



Well done to all our performers at this year's Scots Night. It was a great show!

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# Lanark Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare



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## Wellbeing Indicator of the Month - Responsible

We value being responsible and taking responsibility

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. Again, our Pupil Leadership Teams are a great example of this.

### A Good Luck Message

As you may already know, Mrs Forsyth will begin her maternity leave in April. Everyone here at Lanark Primary School wishes her well and we cannot wait to meet the new addition to Team LPS! As soon as we know who will be covering the class, we will let our Room 2 parents know.

In more exciting news, Miss Reid in Room 9 will be getting married in April. She will return after the Spring break as Mrs Amy Sukkoed. We wish her all the best and can't wait to see the beautiful bride!

## HMIe Inspection

As you know, our results from our inspection in November 2019 were published in February this year. The report detailed the many strengths of the school and ELC, including the polite, well-behaved, and enthusiastic learners, the highly effective teamwork across the staff team and the whole school community, and the wellbeing of children which is embedded in all day-to-day interactions and activities. Moving forward, we will continue to raise attainment in Literacy and Numeracy and improve our self-evaluation practices in the ELC.



Summarised inspection findings

Lanark Primary School

West Lothian Council

14 February 2020

May I take this opportunity to thank all staff, parents, partners and especially our children for continuing to work so hard in order to ensure everyone can reach their full potential here at Lanark PS & ELC.

## 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.

## Scots Evening

The school and Parent Council held our annual Scots Evening on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 P7 group performance of 'Address to a Haggis' by Robert Burns. Rachel in P6 greatly impressed with her wonderful Highland Dancing and our representatives from the school choir sang beautifully. Our fantastic narrators Sophie, Ryan, Thomas and Isla made sure the show ran smoothly by introducing each of our acts on the night- well done!

Special congratulations this year to Lily Whitehead for winning the Mari Muir Award for her performance and to Eve Hamilton and Chloe Binnie for being overall winners of the P7 Scots Project.

Many thanks go to the Parent Council, our talented parent musicians (Jen Beattie and Shirley 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!

This event raised over £600 for the Parent Council. The school have already received £500 to source additional sports jackets and a further £1000 to be spent on school resources! Thank you to the PC for all their support!



## Welcome Back

Welcome back to Mrs Lumsden (Miss Doolan) who has returned from maternity leave. She will be working in the school Monday-Friday in the office and with groups of children.

## 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 and retain our Fair Active School Award. We are now working towards our FairAchiever Award!



## Sustainability at LPS

In order to continue our work around looking after our environment, we would like to draw your attention to a few upcoming events:

Our next RagBag collection will be on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** and bags will follow shortly (please ensure bags are with us by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March).

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 28<sup>th</sup> March, 8.30pm-9.30pm.**



Room 6's Assembly this year will focus on 'Taking Care of Our World'. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.45am (please enter through the Hall doors when open).

## Co-op Local Community Fund

VOTE FOR LANARK PRIMARY!

Lanark Primary Parent Council is working in partnership with **Wild About Lanark** and we have been chosen to benefit from the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The funding will be used to run a Forest School programme with pupils who benefit from additional support to learn. The more money we raise, the more pupils we can support.

If you're a Co-op member you can help by logging into your account, selecting our cause and we'll earn funding every time you buy Co-op own brand products. Here's the link to our cause:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/40095>

Any member in the UK can choose to support this cause and help earn funding by shopping in Co-op stores across the UK, so please share the link with friends and family, particularly if they live near a Co-op store.

If you're not a Co-op member, you can join for £1 and you'll earn points to spend yourself as well as earning funding for our cause. Here's the link to join online:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration>.

Thank you! We really appreciate your helping hand to support our cause.

## Family Bingo Night



You should now have received your flyer about this year's Family Bingo Night. This will be held in St. Nicholas Church Hall on

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Tickets on the door cost £3 for adults and children are free. Tickets will be available from the school office and at the door on the night.

This is a 'bring your own bottle and snacks' event (nut free). The PC respectfully request that any bottle donations are handed into the school for the 'bottle stall'- many thanks.

## World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. This year, we will 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.

## Cross Country

P6 and P7 are continuing to make excellent progress in their cross country training and will compete in the finals at Lanark Racecourse on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Continued thanks to our P7 teachers, Miss McMaster, Mrs Talbot, Mrs Towers and Mrs Gillan for all their hard work and support. Go #TeamLPS!



## Clydesdale Sports Award

We are pleased to announce that Lanark PS has been nominated for Sporting School of the Year at this year's Clydesdale Sports Award. The event takes place on the evening of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March so we'll be keeping 'fingers crossed' on the night! This nomination would not be possible without the hard work of our volunteers and partners, ably led by our very own Miss McMaster, who continues to provide opportunities for all our learners to achieve in an active way.

We are also delighted to announce that one of our volunteers, Mrs Janice Gillan, has been nominated for Sporting Volunteer of the Year. We wish Mrs Gillan all the very best and thank her for her continued support of our school. Good luck to all!

## Cost Of The School Day

Equity  
for all

This month, we would like to draw your attention to our commitment to provide free school trips for all our learners. This is supported by the Parent Council's donation of £4 per head per class, with the rest of the cost subsidised by the school.

In times of hardship, we also offer financial support to those families who need help paying for the P7 Residential Trip.

Please contact me at the school if you would like to know more about how we can help. As always, this would be in the strictest confidence.

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## Toy Sale

Our Community Ambassadors organised a fantastic Toy Sale last month and raised over £600 for Castlebank Horticultural Centre. We done to our community ambassadors and Ms Forbes!

## Coronavirus - Information Update

I can confirm that this week further guidance from Health Protection Scotland has been issued to all schools and educational establishments. Given the need for good hygiene practice you are asked to note the following:

The washing of hands often with soap and water, or through an alcohol based hand sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available is advised to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses.

Advice from health practitioners is that parents/carers have an important role to play in letting their children know about the importance of washing their hands often, before eating and after using the toilet.

**SLC has taken an action to provide schools with pump action hand sanitisers for entrance areas and classrooms. These will be re-filled by the janitor who will also check that toilet areas have soap and paper towels in the morning and after lunchtime each day.**

If you plan on going on holiday, please contact the school, so we can share any updated guidance for educational establishments with you. Many thanks for your continued support.

### 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**.

## Dates for the Diary

### March 2020

- Parent Council Meeting 6: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.15pm
- Rotary Quiz (P7): Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- P6/7 Cross Country: Friday 6<sup>th</sup>
- Clydesdale Sports Awards: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- P7 to be visited by LGS: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>
- P3s to St. Catherine's Care Home: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> (AM)
- PLT Meetings: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>
- R8 to McClymont House: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>
- LGS Science Fair: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>
- Room 6 Assembly: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.45am
- P3s to St. Catherine's Care Home: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> (AM)
- P6/7 Netball Festival: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> (AM)
- Family Bingo Night: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- Room 8 Wildflower planting (Kildare Park): Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Family Forest Kindergarten Session: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>
- Rag Bag Collection: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>
- SLC Cross Country Finals: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>
- Room 9 E-Mag Launch: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> (PM)
- Earth Hour: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> (8.30-9.30pm)

### April 2020

- Room 5 Assembly: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9.45am
- P3s to St. Catherine's Care Home: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> (AM)
- Spring Break: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup>
- School reopens: Monday 20<sup>th</sup>
- Room 9 Wildflower planting (Kildare Park): Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>
- PLT Meetings: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>
- P7 Enhanced Transition- Day 1 at LGS: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>