



# ELC Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to our first ELC newsletter of the Session 2023-24. Our Team are delighted to be back with our children and their families at Newtongrange ELC after a lovely summer break. The children have returned full of stories and enthusiasm. Our returners are doing a fantastic job at helping us to welcome many new children to our setting. Our new children are settling in so well; exploring the different nursery areas, making friends and learning new routines; especially our new garden. Our staff team have also been getting to know all about our new learners and have enjoyed visiting and chatting with families during this settling in period. We are all looking forward to working together to support our children during their time at Newtongrange.

## Pick Up and Drop Off

Staff will be at the doors from 8.30am-8.50am every morning to welcome our children into the nursery setting. Children come together with their key workers to have a check-in and talk about the day ahead. At the end of the day, we welcome families into the setting 2.50 and 3.05. (Friday is 11.55 -12.10) to collect children. This is also an opportunity to have a chat with your child's key worker.



## Our Staff Team

We are a large ELC staff team so we have all made an 'All About Me' overviews to share with everyone. It is in our front entrance with our pictures and names. A big welcome back to Leigh Murdoch as she returns from maternity leave.

Our ELC team includes:

Laura Cameron (Head Teacher)

Nina Dinwoodie (Senior EYP)

Maureen Black (Senior EYP) (M-W)

EYPs and Key Groups:

Lesley Sinclair (M-Th) Red

Jennie Youngs - Blue

Bryony Haddow (M.W-F) and Leigh Murdoch (M &T) - Yellow

Olwen Drummond - Green

Babz McLean - Orange

Amy Cunningham/Ashley Sinclair (Oct) - Pink

Lauren Cleary - Purple

Chichi Fombo - Lilac

Learning Assistants:

Ethan Souness



Stay and Play is one of the opportunities we offer you to come into the nursery to see what your child has been doing, speak to their Key Work, have a look at their Learning Journal and most importantly have a play. Look out for signing up for sheets in the cloakroom. First sessions will be **September Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Wed 13<sup>th</sup> and Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 8.30-9.30, Tues 12<sup>th</sup> and Thur 14<sup>th</sup> 1.30 -2.30.**

### **Lunches**

Our Pre-School children are very excited to be eating their lunches in our dining hall. This is before the rest of the school come in and the children are served their food by our ELC staff. It is Midlothian Council's Policy for all children to be encouraged to eat a hot meal. Our staff sit with the children and will ensure that they have had enough to eat. Our younger children (ante pre-school) have their lunch in our Learning Together Room and are also supported by our staff team. If you have any concerns about what your child is eating, please do hesitate to speak to one of the team.

### **Clothes**

We would like to encourage all children to come to nursery with a bag of spare clothes. Please remember to name all items including jackets and shoes.

### **Birthdays**

Birthdays are very exciting and we love to celebrate these with our children. If your child has a birthday during term time, we will make a cupcakes, to take home and share, on a Thursday of the week of their special day. Unfortunately due to allergies we do not celebrate with cakes but we do have a special cake that all children and staff have their picture taken and added to our birthday wall.

### **Box of Tissues**

Children often have runny noses therefore we kindly ask for any donations of boxes of tissues to keep in the playroom.

### **Communication**

We will always aim to keep in good communication with you. For whole ELC and school information we use our App and also email you. For individual sharing of experiences we use SeeSaw. This is currently being updated and more info will be shared soon. You can also follow us on Twitter @eLCNewtongrange We are looking forward to having families into setting more often and will be sharing key dates including 'Stay and Play' sessions very soon.

### **Learning this Term**

- Name recognition
- Getting to know each other
- Keeping healthy
- Learning routines
- Zones of Regulation Meet and Greet
- Sign-a-long

### **Upcoming Dates for your Diary Aug to October**

#### **Helpers Needed**

Join us on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 for coffee and a chat about how you can help in the nursery.

Pumpkin Bash Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October 1.30 - 2.30

Come and join us for some Halloween fun.