



January 19th 2018

January Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and had a chance to rest and recharge as it can be a busy holiday! We are delighted to see all of your boys and girls back in the nursery and everyone has settled back in to routines well.

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to those of you who have helped us with the bike/scooter/buggy situation we had before Christmas. Locking the "modes of transport" up outside, or taking them away until pick up time, really helps us to keep your children safe and allows them to concentrate on their play while they are with us. The most important job for 3 and 4 year olds!

Jan/Feb Birthdays

Happy Birthday to.....

- Macie
- Kerr
- Lewis
- Zara
- Nathan
- Jaiden
- Jamie Lee
- Brooke
- Sophie
- Alexander
- Isla Faye
- Cohen S
- Ivy
- Leah T
- Leah W



New Big Brothers & Sisters!

- Kaleb
- Cohen S
- Becky
- Temi
- Quinni



Learning in ELC and at Home

We continue to be proud of your children and enjoy exploring the world with them. Our blog is regularly updated and our new website will be launched very soon too so please visit these to find out what your children are doing when they are here with us.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/broxburnpsnursery/>

We are also Tweeting quite often too so please look at the Twitter feed for regular updates. @broxburn_ps

Dates for your diary:

PEEP classes have resumed on Thursdays with Mrs Aitken	<i>beginning 11/1/18</i>
Bake Sale	<i>30/1/18</i>
February Break-Nursery closed	<i>12/2/18 & 13/2/18</i>
LAST DAY OF TERM	<i>23/03/18</i>
NEW TERM STARTS	<i>09/04/18</i>

Pick up time plea!

We would like to ask for your support with ensuring that pick up times are adhered to in both the morning and afternoon sessions.

Collection times are: 11:15am and 3:57pm

It is **really important that all children have been collected and have left the ELC by this time.** The staff have a very short turn around time to set up for the afternoon children or for the next day. They also use this time to have essential meetings to discuss children's play and

to make sure they, as a whole team, are meeting the needs of your children and, they also need to have lunch!

We would really appreciate it if you can help us with this by arriving and leaving by **11:15am/3:57pm.**

We would very much appreciate your support in this area, thank you.



ELC Parent Council Meetings

We would like to hold an ELC Parent Council meeting on the following date, at the times listed below, you are welcome to attend either meeting.

Wednesday 28th Feb 10am & 5:00pm

Please let the staff know if you will be able to attend and if you have any items you wish to add to the agenda.

Snack Money Update

All snack money is now being collected electronically via ipay. Staff are no longer allowed to accept cash in the ELC. Our School Office staff are very happy to help you set up ipay if you are having any difficulties.

The £1.50 paid will be used solely for snack and **no money** will now be added to our nursery fund from this, previously 55p went towards snack and 55p went towards the nursery fund.



FELC Time & Pick Up routine changes.

We have looked carefully at how the end of our afternoon sessions were running in the ELC and having listened to parental feedback and staff team discussions. As a result, we have made some changes. Those of you who pick up later on in the afternoon, (after 3:30pm) will have noticed that our children are enjoying their snack together in the extension area of our hall before returning to play. The children are enjoying this social activity and are also enjoying having the opportunity to mix with our P1-3 Primary School pupils who attend wraparound. (This is particularly good experience

for our children who will attend school next year as it will help them with that transition already!)

On your arrival at ELC, if you could allow a staff team member to bring your child through to you from snack, this would help to alleviate congestion in what is a very narrow corridor.

If you are not here once your child has finished his/her snack, they will return to the ELC to play until you collect them.

Again, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all children should have left the build-

ing by 3:57pm.

If you have any questions about this change to the routine, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the ELC staff.

** You will also have noticed that we have made other changes to our routines so you are no longer picking up from "free flow play" as you told us this was quite difficult. We now have a selection of focused learning opportunities at the end of each session which children choose to take part in and you will find your children here. Please let us know how you feel this is working, we really appreciate your feedback.

Christmas Singalong and parties

We would like to thank you all for the super attendance at our Christmas Singalong this year. Your children performed well and were delighted to have such a big audience, although, as is to be expected, this was a daunting experience for some of our little ones.

We appreciate all the feedback that was given to us during and after the event. We will, as always,

take this on board and use this to help plan for our Christmas Event next year.

The Christmas parties were also enjoyable events with games and party food. Most children loved meeting the man in red too! We are glad so many of you could come along to see this event thank you for coming.

Joiner/Carpenter/ Handyperson Needed

We are looking for a little help from a joiner, or someone who is good with their hands. We have a very small project we would like some help with. We have been given some old wooden pallets and would like to convert them in to something for the children to use outdoors. We have a plan we'd like to discuss! :-)

If you could be the person for the job and have a little time to spare, please speak to a member of your nursery team, we would be very grateful.



Achievements Outside ELC

We are delighted that so many of you are sharing your child's achievements outside ELC with us through the online journals. Please continue to do this, it helps to stimulate conversation in the nursery setting about things that are important to your child and we love to celebrate these achievements with them in the nursery.



We continue to be a nut free ELC and work with children with a variety of allergies, please continue to support us with keeping our children safe by washing hands before you arrive. Thank you.



