



P6/7 Triathletes-  
May 2019

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# Lanark Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare



## June 2019

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## Last Newsletter of the Session

I cannot believe it is that time of year again where I find myself writing the last newsletter of the session. May I take this opportunity to say how honoured I am to be Head Teacher of this wonderful school and ELC. Special thanks go to all the staff for working so hard to provide the best possible experiences for the children. Many thanks to you, the parents, for supporting the school so wholeheartedly in our journey of improvement. To the children- you have continued to amaze me with your hard work, kindness and responsibility. Lanark PS & ELC is a wonderful place to be! Good luck to our Primary 7s who are starting the next chapter of their lives- we wish you well! Have a lovely summer holiday, everyone. I hope the sun continues to shine!

## Congratulations!

We would like to wish Miss Rattray and Ms Raeside all the very best for their upcoming weddings in the summer. Miss Rattray will return as Mrs Dunlop and Ms Raeside as Mrs Bryce. We all hope you have the most amazing day and wish you every happiness for the future!

## Homework

There will be no more formally issued homework between now and the end of the session.

## Lanark Lanimers

*One of Scotland's Oldest Traditions*

## Lanimers

We had another fantastic Lanimers celebration on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Over one hundred of our pupils joined our procession entry 'Primary Weather Report'. We are delighted to announce that we won First Prize in our category and the Vancouver Shield for Overall Best School Entry- a magnificent achievement. None of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our Lanimer Committee. Their enthusiasm is infectious and they give so much of their time to make the lorry, costumes and performance the best they can be. On behalf of everyone who takes part- thank you!

Also a special well done to Mark, Ewan, Calum, Erin and Eilidh who looked amazing and performed their duties magnificently.



## Staffing

There will be a few changes to staffing next session. We say goodbye and good luck to Mr Shanks who has now completed his first full year in teaching and to Mrs Anderson who was with us on a temporary basis. They have both secured permanent posts, so we are delighted for them- congratulations!

It looks like we will be welcoming another newly qualified teacher to our staff next year and we look forward to meeting them soon. We will also welcome back Miss Reid to Lanark Primary, who will return on 20<sup>th</sup> June after her maternity leave. Like last year, all information regarding your child's class/teacher for next session will be issued in a separate letter before the end of term.

## Sports Week



As part of our Health and Wellbeing programme we held our annual Sports Week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May. This was a remarkable success which culminated in our Sports Personality of the Year event. We were joined this year by Jake Hastie, a former Motherwell player who has recently signed for Glasgow Rangers. This caused

much excitement amongst the audience and participants! Congratulations to all our winners, runners-up and those who took part in any of the activities over the week. Many congratulations to Abi Weir and Ruby Dickson, who were presented with the Maryam Najafian Sports Award. A special mention to Miss McMaster for organising this highly successful week with the aid of our current P7s- thank you. The children loved all the fantastic experiences on offer. Congratulations also to Miss Oswald, our coach of the year!



## Last Day of Term- Dress Down Day

Children can dress down on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June (remember we finish at 1pm). There will also be a **Rag Bag** collection on **18<sup>th</sup> June**. Please have bags with us by 17<sup>th</sup>- thanks.

## P7 Oscars Ceremony



P7 are holding an Oscars Ceremony on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** for their parents and invited guests. This will celebrate their year in P7 with children receiving awards and entertaining the audience. We are all looking forward to seeing the show!

## Clydesdale Track and Field Championships



A number of our P6 & P7 children excelled at the recent Clydesdale Track and Field Championships, held in Carluke. They were a credit to themselves and the school, both in terms of their effort and behaviour. We are delighted to say that the following have qualified for the South Lanarkshire Finals- a fantastic achievement! This will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> June and we wish them all the best in the event! Thank you also to our helpers throughout the athletics season, Janice Gillan, Jan Towers and Joan Talbot.

- Both Boys & Girls P6 Relay Teams
- P6 Girls Javelin - Addi Jopp
- P6 Girls Long Jump - Katie Killgannon
- P6 Girls 100m - Katie Towers, Molly Dearden & Cora Beattie
- P6 Girls 600m - Eve Hamilton & Orla Fitzpatrick
- P6 Boys 600m - Gregor Tennant & Taylor Kennedy
- P7 Girls Javelin & 100m - Aleesha Brown
- P7 Boys 600m - Jack Gregg
- P7 Boys 100m - Mark Young
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## Lanark Book Club

Book Club will finish Next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Children should continue to bring 50p along or make up what they have saved to £1.50 so they can buy any book on offer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful parents Lynn and Jane who have dedicated their Friday afternoons to running this club- you're doing a fantastic job.



