

Elderbank Primary School

and Early Years

TERMS 3 and 4 Highlights 2018-19



Early Years

Stay and Play

In term 3 parents/carers had the opportunity to find out more about story Grammar at a 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' Stay and Play session. A variety of activities relating to the story demonstrated learning experiences showing how the children have been developing their imagination, using matching, sequencing, and substitution techniques to retell a story.



PEEP

Parents/Carers and children took part in PEEP Learning Together sessions, enjoying sharing stories, games and activities together. Our Peep practitioners value and build on what parents are already doing at home, so they can support the young children's learning together.

Using the Programme in these ways provides a range of activities and opportunities for discussion, which encourage adults' involvement in their children's learning.



Bringing the young and elderly together

We were delighted to welcome residents from Abbeyfield Care home to Early Years.

Every Thursday children and adults joined together to enjoy activities, games and songs together. Residents enjoyed their weekly visits and tea, coffee and home baking went down well!

The children learned a lot from the older generation and likewise the residents benefited from the younger perspective and we are hoping to continue to build more of these relationships next session. The children also visited the care home to entertain the residents!



Summer Outing to Troon

We were lucky with the weather again this year and the children enjoyed their visit to Troon Beach to play at the swing park and on the beach.



Sports Day

The children took part in potted sports and team games. This event as always was well attended by parents and the weather allowed us to be outdoors! The children celebrated their success on the podium to receive their medals!



School Show P3-7

A Night at The Movies was the theme for our school show in May.

From Jungle Book to The Greatest Showman the children performed songs and excerpts from the films.

All pupils were included with some pupils helping behind the scenes learning technical skills including sound, lighting and filming.

The costumes and scenery were superb and thanks to all staff involved in producing the show!



After School Clubs Term 3 and 4

Elderbank has consistently offered a wide variety of after school and lunch time clubs to enhance pupils' opportunities and experiences:

The football training and school team ran over all 4 terms and proved to be our most popular club in terms of attendance. This club enabled pupils to develop ball skills, learn teamwork and also participate in competitive games with other schools. A 'girls only' football club was also offered by the Greenwood Young Leaders.

Mrs. Montgomery & Mrs. Quirk ran the signing choir club over 4 terms focusing on a different year group each session. This ensured that many pupils were given the chance to learn some BSL and also demonstrated their skills at school events.

Mrs. Millen ran a guitar lunch time club with some pupils from her class in term 3 and opened this up to P5-7 pupils in term 4.

Our supported learning pupils are encouraged and supported to attend all school clubs however. In term 3 the ASN department ran a Fit 'n' Fun club solely for their pupils. This reflects our commitment to equity of opportunity for all Elderbank pupils.

Miss Morrison and Miss Girvan worked alongside professional golf coaches from Golphin UK to offer after school training to interested P5 pupils. Professional golf coaches also provided input during PE sessions to classes across the school from mainstream and Supported Learning. Children also enjoyed competing in a festival of golf at Auchendarvie Golf Complex.

Primary 6 pupils completed I cycle training with Miss Neill and Mr Strang. This club taught cycle safety and gave pupils the skill set needed to use a bike safely on the road. Pupils will be undertaking a formal assessment from Colin Kay (Road safety Officer) early in this session.

Children's First ran a fortnightly 'Schools Out' Club to support pupils. Irvine Rugby Club, Irvine Cricket Club and Irvine Table Tennis club all sent coaches to offer after school taster sessions and to encourage and support our pupils to join these community groups.

Sphero

Through funding provided by our Parent Council, we were able to purchase a set of Spheros for the school. Spheros are a technology based resource which in essence are programmable robots. Children from Primary 5 to Primary 7 have had the opportunity to attend a lunchtime programming club during which they have written block programmes to instruct their robot to carry out a specific task. The Spheros were also showcased at the May Parent's Evening and were well received by pupils and parents alike. There will be further opportunities for pupils to engage with this resource within class and as part of the school programming club

Celebrating Success.....

Scottish Education Awards

Elderbank celebrated the achievement of reaching the final 3 in the Scottish Education Awards. Pupil representatives from the school were fortunate enough to attend the awards ceremony at the Glasgow Hilton in June and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of such a special event. As a school we were delighted to be recognised for all the hard work and effort put in by pupils and staff.



Nurture

Congratulations to Mrs Symonds and Miss Patterson on the completion of their Nurture training. They are looking forward to working with some of our children and their families.



Elderbank Body Poppers entered into the Dance North Ayrshire Competition, where they had to compete against other schools across the authority. They scored highly in the first heat and went on to win second place in the final. Elderbank are so proud of this group of P5 to P7 girls for their hard work and positive attitudes throughout the competition process. Their last performance together was at our Summer Assembly where they wowed the rest of the school with their moves.



Rights Respecting School

Our Rights Respecting Schools Leadership Group were very busy running the Shoe Share initiative to give children around the world the opportunity to access education. Working together, they made phone calls, created advertisements and sent out emails to collect old and unwanted shoes to deliver to Clarks. They received a great response from pupils and parents and made the trip to Clarks in the Rivergate Mall to deliver the shoes.



Congratulations!

At Elderbank Primary during 2018-19 we celebrated with parents and carers who achieved one or both SQA qualifications, including: Intermediate 2 Food Hygiene Certificate and SQA Level 4 Exploring Wellbeing.

The two courses were led by Ayrshire College and took up to 18 weeks to complete. Almost all of the participants are going onto further study with Ayrshire College, some parents/carers have signed up for the next course at Elderbank PS, others have intimated their wish to attend Ayrshire College night courses at Kilwinning Campus.

A huge congratulations to all the students - Well Done!

