education partnership that support parents and children to learn together. This programme aims to support parents/carers to develop sensitive and responsive relationships with their young children and improve the home learning environment by valuing and extending everyday learning opportunities. Please come along to our information session on Thursday 23rd October at 2pm to find out more- Mrs Lyons will look forward to seeing you!

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!



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 **Safe** is:
The classroom offers a safe base. (This is a safe and happy place).

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.

Children's Achievements

If your child has any achievements outwith the ELC, please let us know through your child's Learning Journal or inform Mrs Lyons or their keyworker, and we will share any photos on our 'Achievements Wall' in the foyer. 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 1st September. Meetings will take place as a combination of online and face-to-face, and meeting dates are as follows:

Monday 6th October (7pm online)

Monday 3rd November (6.15pm in the school)

Monday 12th January (7pm online)

Monday 23rd February (6.15pm in the school)

Monday 23rd March (7pm online)

AGM - Monday 18th 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 Class Photographs

Tempest photographs will be in school and the ELC on **Monday 6th October** to take the playroom photograph.



Communication/'Keeping in Touch'

Our Learning Journals, Primary School App, website and our dedicated ELC email address (lanarkelc@glow.sch.uk) are all forms of communication, alongside our joint school and ELC Sway newsletter. Please take the time to read through all the information.



Woodlands Play



Our daily 'Woodlands Play' sessions commenced on **Tuesday 16th September**, with our early learners visiting our woodlands every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 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 on these mornings, **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!

WOW Challenge



WOW is returning to the ELC. Please encourage your child to walk, bike or scoot to school at least once per week to earn their badge!

ELC Lending Library

Our Lending Library will be re-starting after the October holiday. It will run every two weeks (Wednesdays). Please remember to return any borrowed books by the date stated on the slip.

If you read just one book a day to your child, they will have read 1825 books by their 5th birthday! Everyday counts- every book counts!



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 9.30am**. **This allows us to inform the canteen staff well in advance, many thanks.**



Diary Dates

Tempest Playroom Photograph	Monday 6 th October
Parent Council Meeting 2	Monday 6 th October at 7pm (online)
Parent/Carer Consultations (see lists in foyer)	Week Beginning Monday 6 th October
SCHOOL/ELC CLOSED for October week	Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th October
Woodlands Sponsored Obstacle Course	Tuesday 21 st October
Peep Information Session	Thursday 23 rd October 2pm

Important Upcoming Dates for your Diary!

Indoor/Outdoor Area Stay & Play Session for parents/carers	Tuesday 28 th October 2pm
Woodlands Stay & Play Session for parents/carers	Wednesday 26 th November 9am-10am