

Well done to our P7s who performed in the South Lanarkshire Gymnastics Competition this year. All of the girls performed fantastically and looked amazing in their costumes, funded by our LPS Parent Council.



# Lanark Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare



## December 2019

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## Wellbeing Indicator of the Month- Nurtured

Every month we reinforce one of the areas which helps our children explore their wellbeing and how this can be improved or supported. This month's focus is on NURTURED. This includes having a nurturing place to live in a family setting, with additional help if needed, or, where possible, in a suitable care setting.

We value being active!

## Dance Festival 2019

On **13<sup>th</sup> November**, a group of our P6s and P7s performed at the Clydesdale Primary Dance Festival held at the Memorial Hall. There were two groups entered, with both doing an amazing job! Many thanks to Mrs Mulvey, Miss McMaster and Cherry Dance Studios for all their help and support of our performers- they were great!



## Enrolment for New Primary 1 Class

Please note that the enrolment for the new intake of P1 children takes place week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January for children who are 5 years of age between 1st March 2020 and end of February 2021. 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 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 **full** birth certificate and **two** proofs of address. Please note it must be a parent or legal guardian who comes to enrol.

## P7 Cooking Club

Our P7s, with the help of Miss McMaster and Mrs Dunlop, took part in a Healthy Eating Cooking Club, trying out recipes for two different starters, main courses and desserts. This culminated in creating a delicious 3-course meal for their families, showcasing their new cooking and serving skills!



## LGS Spelling Bee



We value learning!

On **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** P7 children attended "Lanark Grammar's Associated Primaries Spelling Bee 2019" with Matthew, Cora and Cameron representing the school. The team put in a strong performance and were great ambassadors for the school, hardly dropping any points throughout the competition!



## 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! Over £1600 was raised which is fantastic!

Our Parent Council have already gifted each playroom and classroom £100 to help purchase creative, play resources- a great addition to each stage- thank you!

## Homework Club

Next term's Homework Club will begin on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January - 3-4pm in the canteen.

## Learning Experiences in our ELC

Over the last month or so, learners in the ELC have been enjoying a range of outdoor learning experiences through their Forest Kindergarten sessions led by Miss Elkin and the ELC team. Many thanks to all our parents and carers who managed to join us for the last session on 27<sup>th</sup> November!



## Sing a Song for Christmas



The annual Christian Aid Carol Concert takes place in St Nicholas Church on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. We hope many of you will be able to attend. Our choir led by Mrs Dunlop will be singing two beautiful songs. A rehearsal for the choir will take place in the church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at 12.30pm. On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December we will meet inside the church at 7:15pm. We are looking forward to a lovely evening. We will bring the children out to the front of the church at the end – around 8:30pm - where they can be collected. We have asked the children to wear school uniform, red polo shirt, black sweatshirt, black trousers or skirts and tights. Please note that this is the same date as the In-service Day/General Election so children will not be at school that day.

## Carol Singers in the Community

Our P4 class, led by Miss Oswald, will be going along to Tesco on 6<sup>th</sup> December and McClymont House on 19<sup>th</sup> December to perform to some of the town's citizens. These are always well-received performances and I'm sure the children will enjoy the experience.



## Outdoor Learning Day

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, the ELC and school took part in an Outdoor Learning Day, where all learning activities were outside. Our learners experienced loose parts play, cooking at the fire circle, tool use, the mud kitchen and outdoor PE games. Outdoor Learning develops self-awareness, confidence and self-esteem as well as collaborative-working and communication skills. It provides positive health benefits – both physically and mentally – and assists gross and fine-motor development. Our thanks go to Mrs Gracie and the Outdoor Pupil Leadership Team for all their hard work in planning the event.



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## Staffing

After years and years of service to Lanark PS & ELC, we say our fond farewells to Mrs Tait and Mrs Graham. We will miss them both dearly but wish them all the very best for their retirement. Thank you for your service ladies. You will always be part of #TeamLPS!

## 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 treats at lunchtime. They will be first into the canteen at lunchtime whether they are packed lunch or school dinner and sit at tables decorated for Christmas. Each child will receive a small treat to enjoy.

**Christmas Lunch-** Lunch will be served in the canteen on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 and P1 and 2 parties. School children who are getting ready at home can leave/be collected at **12noon** this year and should return for 1pm.

**Pantomimes** -School children will visit Lanark Memorial Hall on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** and I'm 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 funding the tickets- thank you!

Our ELC children have already visited Gouldings to see Santa, where they showed our values of good manners and respect throughout the trip- well done! Again, thank you to the Parent Council for donating funds towards this outing.

**Nativity-** Our P1s and P2s showcased their talents with their performances of 'Everyone Loves a Baby', this week. All the children were fantastic, and we are all so proud of them!

**ELC Christmas Concerts-** The ELC Christmas Celebrations will take place on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at 10.30am and 1.30pm.

**Christmas Jumper Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December-** Please remember if you have any old Christmas jumpers that may be of use to someone else, please feel free to hand these into the office. You or your child can collect a Christmas jumper from the foyer anytime from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## Dates for the Diary

### December 2019

Sunday 8th Dec at 12.30pm Sing-A-Song Practice (St. Nicholas Church)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec- Flu Immunisations

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec- PM- Librarian to visit P7 (R10)

Tuesday 10th Dec- Whole School Panto

Wednesday 11th Dec- Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 11th Dec- ELC Concerts (AM & PM)

Thursday 12th Dec- In-Service Day (children should not attend)

Thursday 12th Dec at 7.30pm- Sing-A-Song (St. Nicholas Church)

Friday 13th Dec- PM P4 & P5 Party

Monday 16th Dec- PM P3 Party

Tuesday 17th Dec- PM P2 Party

Tuesday 17th Dec- P5 Musical Performance- 11.30am

Tuesday 17th Dec- 3-5pm P7 Pizza Party

Wednesday 18th Dec- ELC Parties (AM & PM)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec- P1 Party (PM)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – P4s (R5) to McClymont House

Thursday 19th Dec- PM P6 Party (moved due to election)

Friday 20th Dec- Christmas Jumper Day

**Close at 2.30pm**

### January 2020

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan- School reopens

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan- Enrolment Week

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan- P6/7 Rugby

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan- Some P7s to Sky Academy

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan- Homework Club, 3-4pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan- P3 Tree Planting

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan- Some P7s to Sky Academy

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan- Homework Club, 3-4pm

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan Parent Council Meeting 5: 6.15-8pm (school)

**All the staff at Lanark Primary and ELC wish you a very Merry Christmas.**

**All the best for 2020!**

### Reminders

- Please remember that Lanark is a **nut free school**. Please keep this in mind when choosing snacks and items for packed lunches (please note this includes spreads with nuts like Nutella and other supermarket equivalents).
- The Primary School App, website and Twitter are our main forms of communication alongside this newsletter. Please take the time to read through all the information.
- Children should bring a water bottle and healthy snack to school every day.
- "Once a Week Take a Peek". It is important that **everyone** checks the family's hair for head lice **every week**.