



Lanark Primary School And Early Learning & Childcare



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Wellbeing Indicator of the Month- Responsible

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 RESPONSIBLE. This means having opportunities and encouragement to play active and responsible roles at home, in school and in the community. It also means that where necessary, having appropriate guidance and supervision, and being involved in decisions that affect them.

P7 Rotary Quiz

P7 children took part in the Rotary Quiz on 21st February in Robert Owen Memorial Primary. All the children represented the school extremely well and were a real credit to us. Congratulations to Logan, Mark, Lauren, Ruby, Erin, Aleesha, Murray, Sophie, Sara and Aiden- you were all fantastic!

A good luck message

As you may already know, Miss Doolan has now begun her maternity leave as she waits the arrival of her baby daughter. Everyone here at Lanark Primary School wishes her well and we cannot wait to meet the new addition to TeamLPS!

Parental Consultations

Many thanks to all who attended our recent consultations. This provides an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps as well as a chance to look at our current assessment resources. We would also like to thank our Lanimer Committee and Lanark's Universal Connections Team for their input.

Fairtrade at LPS



Our Fairtrade Leadership Team recently took part in an assembly to share the importance of buying Fairtrade products whenever possible. The team, with help from Mrs Callan and Mrs Nicholas have organised and are running a Fairtrade Tuckshop in school.

As you know, this work has led Lanark Primary School and ELC to successfully gain our Fair Active School Award- well done to everyone involved!



We value
responsibility

Scots Evening



The school and Parent Council held our annual Scots Evening on 6th February. This was to tie in with the language work that has been going on in classes to celebrate all things Scots!

The evening was a great success. It showcased the talents of our pupils as we were entertained by our top two poetry recital winners, as well as our super talented musicians and a group performance of 'If the Crown Fits' from the Scottish Opera work by our brilliant P5-7s. Rachel in P5 greatly impressed with her wonderful Highland Dancing and our representatives from the school choir sang beautifully. Our fantastic narrators Molly, Taylor, Sarah and Joshua made sure the show ran smoothly by introducing each of our acts on the night- well done!

Special congratulations this year to Murray Toner for winning the Mari Muir Award for his performance and to Calum Jamieson for winning first place for his wonderful Scots project on Scot's Food.

Many thanks go to the Parent Council, our talented parent musicians (Jen Beattie and Ian Cathcart) and all our children who learned their Scots poem throughout the school- what a talented, dedicated group of learners we have here at LPS!

Thank you also to Miss Elkin for doing such a great job in organising the show!



Scots Night-
We value
teamwork

Red Nose Day

**RED
NOSE
DAY
2019**

On Friday 15th March, people across the UK will be coming together to do things 'big and small' to raise money for Red Nose Day. For our part, we have been selling Red Noses through our ParentPay system and we will also be having a Dress Down Day on Friday 15th March (no football colours please). We ask that children bring a donation on this day.

We value
kindness

Gathering Your Views

Many thanks to all those who took the time to complete our most recent survey. The results of this survey will help inform our future improvement planning and we aim to report back on the findings soon.

In last month's newsletter, there was also a 'comments' page attached. If you didn't use this but wish to make a suggestion, you can find a comments form and Suggestion Box at the office window. There will also be a Parent Council Comments Box placed here for your use at any time.

Powering Up Workshops for P4-7

Our pupils in P4-7 took part in a Powering Up Workshop on Monday 4th March, brought to us in partnership with National Museum Scotland. The workshop looked at the range of renewable energy used in Scotland and showcased a variety of experiments that demonstrated wind, solar and hydro power. This links well with the P7 FunSTEM project in association with Lanark Grammar School.



