



We had a fantastic Outdoor Classroom Day on Thursday!



We value Learning!

Lanark Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare




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Wellbeing Indicator of the Month- Achieving

Every month we will 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 ACHIEVING. This includes being supported and guided in learning and in the development of skills, confidence and self-esteem, at home, in school and in the community. Ask your child about the different ways that they are achieving!

Outdoor Learning Day

We held another successful Outdoor Classroom Day, on Thursday 1st November. This was a great way to support children in developing key skills like problem solving, creativity, teamwork and sharing. We welcomed along *City of Play*, Karen Dobbins, Tila Morris and Patricia West to help support the day. Many thanks to Mrs Gracie and the Outdoor Learning Pupil Leadership Team for running such a fantastic day!

We value teamwork & learning!

Lanimer PTA Halloween Disco



On Tuesday 30th October, the Lanimer Committee held a P1-3 and P4-7 Disco in the school. The children looked amazing and a good night was had by all who attended. The Committee managed to raise over £670 to put towards this year's costs which was fantastic! Many thanks to the Committee, staff and volunteers for helping out- it was a great success!

We value kindness!

Food Bank Collection

The learners in P3, alongside their teachers, would like to thank all pupils, parents and staff for the generosity shown in collecting for the Clydesdale Foodbank Appeal. They have been overwhelmed by the amount donated- fantastic!

Class Photographs

The photographer will be in school for class photographs on 13th November- keep the date!

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 12th November will see the start of anti-bullying week. The Kindness Council are taking the lead on this initiative and Mrs Mulvey has already met with parents to discuss ideas for our new Anti-Bullying Policy. Special wristbands will be on sale during this week from Bullying UK- Family Lives at a cost of £1 each.

Big Maths

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You will have already received information about our up and coming Parental Workshop on Big Maths. This will provide you with information about our new Big Maths programme, which has been introduced as part of our school improvement work. Please come along if you can, as this will be one of the ways the school will be sharing information about how and what we teach in Maths and Numeracy. This will take place on **Wednesday 14th November** at 6pm. Many thanks go to Ms Elkin for her work on this initiative.

Christmas Gift Sale

The LPS Parent Council's Christmas Sale will take place on Friday 30th November. This is a great opportunity for our pupils to buy affordable gifts for their loved ones. For the day to run smoothly, the Parent Council are asking for volunteers to help 'man' the stalls and/or wrap presents. If you can help, please call the Office and we'll pass on your details.

You said...we did

Many thanks to all those parents who completed our survey at the recent Parental Consultations. The information gathered will help us improve how and when we engage with parents.

There was much support for the introduction of a **School App** to keep up-to-date with all that happens in the school and ELC. Many thanks to the Parent Council who have agreed to fund the app- more information coming soon!

We will continue to work on some of the other areas for development over the session. Areas already being targetted are Family Learning (Homework Club, Outdoor Learning, Book Week/Bookbug sessions and Forest Kindergaten) and Curricular Information (Big Maths Workshop, Termly Overviews & Assessment Stand).

Homework Club

Remember, this is on every Monday in November (except 19th). Please come along if you can to this great family learning activity!



Work in the Community

P6 will be continuing their work with McClymont House this term. As well as this, our choir will be working with 'That Swing Sensation' and 'SingLanrik' as part of the WWI Centenary Celebrations. Many thanks to Mrs Mulvey and Miss Rattray for their work on these projects.

Dance Festival

Also on Wednesday 14th November, some of our pupils will be performing in the Clydesdale Dance Festival at the Memorial Hall. Information regarding this has already been issued, with tickets to be purchased directly from the Box Office. Our thanks go to Paula Hamilton, Miss McMaster and Mrs Mulvey for supporting this event. Good luck, everyone!

B & M Bag Packing

Well done to all our pupil and parent volunteers who took part in a Bag Packing at B&M Bargains in Lanark recently. Our pupils raised an incredible £4,60 for the LPS Parent Council fund. Well done to everyone involved. There will be another chance to practise those bag packing skills for P5-7 on Saturday 24th November at Tesco so please get involved if you can!

Key Dates

Flu Immunisation- Friday 9th Nov

Inservice Day- Monday 19th Nov

Rag Bag Collection

Our ECO Pupil Leadership Team are participating in the Rag Bag textile recycling scheme which provides regular fundraising for our school and raises awareness about recycling. If you have any unwanted good quality, clean clothing, belts, bags and paired shoes (tied together), please put them in the bag provided and return to school. The bags will be uplifted on **Thursday 15th November** so please have them with us before this date. Thank you for your ongoing support.

