

Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



Learning

Our children have all had a great start to Term 2. They are currently showing an interest in playing table top games with one of our favourites being Snakes and Ladders. We have also been exploring different types of music and discussing our favourite songs from films. The ELC speaker is constantly playing one of these favourite tunes, while the children explore their voice and movement through singing and dancing.



Sharing the Learning

Evaluative Statements

At the end of last term, all children received their "My Learning at Antonine in Term 1". This is a new addition to our Reporting to Parents Policy. We hope that it provided all of our families with an insight into the children's interests and learning at ELC. As a team, we are committed to continuous improvement and would appreciate any feedback you may have regarding using this format to share the learning. Please use the link below to access a short survey.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjaiBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAZAAK-1VVJUQzdBSU45QThVTzhCVVRCWVI1WkRCQ09QSi4u>

We are most grateful for those of you who have already completed this and really appreciate all of your views.

Children's Reviews

We will soon be offering all of our families a dace to face meeting to discuss their child's learning. This will give you the opportunity to chat with your child's key worker, discuss your child's progress and update any necessary information. These will be organized according to your child's group. If you require an alternative date, however, please speak to Nicola.

- Week beginning 14th November 2022: Red(Laura Jane), Purple (Violet) and Yellow (Louise and Susan) groups.
- Week beginning 21st November 2022: Blue (Heather), Orange(Kimberley) and Green (Abby) groups.



School Enrolment

If your child is due to start Primary 1 in August 2023, you will have now received an email from the centre to enrol your child into your catchment school. Please ensure that you complete the enrolment process by 31.12.22. If your child's enrolment involves a placing request, you will have to enrol with the name of your catchment school before completing a placing request form. Similarly, if you wish for your child to have an additional year at ELC, please ensure that you complete the form, Request for Deferred Year. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to Nicola.

Bringing snacks and juice from home

We understand that children like to bring a water bottle to ELC, however due to allergies and medical conditions of children within our setting, can we please request that children refrain from bringing juice and snacks in their bags. During the ELC session, children are offered both a morning and afternoon snack in addition to the lunch provided. In the event of any child not liking the food on offer, we always do our best to find them an alternative. Milk is offered at all snack and lunch times, while water is on offer throughout the ELC day.



Antonine ELC Family Obstacle Course

We are super excited to now be able to hold our second Family Event of the year. On the 9th November 2022, we invite an adult to accompany your child around an indoor obstacle course. We wonder who will participate better on Antonine's Sponsored Family Obstacle Challenge – adult or child? This will take place in the hall in the afternoon. Please check below for your child's time to complete the obstacle course.

Red, Blue and Green – 1.30pm – 2pm

Yellow, Purple and Orange – 2.15pm – 2.45pm

All money raised will be used to enhance the learning experiences of our children. Could we please ask that for this event all children come to ELC wearing appropriate clothing and trainers?

Christmas Fayre

The School Christmas Fayre will take place on Thursday 1st December. The ELC will once again be doing the bottle tombola stall. We are now collecting bottles and would be really grateful for any kind donations. Bottles can include (alcohol, juice, shampoo, shower gel, sauces etc.). Our bottle stall is always a great success and all money raised will be put into the ELC fund for the children to enjoy.

Sickness and Absence

When your child is unwell, there are times when they should not attend ELC. For example with vomiting/diarrhea there is a 48 hour exclusion policy from the last episode. If your child has a high temperature only, they are able to return to ELC when this has returned to normal. We are aware that there are times when your child may require medication before attending ELC. If this is the case, can we please request that a member of ELC staff is informed as this ensures that staff are fully aware and able to meet your child's needs, especially in the event of an emergency situation. If you are interested, there is a copy of the ELC exclusions for sickness policy on Falkirk Council's Website.

Seeking Help

Resources

Our children are so engaged with our woodwork area at present that we are running out of resources fast! If anyone has any of the following supplies lying about the house, the children would love to receive donations to help them create further masterpieces:

- Old CDs
- Corks
- Metal curtain hooks
- Nails
- Soft wood offcuts



Outdoor Renovation

The children have been enjoying reading stories in our outdoor hut. Whilst we have been resourcing this to support their interest, the weather is causing books and resources to become damp. We therefore, wondered if any of our families are handy with a hammer and could fit doors or a screen onto the front of this to make it more weather proof.

Dates for Diary

- **9.11.22** Sponsored Family Obstacle Course.
- **Wk Beg 14.11.22** Reviews for children in Red, Purple and Yellow Groups.
- **18.11.22** Sibling Singalong at 2pm.
- **25.11.22** ELC closed for children. Staff Development Day.
- **1.12.22** Christmas Fayre.
- **22.12.22** ELC Christmas Party. Parents will be invited in to meet special guest – further information to follow.
- **22.12.22** ELC closes at 1.30pm. Children to return at 8.45am on 9.01.23.

