



Lanark Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare

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We value being active!



Dance Festival 2018

On 14th November, a group of our P6s and P7s performed at the Clydesdale Primary Dance Festival held at the Memorial Hall. The group did an amazing job and produced a great performance entitled Zombies! Many thanks to Paula Hamilton for all her time and effort working with the girls on their routine. They were fantastic!

LGS Spelling Bee

On Thursday 22nd November P7 children attended 'Lanark Grammar's Associated Primaries Spelling Bee 2018' with Sophie, Erin, Logan and Kara representing the school. The team put in a strong performance and were great ambassadors for the school.



We value learning!

Enrolment for New Primary 1 Class

Please note that the enrolment for the new intake of P1 children takes place week beginning **14th January** for children who are 5 years of age between 1st March 2019 and end of February 2020. If you have any wee ones ready to start school in August or know of anyone in the locality who does, please take note of or share the following information.

Enrolments will take place on:

Monday 14th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th January

8.30am- 10.30am AND 2pm-4pm

If you have any difficulties, please call the school and we will do our best to accommodate you. Please remember to bring along the birth certificate and **two** proofs of address. Please note it must be a parent or legal guardian who comes to enrol.

Homework Club



Our Homework Club is now finished. Every week we had a great turnout and super learning took place. Thanks to all our learners and parents for attending. There will be no homework for P1-7 in the month of December.

P5/4 Trip to New Lanark

P5/4 certainly enjoyed their trip to New Lanark as part of their topic, as well as learning about history and heritage of our local area. Pupils also got the chance to experience school life as it was then.



Rag Bag

Our Eco Pupil Leadership Team would like to thank all parent/carers who handed in a Rag Bag. They raised £106 for school funds – well done!

Book Week Scotland

Pupils enjoyed a range of activities to promote reading and literacy in general. We were also lucky to have Lynn from Lanark Library visit us telling us what our local library can offer, from computers to DVDs...oh, and books!



Other activities included a whole school 'River of Reading' and family Bookbug sessions in the ELC. Many thanks to all the staff who helped make the week such a successful one, with a special thanks to Mrs Mulvey in the school and Mrs Lyons in the ELC for arranging many of the activities, the children really enjoyed the learning experiences.



Parent Council Christmas Sale

Many thanks to the Parent Council, parent volunteers and friends for organising

and helping out at the annual Gift Sale. The children enjoyed choosing their gifts (for themselves and their loved ones) and getting them individually wrapped too! Approximately £2000 was raised – an amazing amount, well done!

Bag Packing

On Saturday 24th November the Parent Council Bag Packing at Tesco Lanark raised an amazing £388. Many thanks to our parents, teachers and especially the pupils who gave up their time. Our P5-7 pupils demonstrated great confidence and excellent manners whilst helping customers.

Lanimer Illuminated Parade



Our Lanimer lorry looked fantastic as part of the Lanark Illuminated Parade. Well done to our wonderful LPS Lanimer PTA for all their hard work in preparing for the procession.

Scottish Wildlife Trust Visit (P1-P3)

On 15th November staff from the Scottish Wildlife Trust and Scottish Badgers worked with Rooms 1 to 4 for a Mammal Detectives investigation. They learned about badgers, bats, foxes and owls. Although owls aren't mammals, they dissected their regurgitated pellets and discovered which small rodents they had been eating by identifying their bones. They also learned about animal habitats and about wildlife crimes such as badger baiting. Our lovely surprise was finding out that Mrs Hodson came along as a volunteer. It was great to see her again and to learn a lot about our local wildlife.

Children in Need

We raised £200 for Children in Need, thank you for donating and supporting this charity.



Primary School App



The Lanark Primary School App is now live and available in the Apple and Google Play stores. The App will allow you to receive notifications on events, news and important messages throughout the year. It will also have a breakdown of the events on throughout the year. We would like to thank the Parent Council for paying for the App.

Remembrance Day Celebrations with 'Swing Sensation!'

"On Friday 9th November, we visited the Memorial Hall to sing two wartime songs, 'Pack up your Troubles' and 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary', to celebrate the centenary of Armistice Day. We had an amazing time performing in front of a large audience. It was really special for the choir to get to sing along with a real, live band. We even got to learn and perform the Charleston with some people from the audience. Overall, we did pretty well and well done to all the girls involved. Our next show stopping performance will be at St Mary's Church for Sing a Song for Christmas on Thursday 13th December and we're all looking forward to it!" Reported by Cayla McGauley and Erin McMillan

Room 5 Micro-Tyco

Room 5 have been taking part in an enterprise challenge called Micro-Tyco which helps poor women around the world by providing them with a loan to start their own business. There are four businesses at LPS: Dress Down Day, Odd Job Day, Guess The Pennies in the Jar and the Stationery Shop. Room 5 would like to thank all pupils, staff and parents/carers for supporting their enterprise and will let us know soon how much they raised for Micro-Tyco.

