



Lanark Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare



February 2020

#responsibility
Congratulations to
this year's Lanimer
Court!

LEARNING TOGETHER, GROWING TOGETHER

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Wellbeing Indicator of the Month- Respected

We value being respected and showing respect

Every month we introduce/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 being RESPECTED. This means having the opportunity, along with carers, to be heard and involved in decisions that affect them. Our Pupil Leadership Teams are a good example of how we support this in the school and ELC.

Lanimer Court

We are delighted to announce that the following children have been chosen to represent our school in this year's Lanimer Court.

Ladies in Waiting: Addi Jopp, Lara Gourlay and Zara MacLean

Heralds: Kenzie Sethi and Dillon West

Sword Bearer: Archie Hamilton

I'm sure the children will perform their duties extremely well and be proud ambassadors of the school. We wish them a very happy Lanimers and congratulations to all!

Lanimer Entry

Letters have now been issued detailing this year's Lanimer entry. The 'Save the Turtles' theme promises to be an exciting choice and I hope that many of the children will join in these local celebrations! The Lanimer Committee have asked that you start to save your empty, clean plastic bottles and all colours of milk bottle tops for the lorry. These will be gathered sometime in March.

Scots Night- 5th February

Well done to all the children who have taken the time to learn a Scots poem/song or take part in a Scots project over the last few weeks. Celebrating Scotland, its language and culture is at the heart of the Curriculum and our Scots Night plays a part in this.

All finalists alongside some of our talented musicians, singers and dancers will entertain the audience on Wednesday 5th February in the school hall (tickets can be purchased from the entrance and the show starts at 6.30pm). More details about the night will follow in the next newsletter.

We value learning and responsibility.



Family Bingo Night

LPS Family Parent Council have been busy arranging this year's family fundraiser, a Family Bingo Night. This will take place on Friday 20th March at St. Nicholas Church Hall at 7pm. More details will follow after the February weekend.

Contacting the School Office

We politely request that where possible, you do not call or visit the School Office at our 'peak times' i.e. 9-9.30am or 2.30-3pm. Also, the Office is 'unmanned' at lunchtimes to support our levels of supervision in the canteen/playground. Please share any important messages with children before they come to school (where possible) and use the Absence Line (Option 1) when reporting the reasons why your child is not in school.

Thank you in advance for your help and support in this matter.

Parental Appointments

Parental Appointment letters have now gone out. Please return your slips as soon as possible. If you do not return one with your preferred choice, then an appointment will be automatically given to you. Appointments will take place on Tuesday 25th February and Thursday 27th February, between 4pm- 7.20pm.

We value being active

Cross Country

P6 and P7 are continuing to make excellent progress in their



cross country training. Please remind pupils they should have a change of kit and footwear every Tuesday and Friday. The finals will be held at Lanark Racecourse on Friday 6th March. Continued thanks to our P7 teachers, Miss McMaster, Mrs Talbot, Mrs Towers and Mrs Gillan for all their hard work and support.



P3 Tree Planting

Melissa and Stuart from Castlebank Horticulture Centre visited the school to help our P3s plant several trees in the school grounds. The children had to use their maths skills to help measure the distance between the trees and the depth of the holes to dig!



Cost Of The School Day

We know that those disadvantaged through poverty often struggle with living costs. This affects members from across our community. In order to support our children and you as parents/carers, we will now include the 'Cost of the School Day' as an item on each month's newsletter. We will use this opportunity to share the range of support which is available to you.

Equity for all

This month, we would like to draw your attention to the free sanitary wear which is available in the school as part of the work to reduce Period Poverty. Products are readily available in the school and extras can be picked up from the office for weekends and holidays. This is done in a discreet, confidential way so please come in if you would benefit from access to these free products.

As you may already know, the Parent Council support the school in many ways. One of those ways is to provide a small discretionary fund which can be used to support the purchase of clothing, cost of trips or to help provide snacks in times of financial difficulty.

The school can also provide clothing and uniform if needed. Please contact me at the school if you would like to know more. As always, this would be in the strictest confidence.

Toy Sale- Community Ambassadors

Our Community Ambassadors are in the process of arranging a Toy Sale, with proceeds going to Castlebank Horticulture Centre. They have decided to raise funds for this centre, which is operated by Lanark Community Development Trust, as a way of supporting our community. The pupil leadership team have already spoken to the school at our weekly assembly. They are looking for children to bring in any unwanted games, toys, DVDs and books. The team will then sort these out ready for a school Toy Sale on Friday 21st February. Many thanks in advance for any donations and sales.

A Message from Lanark Universal Connections



Calling all Primary 7s

- Do you want a safe place to hang out?
- Do you want to spend time with friends?
- Do you want to take part in positive activities?
- Do you want to get involved in various programmes, to help you grow and develop?
- Something to help ease the transition to high school?

Then why not come along to Lanark Universal Connections on Wednesday nights 6pm – 8pm. This is a group for Primary 7 only! It is free to attend. We have a tuck shop that sells juice, sweets and crisps.

We offer a wide range of activities based on the want and need of the young people who attend. We have the young people involved from the beginning in the planning process. We then gather all their ideas to make a programme of activities they have chosen. Some ideas from the past are discos, slime making, trips to bowling, cinema and McDonald's. Please note trips have a cost.

The young people also have a choice to take part in various award programmes such as Hi 5 and Dynamic youth awards.

In the centre, we have a wide variety of arts and crafts equipment, PlayStation, Xbox, Nintendo switch, Board Games, Computers, Pool Table and Free Wi-Fi!

Parents/Carers are more than welcome to come down, check out the place, and meet the staff. So what are you waiting for? Come on down and give the place a chance. You might be surprised! You might even like it!

Dates for the Diary

February 2020

Scots Night: Wednesday 5th

In-service Day: Friday 7th (children shouldn't attend)

February Holiday: Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th

In-service Day: Wednesday 12th (children shouldn't attend)

P6/7 Netball Festival: Friday 14th (AM)

PLT Meetings: Wednesday 19th

R8 to McClymont House: Thursday 20th

Parent/Carer consultations: Tues 25th/Thurs 27th-4-7.30pm

Toy Sale: Friday 21st (Monday 24th for SW ELC)

Fairtrade Fortnight begins: Monday 24th

March 2020

Rotary Quiz (P7): Thursday 5th at 7pm

P6/7 Cross Country: Friday 6th

P7 to be visited by LGS: Tuesday 10th

PLT Meetings: Wednesday 18th

R8 to McClymont House: Thursday 19th

LGS Science Fair: Thursday 19th

Room 6 Assembly: Friday 20th at 9.45am

P6/7 Netball Festival: Friday 20th (AM)

Family Bingo Night: Friday 20th

Rag Bag Collection: Wednesday 25th

SLC Cross Country Finals: Wednesday 25th

Room 9 E-Mag Launch: Friday 27th at 9.45am

April 2020

Room 5 Assembly: Friday 3rd at 9.45am

Spring Break: Monday 6th – Friday 17th

School reopens: Monday 20th

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**.

We are always looking to continually improve our school, so if you have any suggestions for how we could do this, or you might want to share with us something that you think we do well, please use the box below and pop it into the suggestion box in the foyer. Thank you for your continued support as we work together in partnership to help your child achieve their full potential.

