



Our P7 Cooking Club have been developing skills for learning, life and work through their P7 Cooking Club. They have been working together to create healthy starters, main courses and desserts which they will then prepare for their parents/carers on Monday 11th November!
#teamwork
#responsibility

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!

Lanimer PTA Halloween Disco



On Wednesday 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!

Homework Club



Remember, this is on every Monday in November (except 18th). Please come along if you can to this great family learning activity!

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!

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11th November will see the start of anti-bullying week. The Kindness Council are taking charge of this initiative and will lead the learning of other pupils in the school at our Monday Assembly.

Christmas Gift Sale

The LPS Parent Council's Christmas Sale will take place on **Friday 29th 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 us and we'll pass on your details.

Children in Need

This will take place on **Friday 15th November**. Children can come 'dressed down' or 'Pudsey'fied. Please bring in a donation for the charity on this day.



Scottish Book Week 2019- Monday 18th to Friday 22nd November

We firmly believe that reading, and a love of it, is a gateway to learning and, as such, we encourage children to read every day. There will be a range of book related activities throughout the week for our learners to enjoy.

Dance Festival

On Wednesday 13th 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 Cheery Dance, 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 £485 for the LPS Parent Council fund. Well done to everyone involved!

HM Inspection

We are looking forward to welcoming the inspection team from Education Scotland, week beginning 11th November. This will provide an opportunity to showcase our learning and teaching in the ELC and school, and to work with the team to support our journey of improvement. All staff and pupils have been working hard to prepare for the visit and we know that all will be impressed with how we work together as a team, upholding our values as we support each other to reach our full potential.

We value Learning!

Key Dates

General Election- Thursday 12th December (Flu immunisation date to be rearranged) This will now be an additional in-service day as we are a Polling School (*children should not attend*)

Outdoor Learning Day- this will take place on Thursday 21st November- more information to follow.



Pupil Leadership Teams (PLTs)

As you know, here at Lanark PS & ELC we place much importance on **Pupil Voice** and how learners can lead school improvement. Every pupil is part of a Pupil Leadership Team and at last session's Parent Council AGM, some of our P7s presented to parents about that work. Feedback from this meeting was that although parents/carers know about the Pupils Leadership Teams (PLTs), many did not know what each PLT did. To remedy that, each session we will share the aims of each group at the beginning of the school year and each group's achievements at the end. We will use these experiences to highlight not only our values, but support the development of skills for life, learning and work. The PLTs this year are as follows:

Pupil Leadership Teams (ELC, Primary 1 & Primary 2)		
Loose Parts Play	Mud Kitchen	Woodland Play
Cooking/Food Preparation	Gardening	Imaginative Play
Our learners in the ELC- P2 will experience each of the areas above over the course of the session. This will allow them to make decisions that will lead to improvements to their learning environment.		
Pupil Leadership Teams (P3 – 7)		
Playground	Community Ambassadors	Digital Team
To continue to encourage the Daily Mile in all classes. To set up and lead playground activities for the school. To create rules for Woodlands and MUGA play. To fundraise for new playground equipment.	To raise awareness of the work of local community groups, raising funds for one of these groups through arranging a Toy Sale.	To develop their own ICT skills in order to help and support others in the school.

<p>Gardening</p> <p>To work together to improve the displays in the school.</p> <p>To plant a range of vegetables/plants for school use.</p>	<p>Career Crusaders</p> <p>Decide on a consistent display promoting skills for learning, life and work to be used in all classes, and playroom, throughout the school.</p> <p>Promote the use of the display and gather feedback from class teachers.</p>	<p>British Sign Language</p> <p>Learn basic signs and finger spelling to share with others in the school and community.</p>
<p>School Improvement Team</p> <p>Decide on Children's Aims for our curriculum (what we learn and teach)</p> <p>Write a Child Friendly Improvement Plan</p> <p>To take a lead in improving HWB across the school (linked to Improvement Plan)</p> <p>Share with parents the work of the PLTs.</p>	<p>Global Awareness</p> <p>Sharing important news stories with classes during snack time and whole school during assemblies</p> <p>Create an LPS newspaper that shares important global news stories</p> <p>Form a news team that will report global news.</p> <p>Create promotional posters to share important messages from around the world.</p>	<p>Eco</p> <p>To encourage everyone in our school community to recycle, reuse and reduce waste by:</p> <p>recycling batteries, paper and clothes</p> <p>reduce waste in our school - water and electricity</p> <p>organise an Eco Day</p> <p>introduce Eco Police and Our School Eco Code</p> <p>raise awareness of Earth Hour 2020</p>
<p>Kindness Committee</p> <p>To raise awareness of our school Anti-Bullying Policy</p> <p>To organise and run Anti-Bullying week from 11th November</p> <p>To provide support and friendship to everyone</p> <p>To reward people who show kindness around our school.</p>	<p>Fairtrade</p> <p>We will develop our Fairtrade knowledge and promote Fairtrade within Lanark Primary school.</p>	<p>House Captains</p> <p>Publicise our house mascots</p> <p>Encourage all of our school community to feel included in our house system</p> <p>Promote UN Rights of the Child.</p>

<p>Junior Librarians</p> <p>Reorganisation of school library</p> <p>Promote an enjoyment of reading</p>	<p>JRSO</p> <p>To raise awareness of road safety through planning a range of activities to support pupils' learning.</p>	<p>Litter Lions</p> <p>To work together to encourage LPS to have a litter free environment.</p>
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Dates for the Diary November 2019

We value
Teamwork!

- P4-7 Powering Up Shows: Monday 4th
- Anti-Bullying Week: Mon 11th – Friday 15th
- Inspection Week: Mon 11th – Friday 15th
- Pupil Leadership Team Meeting 3: Wednesday 13th
- P6/7 Football Festival: Thursday 14th
- In-Service Day 3: Monday 18th- children should not attend
- In-Service Day 4: Tuesday 19th - children should not attend
- LGS Spelling Bee for P7: Wednesday 20th (AM)
- Swimming Gala: Wednesday 20th
- Outdoor Learning Day: Thursday 21st
- Rag Bag Collection: Friday 22nd
- R7 Assembly: Friday 22nd at 9.45am
- Netball Festival: Friday 22nd (AM)
- Parent Council Meeting 4: Monday 25th – 6.15-8pm
- Christmas Gift Sale: Friday 29th

Christmas Celebrations- Key Dates

Please find below some of the key dates for this year's Christmas Celebrations:

Date	Event
Tuesday 3 rd Dec at 1.30pm	P1 & P2 Nativity
Wednesday 4 th Dec at 11am	P1 & P2 Nativity
Sunday 8 th Dec at 12.30pm	Sing-A-Song Practice (St. Nicholas Church)
Tuesday 10 th Dec	Whole School Panto
Wednesday 11 th Dec- times TBC	ELC Concerts (AM & PM)
Thursday 12 th Dec at 7.30pm	Sing-A-Song (St. Nicholas Church)
Friday 13 th Dec- PM	P4 & P5 Party
Monday 16 th Dec- PM	P3 Party
Tuesday 17 th Dec- PM	P2 Party
Tuesday 17 th Dec- AM	P5 Musical Performance
Tuesday 17 th Dec- 3-5pm	P7 Pizza Party
Wednesday 18 th Dec- times TBC	ELC Parties (AM & PM)
Thursday 19 th Dec- PM	P6 Party (moved due to election)
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Close at 2.30pm

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**.