

OUR LADY OF PEACE PRIMARY ELCC

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WE HOPE YOU ENJOY READING THIS LATEST EDITION OF OUR ELCC NEWSLETTER.

Welcome

We have another busy term ahead of us here at Our Lady of Peace ELCC. Over the last few weeks, we have been celebrating National Storytelling Week, learning all about Chinese New Year, learning about birds and even making our own ice cream. Please look at our Microsoft Teams Page to find out more and see all our lovely children in action. You should be very proud of them all – we definitely are.

We would like to give a huge welcome to our new starts and our new parents and carers who will be reading our newsletter for the first time. We hope you find the information helpful and if you need any information you can speak to Natalie, Linda or any of us at drop off or pick up.



Learning Journals – March

We continue to document your child's journey within the ELCC in their Learning Journals. We ask for any outstanding 'All About Me' books to be returned as soon as possible. Our journals will be accessible at various points throughout the year. We are still facing restrictions with having parents in the ELCC building. However, we are 'taking the journals outdoors' to share them with parents.

The journals will be available for you to view and comment on in our outdoor garden. Please see dates below to see when your child's keyworker will be sharing the Learning Journals. The journals will be available to view from 2.40pm.

Blue: 28.02 & 01.03
Orange: 02.03 & 03.03
Yellow: 07.03 & 08.03
Red: 08.03 & 09.03
Green: 9.03 & 10.03
White: 14.03 & 15.03

WOW Wall

We would also like to recognise any achievements your child makes outside of nursery. This can include anything from dancing or swimming certificates to learning to ride a bike or sleeping in their own bed. Let your child's keyworker know the next time you are in or post on Microsoft Teams and we can include this on our ELCC WOW wall.

Staffing Update

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Fiona McLaughlin and Gillian Rocks to our OLOP family. Fiona will be working alongside Kerry with the Orange Group and Gillian will be working across the whole playroom.

Sam Whaley HNC Student from West College Scotland will be with us until June. He is already a big hit with the children.

COVID Update

Please try to follow the safety measures around physical distancing of adults and we respectfully ask that you continue to do the following when dropping off/collecting children:

- **Keep 1m** physical distancing
- **Wear a face covering** while waiting at the gate and entering the school grounds

If your child is under the weather, please only bring them if you feel they are well enough to attend. If your child displays any symptoms, please do not bring them to nursery and arrange for them to have a test.

Parent Pay

We are delighted that so many of you have signed up for Parent Pay, just to remind all parents that the ELCC /School can no longer accept cash for any payments. Parent pay is a more convenient way for parents to pay their weekly £3 Toy fund, this allows us to purchase all the little extras for example birthday books. If you require assistance, or another copy of the instructions for Parent pay that was previously issued, please speak to Linda or Natalie

Our ELCC Values



The children have been learning about our new values. Our value of the month is "Love and Kindness"

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday over the next few weeks. Your child will receive a birthday book and card on the day (or as close to as we can).

Outdoor Play



Our children will continue to be outside to learn, investigate and play, so please make sure that they have a puddle suit, wellies, warm jacket, hat and gloves with their name clearly marked on each item.

We are delighted to announce that the ELCC has received extra funding to support free flow and outdoor learning. If you are green fingered and would like to help us develop the outdoors please let us know as we would welcome any help.

Sarah Jamieson was successful in applying to the national woodland trust for a community tree pack. We will receive 120 saplings which will include trees & shrubs. This should be with us in March.

Loose Parts Play



This term we are further developing our 'Loose Parts Play'.

Our Early Years Team will be encouraging children to use their imagination playing with resources including cardboard boxes, tyres, bread baskets, tarpaulins, wooden planks and plastic guttering. These are called 'Loose Parts'. They can be used in many different ways, allowing children to make anything from a pirate ship or castle to an assault course or den.

Loose parts play will happen both indoors and outdoors. It will be a chance for children to play, investigate, discover, explore and create. There will be lots of trial and error during the play and they will learn to make their own judgments about adventurous play and recognising safe limits.

We will need a supply of loose parts to keep things interesting. Currently we are looking for any of the following:

- Tubes, guttering and funnels (plastic or bamboo)
- Old telephones
- Old keys/padlocks
- Corks
- Lids from jars or milk cartons
- Wooden pegs
- Cardboard boxes
- Kitchen roll tubes
- Old Tea sets

Let us know if you'd like someone to collect donated items

Fundraising

We'd like to say a huge thank you for all of your kind donations to our Christmas raffle and to all those who purchased raffle tickets. We managed to raise a grand total of £136. We really appreciate all the support that our parents and carers give to our nursery. All of the money raised will go into purchasing resources for our children to enhance their learning experience at nursery.

Microsoft Teams



The ELCC are continuing to use Microsoft Teams as a way of communicating information to parents and sharing the learning that is taking place. Please have a look at your little learners in action and feel free to leave a comment. If you have any problems logging on, please contact us. All new children will receive a username login and password.

At OLOP ELCC we are committed to continuous improvement and we welcome any suggestions or feedback that you may have. Please click on this link to ask any questions or give us feedback or suggestions.

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