Christmas at Lanark Primary School

VIPs- We will be celebrating our children's achievements by continuing with the Christmas VIP (Very Important People) Award. Every day from now until Christmas, two or three children from each class will be VIPs for the day and will be treated to a special table with Christmas decorations at lunchtime. They will be first in to the canteen, whether they are packed lunch or school dinner, and sit at tables decorated for Christmas. Each child will receive a small treat to enjoy.

Sing a Song for Christmas-
The annual Christian Aid Carol Concert takes place in St Mary's Church on **Thursday**



13th December at 7.30pm. We hope many of you will be able to attend. Our choir, led by Miss Rattray, will be singing two beautiful songs and are looking forward to a lovely evening.

Carol Singers in the Community-Miss Oswald and Room 5 will be going along to McClymont House on **Wednesday 12th December** to perform to some of the town's senior citizens. This is always a well-received performance and we're sure the children will enjoy the experience. They will then visit Tesco Lanark the next day, **Thursday 13th December** at 1:30pm, to perform their songs. Please pop in if you can to support them.

Christmas Lunch- Lunch will be served in the cafeteria on **Thursday 13th December** and the menus have already been distributed to the children.

Parties-Please take note of the dates for parties at the end of this newsletter. The parties all take place in the afternoon (P7s after school) and a special visitor will come to the ELC, P1 and P2 parties. School children who are getting ready at home will leave/be collected at **12 noon** this year and should return for **1pm**.

Pantomime -School children will visit Lanark Memorial Hall on **Friday 7th December** to see 'Snow White and the Seven Little Muppets' and we're sure the children will have a fantastic time! We will provide children with a snack and drink for this and as already stated, the Parent Council are part funding the tickets- thank you!

P1/2 Nativity- Our afternoon performance of the P1s and P2s Nativity, 'Christmas Recipe', took place today (Tuesday). The children entertained family and friends with their fabulous singing and acting on stage. There are now a few 'extra' tickets available for tomorrow's performance (Wednesday) for those needing more than three. Please let the office know if you require any more.

ELC Nativity- Our early learners in the playroom have been working hard to learn their songs for their performance to parents/carers on **Wednesday 12th December** at 10am and 2pm. Please join us afterwards for refreshments at the back of the hall.

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 21st December- Please remember, if you have any old Christmas jumpers that may be of use to someone else feel free to hand these in to the office.

Easy Fundraising - Shop online and raise funds for Lanark Primary School. The website, easyfundraising.org.uk is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores including Amazon, NEXT, Debenhams, John Lewis, HMV and over 500 others. Just use the links on the easyfundraising site whenever you shop online and, at no extra cost to you, we'll receive a free donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make. It really is that simple!

What do I do?

Just follows these steps, it's **FREE** and it's as easy as 1-2-3.

1. To start please register so easyfundraising know which cause you want to support. Just click the link <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lanarkps>
2. Next, login using your username / password. This is how the system recognises who you are and which cause benefits when you make purchases.
3. Finally, click any of the retailer links provided and then shop just as you would normally.

That's all you need to do - apart from remembering to return to the easyfundraising site and login next time you are going to shop online! Providing your login and using the retailer links provided, easyfundraising will track all your transactions and pay the school the appropriate donations. These will then be displayed in your easyfundraising account (which you can access online).

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P1s & P2s Nativity: Tuesday 4th at 1.30pm

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Room 8 to McClymont House: Thursday 6th

Pantomime Trip: Friday 7th

Sing-A-Song Rehearsal: Sunday 9th at 12.30-1.30pm

P6 Party: Tuesday 11th (PM)

AM & PM ELC Christmas Concerts: Wednesday 12th
10am and 2pm

Rm5 McClymont House, Carol Singing: Wednesday 12th at 1:30pm

Christmas Lunch: Thursday 13th

Rm5 Tesco, Carol Singing: Thursday 13th at 1:30pm

Sing a Song at St. Mary's Church: Thursday 13th at 7:30pm

P4s and P5s Party: Friday 14th (PM)

P3 Party: Monday 17th (PM)

P2 Party: Tuesday 18th (PM)

P7 Party: Tuesday 18th at 3-5.30pm

P1 Party: Wednesday 19th (PM)

ELC Visit to Gouldings: Wednesday 19th (PM session only in ELC)

ELC Parties: Thursday 20th (AM & PM)

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 21st

Close: Friday 21st at 2.30pm

January 2019

School Reopens: Monday 7th

New P1 Enrolment Days: Monday 14th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th

All the staff at Lanark Primary and ELC wish you a very Merry Christmas. All the best for 2019!