## P7 visit to Lanark Grammar



The children in P7 will visit their new school on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June. The days will start at 9.30am and finish at 2.30pm and children should be there on time. Please note that children will make their **own way** to LGS for **9.15am**. Miss McMaster will be there to meet them at the entrance. This will give the children a trial run at making their own way to school just as they will do in August. Parents and carers may escort them there and back. I know they will all have a fantastic time- good luck!

## P7 Art Exhibition- Tollbooth

Our P7s will be displaying some of their artwork as part of the annual Tollbooth Art Project for schools. LPS work will be on display on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** so please feel free to pop down and see the work on display if you can!

## School Uniform 2019/20

If you are already thinking about school uniform for next session- can I remind you that the expectation is that children come to school in **full** school uniform unless stated otherwise. This consists of a **polo-shirt and school jumper/cardigan and black trousers (no denims) or skirt/dress**. We also encourage the wearing of a white school shirt/blouse and tie on non- PE days as this looks very smart. I would encourage P7s to wear shirt and tie especially as this will help prepare them for secondary school. School shoes should be black where possible and a change of shoes must be brought for indoors.

To help with this, we will be running a **Uniform Service** where you can find good quality, clean uniform to help reduce costs to yourself. A separate letter will come home soon telling you more about it. To this end, we ask you to keep hold of any good quality uniform which may now be too small.

## Manor Adventure Information Session



Parents/Carers of our current P6s are invited to attend an information session about the upcoming residential trip to Lockerbie Manor. This will take place at **5.15pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** in the school canteen.

## End of Term Services



The school's end of term service will take place on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm**. Parents/carers of P7 pupils as well as invited parents of prize-winners are welcome to attend the event. Our special guest will be Mr Mark Sherry (HT at Lanark Grammar School) and we look forward to welcoming him! A representative from our Parent Council will also be there.

Parents/carers of prize winners and P7 pupils will receive tickets to the event (separate letters still to come with details). **All children should be in full school uniform for the service.**

The ELC graduations will take place at **10.30am and 2pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June** and all parents/carers are welcome to attend.

## LPS Has Talent!

There has been a buzz of excitement around our recent auditions for our LPS Has Talent Show, which will take place on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. Thank you for all the support you have given the children to help them take part! Also, a big thank you to Mrs Nicholas and the Drama Club for running this event! It is bound to be a fantastic show! Please note: this is a show for children only.

## St. Andrew's Wear Yellow Day

As a school we took part in the annual 'wear yellow' day to raise funds for one of our partners, St. Andrew's Hospice. We raised an amazing £335.08. Thank you to everyone who donated and to the Kindness Council for running the event.

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## P5- Reduce Waste Lunch

As part of R7's enterprise topic, they have decided to encourage all children to reduce the amount of 'throwaway' plastic they use by encouraging all children to bring a snack and/or packed lunch with no 'throwaway' plastic included (sandwich bags, straws, 'cling film', unnecessary packaging). This will take place on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** and coincides with R7's sponsored walk/lunch to Lanark Loch.



## New ELC August Intake

As some of our children are moving on to P1 we are getting ready to welcome our new children starting in August 2019. There may be changes to our ELC provision, including a change in how our hours are offered. We are sorry that we cannot give confirmation of this just yet, as we are still waiting on the authority making their final decisions. This also means that some of our new ELC learners have not had final confirmation of a place- we are hopeful that letters will be issued next week. Many thanks for your patience with this matter.

## Eco Flag- renewal

We are pleased to announce that Lanark Primary has once again received an Eco flag for our work in looking after our environment. Well done to Mrs Gracie, Miss Elkin, our Eco and Outdoor Committees for being instrumental in helping make it possible!



## Dates for the Diary

### June 2019

P5 Music Showcase- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am

Young at Heart Club: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 1.45pm

P7 Transition Event 1: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

P7 Transition Event 2: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Lunch for new intake and parents: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am

P5 Swimming: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> (PM)

P7 Tollbooth Art Display: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Rag Bag Collection: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Last Young at Heart Club: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 1.45pm

Track and Field Final: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> (all day)

P7 Oscars: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

P5 Swimming: Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Room 9 Trip: Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

End of Term service: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm

LPS Has Talent: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> at 1.15pm

Extra Swimming for P5: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> at 9.40am

ELC Graduations: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am/2pm

School Close/Dress Down Day: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm