

LASSWADE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Living it, learning it, loving it Lasswade

25 November 2013

CHRISTMAS UPDATE REMINDER

Theatre - We are looking forward to our Christmas theatre visits on 11/13 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 Friday 13 December 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 10.00 am on Wednesday 18 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.

CHOIR EVENTS

The choir has a busy series of visits throughout December and we always appreciate parental support either to walk with us to the event or/and sing with us!

Saturday 30 November - Christmas Lights Switch on, please note the earlier time of 2pm to meet.

Wednesday 3 December - Pittendreich

Thursday 5 December - Pitcairn Centre

Monday 16 December - Community Hospital Garden

Tuesday 17 December - Springfield Bank



PARENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISERS

This session the Parent Council are trying out a variety of new fundraising events. They have signed up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk to allow us to receive money every time staff and parents shop on line via this website. Look out for the information leaflet overleaf and help us raise funds for our school.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

This session the Parent Council have books of raffle tickets for sale with a first prize of an I-pad mini and many other prizes. Tickets cost £1 each or a book costs £5. If you do not wish to purchase these please return to school ASAP to allow these to be given out to anyone who wishes to buy them. The draw will be on the 16 December at our final Citizenship Gathering for the term - just in time for Christmas!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This session we are joining Mr Mitchell with our dressing up and taking part in the wear a Christmas Jumper day on Friday 13 December - or 12 December for P1/P2 and morning nursery. As usual the last day of term 20 December is a dress down day too!

COMMUNICATION

We are always keen to keep you informed about all the learning that takes place at Lasswade Primary. You can follow us on twitter - this gives daily updates and is very easy to use - follow us @lasswadeps We are really keen to get as many followers as we can - we currently have 333 - but would love to get to 500! Tell your friends and family all about it!

On a Friday we have a blog called our Friday Flier which gives a review of the week and plans for the week ahead. Follow us on blogger.mgfl.net/fridayflier

Again on a very regular basis our website is updated and this gives more detail on some of the up and coming events or events that have happened in school. This is an excellent source of information as it also has our School Improvement plan, Standards and Quality Report and School Handbook. All letters are available on the website and there are also links to many other areas of interest including our Friday Flier and our Twitter account. Our web address is lasswade.mgfl.net

Our monthly newsletter shares class and school news and is emailed to many families and sent home in paper format to everyone else.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to responsible citizen Faith McKenna P2/1. Faith made jewellery and raised £25 for Children in Need.

Well done to effective contributor Eilidh Armstrong P3X who recently won medals in breast stroke, back and front crawl and backstroke.

Well done to effective contributor Hannah Teasdale in P4X. Hannah had a speaking part in the Newtongrange Players pantomime which had two evening shows recently. £2000 was raised for charity.

Well done to successful learner James Moffat P4Y. James successfully passed another karate grading to get his blue belt. He also took part in a competition where he was awarded a silver medal.

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. Well done to Cerys Young, Sophie McCafferty, Abbie Watt, Rosie Storie, Eilidh Maguire, Alik Kavoussanaki, Izzy Drysdale, Ellie Brown, Anna Brotherstone P7, Nathanael Rogers, Camilla Hanley, Jessica Hanley and Eilidh Babbs.



Well done to Grace Murdock and Carrie Barrett who sang with the Midlothian Choir and gave a fantastic performance.

Well done to successful learner Jack Brown P4Y. Jack recently achieved Level 5 at skiing.

Well done to responsible citizen Amy MacBeath P4Y. Amy was a Cash for Kids winner for the fantastic sum of money she raised for the Sick Children's Hospital and RDA. Amy also helped Chris Hoy switch on the Edinburgh Christmas lights on Sunday!

Well done to members of the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy who performed at the Christmas lights switch on. Congratulations to Abbie Watt P7X, Niamh Cruikshank and Zara Jane Green P5Y.

Well done to responsible citizen Connor McGrath P5Y who cycled 47 miles in memory of Jude Hunter. Connor also raised over £800 for a charity called Brightest Star.

Congratulations to Ellie Brown P7Y for getting a silver in the 50m butterfly final at a recent swimming gala and picking up 3 Personal Bests at the same swimming meet. Well done also to Ellie for recently achieving her Level 7 skiing certificate.

Well done to effective contributor Izzy Drysdale P7X who recently won a gold medal in the 50m breaststroke at a recent swimming gala.

Nursery News Update

Another busy week in the nursery! Ms McHale took groups of children to the traffic lights to look at the pedestrian crossing. We talked about remembering to be safe near traffic and to always, always cross the road with an adult.

Our new water and sand tray arrived late last week and we have LOVED playing in it. There are lots of funnels and tubes to explore with coloured water and everyone was very excited to have the sand back too!

Mia and Calum brought their 'can do' hands back to nursery and enjoyed having their achievements read out to all of their friends. Rocky and Rory, our Eco bears, went off for the weekend with Finn and Blair - I'm sure they would have a fun weekend doing lots of Eco jobs!

We will be exploring the story 'The Gruffalo's Wean' story this week and making a big picture for the school hall!



Primary 3Y News Update

Last week in Primary three the children have welcomed back Mrs Welsh as their class teacher, everyone is working really hard and Mrs Welsh is very pleased!. It's been a busy time as the new block of masterclasses has got underway. The pupils have been enthusiastic about their choice of activity. They have been involved in cooking and tasting, a nail parlour, a Harry Potter Session and arts and crafts - only to name a few. In art, the children have been learning how to make clay models and they have been carefully creating owls. They've been adding texture by adding a feather pattern. They will look lovely when they have been painted.