





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.

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:



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.

- Braxfield (Red House)- Thomas Turley
- Jerviswood (Blue House)- Lucy Barr
- Lockhart (Yellow House)- Leigha Nelson
- Kildare (Green House)- Lily Whitehead



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!

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)- Zara MacLean & Cora Beattie
- Jerviswood (Blue House)- Archie Hamilton & Mason Harvey
- Lockhart (Yellow House)- Joshua Wright & Cayla McGauley
- Kildare (Green House)- Kate Kilgallon & Eve Hamilton

Volunteering in School

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!

Flu Immunisation

This will take place on 12th December. Please return any outstanding envelopes as soon as possible.

'See Your Child At Work' Day- Friday 20th /Monday 23rd September

On **Friday 20th September**, Lanark Primary School will 'open its doors' to parents and visitors in order to see the children in their new classes and meet their teacher(s). We hope you can come along!

The session will run from **1.45pm- 2.45pm**. We will be asking **all P1 parents/carers to come in earlier (1pm)** for a curricular workshop- information to follow. There will be an additional session for our '**Start of Week**' ELC children from **2pm on Monday 23rd September**.

Pupil Leaderships 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 School Improvement Team 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 **11th September** and will involve all P1-7 pupils, some ELC learners, most staff and volunteers. Feedback from last year suggested that parents/carers did not always know what each of the teams did, so this year we will be sharing information about our PLTs throughout the session.



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.

These experiences will build on P5-7 input from last year, encouraging a 'growth mindset' and 'can-do' attitude.

P7 Residential Trip to Manor Adventure



Our P7s attended the residential trip to Lockerbie Manor last week. We hope they all had a wonderful, fun-filled, extremely busy time. All our P7s had the opportunity to try out a range of activities from fencing to abseiling to crate stacking. A special thank you go to Miss McMaster, Mrs Dunlop, Miss Oswald and Mr MacDonald for accompanying the children on this adventure! All were very complimentary of the children's behaviour, manners, kindness towards each other and teamworking skills- great job, everyone!

Parent Council

Can we take this opportunity to draw your attention to the 'Lucky Numbers' club for which you have already received information about. 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 specially designed tea-towels this year 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 6.15-8pm in the school:

7 th October	28 th October	25 st November
27 th January	2 nd March	11 th May (AGM)

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.

Lanimer PTA

To build on the success of Lanimer 2019, where we won overall first prize in the large schools category and the Vancouver Shield, 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 Wednesday 30th October (more information to follow).

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.

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.*

Car Park & 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.

Now that we are operating 'full day' sessions in the ELC, parents/carers are politely reminded that the car park spaces are for staff and ELC parents/carers dropping off and picking up. The car park will inevitably be congested around 8.45am and 2.45pm so please park outwith the school car park if you can.

Book Club

Book Club is now up and running again. Children are encouraged to save 50p per week, collecting their chosen book when they have saved up £1.50. This not only encourages a 'save first' attitude to buying but encourages a love of reading. Please encourage your child to take part!

Aldi Kit for Schools Campaign

We will be taking part in the Aldi Kit for School Campaign this year to try and win sports kit and equipment for the school and ELC. Remember to pick up a Team GB sticker whenever you spend £30 in any Aldi store. Stickers can be sent into school with your child and added to our poster. We can fill in more than one poster so please encourage family and friends to pick up stickers too!

Lanark Burgess Night

Our school choir has been asked to take part in Lanark's Annual Burgess Night at The Memorial Hall on Tuesday 17th September. More details will follow shortly but we are looking forward to our choir's first performance of the session.

Assembly Dates

ELC	Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Celebration- details to follow
All P1s and P2s	Tuesday 3 rd (1.30pm) and Wednesday 4 th (11am) December	Nativity- details to follow
P3 (Room 4)	Friday 4 th October (9.45am)	Harvest
P4 (Room 5)	Friday 3 rd April (9.45am)	Easter
P5/4 (Room 6)	Friday 20 th March (9.45am)	Taking care of our World
P5 (Room 7)	Friday 15 th November (9.45am)	The Egyptians
P6/5 (Room 8)	Friday 11 th October (9.45am)	The Titanic
P7/6 (Room 9)	Friday 27 th March	E-mag Launch
All P7s	Thursday in June (7pm) TBC	The Oscars

Dates for the Diary September 2019

PLT Meeting 1: Wednesday 11th

P6/7 Football Festival: Thursday 12th

Lanark Burgess Night: Tuesday 17th

See Your Child At Work Day: Friday 20th / Mon 23rd

All P6s to visit local Construction Site: Friday 20th

P6/5 to Forth Road Bridge: Monday 23rd

September Weekend: Friday 27th -Monday 30th (school closed)

October 2018

P6/7 Football Festival: Thursday 3rd

P7s to Powering Up Workshops: Wed 2nd or Thurs 3rd

Parent Consultations: Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th 4-7.30pm

October Holiday: Monday 14th- Friday 18th (school closed)

Parent Council Meeting 3: Monday 28th – 6.15-8pm

School Photographs: Wednesday 30th

Lanimer PTA Halloween Disco: Wednesday 30th

Reminders

- Please label **ALL** items of clothing. As you can imagine the lost property box can be overflowing with jumpers, jackets, cardigans etc. after only a few weeks. Remember to check labels every so often as names often fade through washing.
- 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.