SCOTTISH BOOK WEEK 2018-

MONDAY 19TH TO FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER



Lanark Primary will be participating in Scottish Book Week again this year. We firmly believe that reading, and a love of it, is a gateway to learning and, as such, we encourage the children to read every day.

Some of the activities that we will be carrying out in school include:

- **MONDAY 19TH**- In-service Day
- **TUESDAY 20TH**- River of Reading. All children and adults in the school will be reading at the same time, forming a 'River of Reading' along the length of the corridor!
- **How can you help with this?** Try the same at home? You could set aside half an hour a night, when TVs, phones and tablets are off, and the entire family are reading together!
- **WEDNESDAY 21ST**- P1-3 Bookbug Bag and Read, Write, Count Bag Launch in the Hall at 9:15-10:15 am. **Parents and carers are invited to come along** and look at the Bookbug Bags and Read, Write Count Bags, try out some activities, ask questions and even, if you are lucky, hear Mrs Crook read her favourite story to you!
- **How can you help with this?** Come along if you have a child in P1-3. If you can't make it, ask your child about the bags; build up some excitement before the bags are brought home on the Friday!
- **WEDNESDAY 21ST**- P4-7 Librarian Visit from Lanark Library in the canteen from 9:15-10:15am. **Come and find out about what your local library can offer you**, from computers to DVDs...oh, and books! Fill out a form to get a library card for yourself or your child. It's free!
- **How can you help with this?** Come along if you can manage! If not, ask your child if they have a library card application form in their bag! Return it to school and we will take it to the library for you!
- **THURSDAY 22ND**-Class Teacher Swap. Teachers will swap classes to read their favourite story to another class.
- **How can you help with this?** Ask your child who read to them and ask about the story? You could read your favourite story from your childhood to your child and discuss it.
- **FRIDAY 23RD**- Lunchtime Reading Drop-In. Children can come and read inside at lunchtime. Bring a cushion and a good book and we can all read together.
- **How can you help?** Parents are welcome too, if you have time to turn up, tune out and chill out with a good book for a little while!

We hope you can join us in enjoying Book Week this year- let's get reading!



Dates for the Diary

November 2018

Homework Club: Monday 5th - 3-4pm

Forest Kindergarten (AM & PM): Tuesday 6th

Room 8 to McClymont House: Thursday 8th

Flu Immunisation: Friday 9th

Anti- Bullying Week: Monday 12th – Friday 16th

Homework Club: Monday 12th - 3-4pm

Class Photographs: Tuesday 13th

Forest Kindergarten (AM & PM): Tuesday 13th

Parental Workshop (Big Maths): Wednesday 14th at 6pm

Dance Festival: Wednesday 14th at 7.30pm

Rag Bag Collection: Thursday 15th

P1-3 Animal Ambassadors Roadshow: Thursday 15th

Football Festival: Thursday 15th

Room 8 to McClymont House: Thursday 15th

In-service Day: Monday 19th (pupils should not attend)

Forest Kindergarten (AM & PM): Tuesday 20th

Book Week Scotland: Monday 19th – Friday 23rd

Book Week/ Library Event: Wednesday 21st 9.15-10.15am

P5/4 Trip to New Lanark: Wednesday 21st

ELC Chit Chat Group: Wednesday 21st at 11.15am

Room 8 to McClymont House: Thursday 22nd

LGS Spelling Bee: Thursday 22nd

Netball Festival: Friday 23rd

P5-7 Bag Packing at Tesco: Saturday 24th - 10am-2pm

Homework Club: Monday 26th - 3-4pm

Forest Kindergarten (AM & PM): Tuesday 27th
(parents/carers invited to attend)

Room 8 to McClymont House: Thursday 29th

Parent Council Gift Sale: Friday 30th

December 2018

Sports Scotland Award Assembly : Monday 3rd

P1s & P2s Nativity: Tuesday 4th at 1.30pm

P1s & P2s Nativity: Wednesday 5th at 11am

Room 8 to McClymont House: Thursday 6th

Pantomime Trip: Friday 7th

Sing-A-Song Rehearsal: Sunday 9th at 12.30-1.30pm

P6 Party: Tuesday 11th (PM)

AM & PM ELC Christmas Concerts: Wednesday 12th

Christmas Lunch: Thursday 13th

Sing a Song at St. Mary's Church: Thursday 13th

P4s and P5s Party: Friday 14th (PM)

P3 Party: Monday 17th (PM)

P2 Party: Tuesday 18th (PM)

P7 Party: Tuesday 18th at 3-5.30pm

P1 Party: Wednesday 19th (PM)

ELC Parties: Thursday 20th (AM & PM)

Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 21st

Close: Friday 21st at 2.30pm

January 2019

School Reopens: Monday 7th