



Lanark Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare



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ISSUE 2

In this newsletter, you will find some of the important dates and information for the next few months. More information on upcoming events and celebrating successes will also continue to appear in future newsletters.



Wellbeing Indicator of the Month- Safe

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 SAFE- which includes learning about how to stay safe online, road safety, stranger danger and keeping you safe from harm. At our recent school assembly we watched a cartoon about the dangers of sharing our personal information online. Parents/carers can find links on our website to help support this learning at home.

House Captains



We are delighted to announce our School Captains from this year's P7s. This is an extremely important role within the school and we are sure they will represent their houses well:

Braxfield (Red House)- Lexis Callaghan & Sophie McMorow

Jerviswood (Blue House)- Keira McCulloch & Murray Toner

Lockhart (Yellow House)- Sara Reilly & Eilidh Wallace

Kildare (Green House)- Islay Cathcart & Jack Gregg

Vice House Captains from our P6s will help support the House Captains and school over the coming session. The interview process was completed last week and I'm pleased to announce our Vice Captains are:

Braxfield (Red House)- Jack Campbell

Jerviswood (Blue House)- Jessica Moore

Lockhart (Yellow House)- Marley Singh

Kildare (Green House)- Sarah Rogers

As all children belong to one of these houses, we know that they will work hard to promote each house and gain points throughout the year. Please support your child by encouraging them to wear their House Badges and uniforms for instant points! Points are also given for good behaviour and at the end of each term there is a special treat for the winning house. Congratulations to our Captains and good luck to all!

Open Afternoon

On **Friday 14th September**, Lanark Primary School will 'open its doors' to parents and visitors in order to see the children at work in the school. This is an opportunity to see how we support attainment in Literacy throughout the school, and meet your child's teacher/keyworker.

Pupil Leadership Teams

This session we will be asking all pupils to again help lead the school by being part of one of our Pupil Leadership Teams. These will range from a Pupil Council to Eco Committee, Digital Team to Gardening, Playground development to Skills for Work. It will provide an opportunity for all our learners to make decisions that will help benefit and improve our school and community- making them active participants in how we continue to improve the school.

Our first meetings will be on 19th September and will involve all P1-7 pupils, most staff and volunteers. They will each wear a PLT badge and we ask that you encourage your child to wear it every day.



P7 Residential Trip to Manor Adventure



Our P7s are attending the residential trip to Lockerbie Manor. We hope they have a wonderful, fun-filled, extremely busy time. This week they will have the opportunity to try out a range of activities from fencing to abseiling to crate stacking. A special thank you go to Miss Elkin, Miss McMaster, Miss Rattray and Mrs Adamson for accompanying the children on this adventure! Please check out Twitter for up-to-date pictures of their experiences.

Parent Helpers

Many of our activities in school are supported by you the parents and we really appreciate your help! If you are interested in becoming a regular parent helper in the school or if you can give your time occasionally for school trips or whole school activities, please contact the school to discuss this- thank you!

Inspiring our Learners: P5-7



As part of our approach to developing skills for life, learning and work, we will be inviting Tree of Knowledge, a company providing fun, interactive experiences, to work with all our P5-7 pupils. Learners will experience teambuilding and enterprise skills, increase their awareness of their personal strengths and learn the importance of setting goals to work towards.

There will also be a one-hour workshop for parent/carers on **Tuesday 25th September** afterschool (times TBC and more information to follow).

Children's Achievements & Assemblies

Weekly assemblies take place each Monday morning. This provides an opportunity to share in the children's successes, birthdays, celebrate our 'stars of the week' and update our House Point system. It also allows for pupils throughout the school to lead parts of the assembly in order to share their learning and talents with others.

There will also be opportunities throughout the school year for children to showcase learning to parents. Please find the dates and times at the end of this newsletter.

Parent Council

Can we take this opportunity to draw your attention to the 'Lucky Numbers' club for which you will receive information about shortly. It is a great way to raise money for the school whilst giving you the chance to win a cash prize. Tear off slips and money should be handed into the school as soon as possible after issue.

The Parent Council will be raising funds by selling Christmas cards made individually by pupils so look out for more information on this!

The dates for our upcoming Parent Council meetings are included for your information. Please do try and come along if you can. All meetings are from 6.30-8pm in the school:

17 th September	29 th October	21 st January
4 th March	13 th May (AGM)	

Lanimer PTA

To build on the success of Lanimer 2018, where we won overall first prize in the large schools category, the committee are seeking the support of parents/carers/friends of LPS to help in the planning and design of next year's entry. A little time and enthusiasm is all that is required! Any additional skills such as woodwork, artistic creativity, dressmaking will be encouraged and will help guide the rest of the team in progressing in the most practical, economic and purposeful way to produce an outstanding entry for the children to enjoy.

If you would like to become involved at this stage, please do hesitate to contact:

Sharon Hamilton- 07901000696

Paula Hamilton- 07909631766

The first fundraiser will be the Hallowe'en Discos on Tuesday 30th October (more information to follow).

School Chaplain

This year we are happy to welcome back Louise Mackay as our Chaplain. Louise is currently leading the worship at St Nicholas Church and is planning to visit* classes and take part in some of our whole school assemblies. **Children may be withdrawn from religious observance/education at a parents/carers' request.*

End of day Arrangements

Can I politely request that all adults stand as far back from the gates as possible at our 3pm collection time. This will make it easier for you to see the children and for children to see you.

Please note that cars entering the car park should do so from the 'top gate' as we operate a one way system.

Flu Immunisation

This will take place on 9th November.
Please return envelopes as soon as possible.

Homework

As you may have noticed we have P3-7 Homework Diaries in use (P1-2 continue with their communication jotter). I hope you find the diary useful as it is full of key information about the school and learning. Please encourage your child(ren) to fill in their achievements over the coming session. Also, all staff are working hard to agree at each stage what Homework will consist of, and how it will be issued. Providing weekly homework will hopefully make it easier to complete at a time that suits your children best.



Assembly Dates

ELC	Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Celebration- <i>details to follow</i>
All P1s and P2s	Tuesday 4 th (1.30pm) and Wednesday 5 th (11am) December	Nativity- <i>details to follow</i>
All P3s	Friday 12 th October (9.45am)	Harvest
P4 (Room 5)	Friday 22 nd March (9.45am)	Native Americans
P5/4 (Room 6)	Friday 3 rd May (9.45am)	Our Environment
P5 (Room 7)	Friday 8 th March (9.45am)	The Rainforest
All P6s	Friday 15 th March (9.45am)	Anti-Bullying
All P7s	Thursday 20 th June (7pm)	The Oscars

Dates for the Diary

September 2018

P7s to Manor Adventure: Monday 3rd – Friday 7th

Maths Week Scotland: Monday 10th- Friday 14th

P6/7 Football Festival: Thursday 13th

See Your Child At Work Day: Friday 14th

Parent Council Meeting 2: Monday 17th – 6.30-8pm

September Weekend: Friday 21st -Monday 24th (school closed)

October 2018

P6/7 Football Festival: Thursday 4th

Parent Consultations: Tuesday 9th & Thursday 11th 4-7pm

October Holiday: Monday 15th- Friday 19th (school closed)

School Photographs: Thursday 25th

Parent Council Meeting 3: Monday 29th – 6.30-8pm

Lanimer PTA Halloween Disco: Tuesday 30th Times TBC