

Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



Learning in ELC

Over the past few weeks, the children have shown great interest in numbers and maths in general. Within the Art Area, we have been exploring measure through our water and sand play and particularly enjoyed making a pulley system to lift heavy buckets. We have also become experts at making our own playdough and further impressed all of the adults by doing this without the recipe.

Some children have also shown an interest in learning more about different types of houses. After researching this, we built lots of different houses in the block area.



At Antonine, we continue to love baking and cooking. Through this we have shown super development in our listening and turntaking skills. We are all looking forward to engaging in some more baking activities with our families during our upcoming Come Cook With Me Event. Here is a reminder of the dates for this:

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| • Red and Blue Group | Monday 4 th March 2024 | 1.20pm – 2.20pm |
| • Yellow Group | Tuesday 5 th March 2024 | 1.20pm – 2.20pm |
| • Green Group | Wednesday 6 th March 2024 | 1.20pm – 2.20pm |
| • Purple Group | Thursday 7 th March 2024 | 1.20pm – 2.20pm |
| • Orange Group | Friday 8 th March 2024 | 1.20pm – 2.20pm |

Developing our ELC Environment

This term we have been very busy developing our outdoor area. We are loving our new climbing frame and outdoor playhouse. Our sharing and turn taking skills have been improving daily. Thanks to all of our parents who offered their time to help us develop this area, we will be in touch soon.



Learning in the Community

Going for walks and taking our learning into the local community has been a favourite activity this session. You may have seen from Twitter that this week we followed our interest in the swans on the canal and also took a little trip on the bus to Dollar Park. Huge thanks to all of our parent helpers who made this trip possible, your time is very much appreciated. The children had a ball!



Special Request

At Antonine ELC, the safety of our children is paramount. **We currently have children who experience severe food allergies and need to request that no food or juice comes into the ELC from home.** Children have access to water and milk all day, and are offered a healthy snack both in the morning and afternoon. If families want to bring a snack or drink at the end of the session to give their child on the way home, this is absolutely fine.

Children's Reviews

We are committed to working in partnership and sharing the learning with our families. All families have the opportunity to meet with their child's key worker for 6 monthly reviews. Over the next week, a sign-up sheet will be available for families to select an appropriate time for this.



Important dates for your diary:

| Date | Event |
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| Friday 22 nd March 2024 | ELC and Primary 6 Spring Hunt |
| Week beginning 18 th March 2024 | Children's Reviews (Red, Yellow and Purple Groups) Sign up times will be available in due course, |
| Week beginning 25 th March 2024 | Children's Reviews (Blue, Green and Orange Groups) Sign up times will be available in due course, |
| Friday 29 th March 2024 – 12 th April 2024 | Easter Holidays – ELC closed |
| Friday 3 rd May 2024 | ELC closed for children – staff development day |
| Monday 6 th May 2024 | ELC Closed for all staff and children. |
| Wednesday 29 th May 2024 | Antonine Summer Fayre – more details to follow. |
| Wednesday 5 th June 2024 | ELC sports Day 2pm – 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 12 th June 2024 | ELC Fun Day |
| Wednesday 26 th June 2024 | ELC Celebration Event for children moving onto Primary 1 1.30pm – 2.30pm. Parents Welcome Parents welcome to join all other children in playroom for Stay and Play event. |



Transition to Primary 1 Dates:

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| Week beginning 22 nd April 2024 | Transition information shared with families. |
| Wednesday 1 st May 2024 Wednesday 8 th May 2024 Wednesday 15 th May 2024 Wednesday 23 rd May 2024 | P1 teacher visits ELC |
| Friday 24 th May 2024 | P6 and ELC buddies get together |
| Friday 31 st May 2024 | P6 and ELC buddies get together |
| Tuesday 4 th June 2024 1.30pm – 2.30pm | P1 Induction Information event for parents/carers only |
| Friday 14 th June 2024 | P6 and ELC buddies get together |
| Wednesday 19 th June 2024 1.30pm – 4.30pm | P6 and ELC buddies enjoy Teddy Bears Picnic |
| Wednesday 19 th June 2024 10.45am – 12pm | Meet the Teacher Event / Classroom Visit for children only. |
| Wednesday 26 ^h June 2024 1.30 – 2.30pm | ELC Celebration of learning – Parents welcome |