Eco Day

The Eco and Outdoor Pupil Leadership Teams will be organising an Eco Day on **Friday 22nd March**. On this day, they have planned lots of exciting activities for the whole school and ELC including a recycling team race, making bird feeders, school grounds orienteering, loose parts play and designing a poster. Thank you to one of our parents, Mr Steven Purdie, who has kindly agreed to lead circuit fitness sessions in the MUGA. We will also be turning off the lights in the afternoon from 1pm-2pm to acknowledge the upcoming Earth Hour on Saturday 30th March. **The children can come to school in their sports clothes on Eco Day** but in line with SLC policy, no football team items should be worn. We are all looking forward to a fun filled day!

Earth Hour



The Eco Committee would like to draw your attention to Earth Hour, a global movement, which brings millions together across the world to switch off their lights and show they care about the future of our planet. This year's Earth Hour takes place on:

Saturday 30th March 2019 at 8.30pm

Rag Bag Collection

In more Eco news, the next collection will take place on Tuesday 19th March. Please bring any bags to the Office for Monday 18th March- thank you!

International School Meals Day

Our School Improvement Team met to discuss the pupils' favourite choices as part of the International School Meals Day. This will take place on **Thursday 14th March** and will consist of:

Starter: Lentil Soup

Blue Tray: Sausage in Pastry

Red Tray: Chicken Fajitas

Green: Ham Baguette

Vegetarian: Quorn Sausage in Pastry

Dessert: Yoghurt/Fruit

Cheese/Tuna Sandwiches will also be available

World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. This year, we are asking children to bring in to school their favourite book, we will also have a range of literacy and book related activities throughout the day, including accessing Authors Live Events and our LPS River of Reading.

All pupils will be issued with their £1 World Book Day Token (titles available are shown below)



LPS Parent Council Quiz Night

After the success of last year's Quiz, the Parent Council have organised another chance for you to show off your general knowledge. The Family Quiz Night will take place on the evening of Friday 26th April in the school. Details will follow but please keep the date free!



Dates for the Diary

March 2019

Powering Up Workshops for P4-7: Monday 4th (AM)
 Parent Council Meeting (in school): Monday 4th (6.15-8pm)
 P5/4 to New Lanark: Tuesday 5th (9.30-10.30am)
 Forest Kindergarten to start: Tuesday 5th (AM & PM)
 P7 Forest School to start: Thursday 7th (PM)
 P5 Assembly: Friday 8th (9.45am)
 P6/7 Cross Country: Friday 8th (most of the day)
 P5 Swimming: Friday 8th (PM)
 Forest Kindergarten: Tuesday 12th (AM & PM)
 International School Meal Day: Thursday 14th
 P7 Forest School: Thursday 7th (PM)
 Red Nose Day (Dress Down): Friday 15th
 P6 (all) Assembly: Friday 15th (9.45am)
 P5 Swimming: Friday 15th (PM)
 P7 CAD Day: Monday 18th
 New ELC starts Info Session: Monday 18th at 10am
 Forest Kindergarten: Tuesday 19th (AM & PM)
 Rag Bag Collection: Tuesday 19th (AM & PM)
 New starts to visit ELC: Thursday 21st at 10am
 P7 Forest School: Thursday 21st (PM)
 P6/7 Football Festival: Thursday 21st (PM)
 ECO day: Friday 22nd
 P4 Assembly: Friday 22nd (9.45am)
 P5 Swimming: Friday 22nd (PM)
 P7 LGS Transition Visit: Tuesday 26th (1pm)
 P5 Trip to Amazonia: Thursday 28th
 P7 Forest School: Thursday 28th (PM)
 School Closes: Friday 29th (2.30pm)

Earth Hour: Saturday 30th (8.30pm)

April 2019

School Re-opens: Monday 16th (9am)
 Good Friday: Friday 19th (school closed)
 Easter Monday: Monday 22nd (school closed)
 P7s to Sky Academy (1/2): Tuesday 23rd (PM)
 Pupil Leadership Team Meetings: Wednesday 24th (PM)
 P7s to Sky Academy (1/2): Thursday 25th (PM)
 Enhanced Transition Visit to LGS: Friday 26th
 P5 Swimming: Friday 26th (PM)
 LPS PC Quiz Night: Friday 26th (evening)