

# LASSWADE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Living it, learning it, loving it ..... Lasswade

5 December 2012

## TOILET REFRESHER

A huge thank you to Leigh Miller and her team of helpers from Standard Life/Lloyds TSB, who gave up their time recently to paint the toilets in Moorfoots wing. Leigh has also obtained funding to purchase transfers to further brighten up the toilets. Thanks to everyone for such a great job - the children are all delighted.

We also had council painters in our Lammermuirs toilets and have managed to get transfers for their toilets too!

## CHRISTMAS UPDATE REMINDER

**Theatre** - We are looking forward to our Christmas theatre visits on 7/14 December. All children will be given a fun size snack at the theatre and a small drink can be taken - no fizzy juice, glass bottles or cans. On the return to school on those Fridays all children will be dismissed from their classes - not from the buses - to ensure everyone is accounted for.

## CHURCH VISIT

Weather permitting we will have our Christmas service in Bonnyrigg Parish Church at 10.00am on Wednesday 19 December. We will be walking up to Church and would appreciate any parents without younger children, who can help us. Please see class teachers if you are able to help. We will return to school by lunchtime. Parents are very welcome to join us at Church. A collection will be made for the Children's Hospice.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Staff have made up two hamper boxes for Christmas. These will be raffled for Children 1st at the end of term. Tickets will be on sale this week at 20p each or £1 per strip. Tickets will be on sale daily. We appreciate your support in helping others at Christmas.



## UPDATE!

Lyceum drama workshops for P3 on 6 December.

P1 nativity for school and invited guests on 13 December.

P1 nativity for parents on 14 December  
P3-7 Theatre visit 14 December

Whole school to Church on 19 December  
Christmas Carols outdoors - join us in the playground at 3pm - 18/19 December - more information to follow!

Christmas sing-a-long 21 December

School closes for the holidays at 12 pm on 21 December.

School resumes on Monday 7 January at the normal time.



*We would like to thank all parents and carers for their support this session. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to responsible citizen David Keggie P3Y. David took part in the Royal Blind Glow in the Park walk at Fettes. He dressed up as Harry Potter and his friend was a Ninja. The boys raised £117 through sponsorship for the Royal Blind. They did the largest magic trick at the event, which everyone had to take part in and it is now included in the Guinness book of records!

Well done to successful learner Abdullah Ilyas P2X. Abdullah is learning to swim, can go underwater and fetch a hoop now.

Well done to Lewis Hamilton P2Y. Lewis is a successful learner. He is learning to swim and can now swim a full length of the pool. Lewis is also an effective contributor in his judo. He has gained his 3<sup>rd</sup> 'Kai' with a mark of 49/50!

Well done to effective contributor Tom Scotland in P3Y. Tom has recently achieved his 3<sup>rd</sup> 'Kai' in judo.

Well done to responsible citizen, Kyle Muirhead, P5X, who has been promoted to a Seconder at his Cubs.

Well done to successful learner Anna McCafferty P7X. Anna was awarded a trophy for her grade 4 ballet work.

Well done to effective contributor Molly Short P7X. Molly took part in her first gymnastic competition and came 12<sup>th</sup> out of 100 girls!

Well done to all our confident skiers who took part in the Boyd Anderson ski race on Monday. They all did very well - well done to Kayleigh Cameron P6Y, Eilidh Maguire P6X, Arran Tulloch and Max Kerr P7Y, Charlotte Bowe and Gerri Stanley P7X.

## CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to all the children who took part in the fantastic concert at the Usher hall in late November. This was a tremendous achievement and the performances were outstanding. We had the most primary pupils present - and we were very proud of all our performers!

Well done to Caitlin Denton, Nicole Ellis, Emily Hutchison P7 and Cerys Young P6 who play in the Concert Band. Well done to Abbie Kemp, Jade Milliken, Lucy Jack, Mya Kidd, Emily Hutchison, Caitlyn Purves, Alexia Murdoch, Abi Scotland P7 and Abbie Watt P6, who play in the training Orchestra



Well done to our Choir who gave a fantastic performance at the Christmas Lights on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who came along.



# P5 NEWS UPDATE

P5 have had a very busy term so far with lots of exciting learning - read on to see what we have been doing!

## **Eco Day**

Everyone made an excellent effort to bring a packed lunch full of tasty local food as part of our 'eco one world picnic'. P5 were focussing on where our food comes from and the benefits of buying local produce. This included tasting some traditional Scottish food; fruit such as berries and apples, and shortbread so we could see for ourselves why local food is better!



## **Global Children's Challenge**

Both classes have taken part in the 'Global Children's Challenge' which involved everyone in the classes wearing a pedometer and aiming to walk over 15000 steps a day. We made an excellent job and even managed to have walked enough steps to both be in the top 10 classes in the WORLD! (There are nearly 4000 classes taking part!)

On our travels around the world we have visited very many places. We have studied Australia, China and USA in particular. We appreciate the children's efforts in the Global Children's Challenge. We hope that being more active for 50 days will be a lifelong habit which will continue long after the challenge has finished.

## **Religious and Moral Education**

In RME, both classes have been studying Festivals of Light, starting with the Hindu Festival of Diwali, where they will be making clay Diva lamps and Rangoli Patterns.

**Well done P5 for an excellent St Andrews Day assembly too – what a busy term!**

## **Lots about Learning Parent and Pupil workshops**

Mrs Stewart held a workshop session for parents recently. This came about as part of our work on becoming a Dyslexia Friendly School. We wanted to open this up a bit and asked the parents who came along what they would like to discuss at future meetings and how we could improve the information we share with you.

The following are topics which may be of interest. We would appreciate if you could highlight those that you would like further information or a session on. We will then see what we can do!

**ICT resources and games**

**Developing confident spellers**

**Developing independence**

**Measuring progress - how?**

**What is a Dyslexia Friendly School?**

**Top tips for Parents**

**What is a Learning Community?**

**Supporting children to learn**

**Transfer of information**

**Curriculum for Excellence performance    A Family Learning week**

**Maths and numeracy achievement**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

**Mrs Stewart also held a workshop session for the children. Around 35 children gave up part of their lunchtime to come along!**

**The children at Lasswade are very reflective and are keen to improve their learning opportunities!**

**They would like further sessions on becoming a Dyslexia Friendly School - what this means and how we can support each other to achieve this.**

**We will have further discussions with the children to develop their ideas.**

**NEXT MEETING FOR PARENTS AND PUPILS IS 23 JANUARY 2013**