



LASSWADE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Living it, Learning it, Loving it Lasswade
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We have had a very busy month of September with lots of learning happening at Lasswade Primary School. During our Learning Establishment Phase there has been a focus in every class about our learning environment and what makes a good learner. At Citizenship Gathering we have been launching our focus for the week, this has included: the brain, mindsets, making mistakes and the learning pit so far. A booklet will be sent home which explains more about this exciting work which we are currently undertaking.

This session we are also going to be focusing on achieving our Rights Respecting School: Level 2 Award and working with our colleagues across the ASG (Associate School Group) on developing the significant aspects of learning in Numeracy, with a focus on progression and introducing French to our learners. Our School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality Report will be available shortly on our website. My team and I look forward to working with you, our learners and the wider school community to improve the outcomes for all of our learners.

I would like to welcome Mrs Katie Watters to our Lasswade family. Mrs Watters will be teaching P7Y after the October holidays. She currently works at Granton Primary in Edinburgh. I would like to thank Ms Morrow and Mrs Gardner for all of their hard work and enthusiasm in creating a stimulating learning environment for P7.

I hope you all have a lovely October holiday when it arrives...

Best wishes, Louise Donaldson, Acting Head Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Well done to Confident Individual Cian in P4Y who completed the 'Wee Jaunt Edinburgh.' He cycled 9 miles with his dad in 50 minutes.

Ex pupil Jack Owens unveiled the plaque at the Opening Ceremony of the Borders Railway line at Newtongrange. We are all very proud of you!

Well done to Hope in P1Y who has learned to brush her own hair and can now put her hair into bunches. What a Confident Individual.

Huge congratulations to Rebecca in P3X and Milly in P4Y who have gained a Blue Peter badge. Well done!

MEET THE TEACHER



Many thanks to everyone who attended this very successful event. The feedback from the many parents I have spoken to about it has been very positive. Parents appreciated finding out more about the year ahead for their child and learning about our Visible Learning journey. We hope you all managed to stop and look at our Rights Respecting School Displays in the hall. This shows all the fantastic learning which has been taking place at our school on rights and the global community. We are busy applying for our Second Level Award so we will keep you up-to-date when we have further information.

Our teachers enjoyed meeting parents from their classes too, and having the opportunity to share their plans for the year with you. There will be an opportunity for 1-1 consultations at our Parent Meetings on 3rd and 5th November. Letters will be issued shortly.

SICKNESS



At this time of year, children are off with sickness bugs which can spread easily if we do not take a proactive approach to containing the germs. We do what we can in school by encouraging children to wash their hands at appropriate times, and by sending sick children home as soon as they are unwell.

I would urge you not to send your child to school if they have sickness or diarrhoea or if they are showing symptoms of these. They should not come to school for 48 hours afterwards so it is completely out of their system. This way we can avoid it spreading. We appreciate your support with this important issue.

ASSEMBLIES



This year again, every class or year group will do their own class assembly, during which they will share with you their learning. We would like to invite parents and carers of the children performing to attend these assemblies on Friday mornings at 9:30 am. Further information is available on our website.

On Friday 2nd October it will be the turn of our P2 classes to do our first class assembly. The children will be sharing their learning about Harvest. All children are invited to bring in a donation which will now go to the local Food Bank.

To find out when your child's class is presenting their assembly, please visit our website.

COATS AND LABELLING OF CLOTHES



As autumn has arrived could you please make sure your child comes to school with a waterproof jacket or coat. They will be outside playing during most break and lunch times. Please make sure all clothes are clearly labelled and if your child comes home with clothing that doesn't belong to him/her then please return it to school the next day.

WILDLIFE GARDEN



Thank you to our families who joined Lynn Hill and Openspace Landscapes over the holiday weekend to help with planting and creating bug hotels and wildlife habitats. Our Wildlife Garden is really taking shape and we are looking forward to exploring it further with our children. A big thank you to the Parent Council who have funded this exciting and stimulating learning environment.

ANNUAL DATA CHECKS



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have returned their annual data check with updated contact information, or confirming that the information we have is correct.

If you haven't already done so, please return your form so that we can up-date your details.

SCOTTISH LEARNING FESTIVAL



Congratulations to Miss Alison Adams and Miss Lynsey Binnie who successfully delivered their workshop on Learning Superheroes at the Scottish Learning Festival last week. This was a great opportunity for them to showcase the fantastic work we have been doing at Lasswade Primary School regarding John Hattie's work on Visible Learning and Guy Claxton's Learning Powers. Well done ladies!

PARENT COUNCIL



Our Parent Council will hold its' AGM this evening (28th September) in the school hall at 6:30pm. Please come along to find out about all the different ways in which our Parent Council helps to support the school and how it raises lots of money to help us buy equipment and resources which benefits all of our learners. Our P1 and P2s will also be entertaining us with their singing. We hope to see you there.

Our Parent Council are also having a Coffee Afternoon on 2nd October from 12.15-1.15pm in the small hall. It would be lovely to see you all there.



PUPIL FORUM

Our Pupil Forum has now been selected. The children will help to lead initiatives and improvements across our school.

The new Pupil Forum is:

- P1 Evie and Liam
- P2 Tal and Finn
- P3 Anna and Leah
- P4 Orla and Evie
- P5 Connie and Cameron
- P6 Declan and Amy
- P7 Paul and Jamie-Lee



ECO REPS

Our new class Eco Reps have been selected, following their submission of green ideas for our school. They will help us to focus on maintaining our Green flag status.

Our Eco Reps are:

- P1 Evie and Ellie
- P2 Lewis and Hannah
- P3 Anna and Brodie
- P4 Milly and Evie
- P5 Aine and Millie
- P6 Matthew and Lewis
- P7 Rosie and Connor



JRSOs

This stands for Junior Road Safety Officers and we have 3 newly elected ones from P7. They will help us to make sure everyone takes a safe route to school, cycles safely and will support with our Parksmart Campaigns, ensuring that our parents and carers use all of the correct designated places for picking up and dropping off.

Our JRSOs are:

Euan, Grace and Jessica



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Our House Captains play an important role throughout the school session. Every Friday morning they have the very important job of collecting, counting and recording all of the house points gained by our children throughout the week. They then announce the points collected at assembly. Our House Captains are:

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| Megan and Sam | Borthwick |
| Fatima and Jamie | Crichton |
| Natalie and Ellie | Dalhousie |
| Elena and Elle | Melville |

RRS STEERING GROUP



Our Rights Respecting School Steering Group has a very important role to play every session, but especially this session. This group of children will be leading our school towards gaining our Level 2 award. They will be working closely with Mrs Stevenson to ensure everyone knows about their rights.

They are:

P1 Cameron and Nieve P2 Sam and Harry

P3 Heather and Cara P4 Craig G and Lucy R

P5 Poppy, Charlotte and Emma L

P6 Sophie L, Thomas, Bethany and Molly

P7 Laiba and Jamie

LEARNING COUNCIL

This year our P5 pupils will have the opportunity to become a member of a Learning Council with other P5s from across our Associated Schools Group (ASG). We will tell you who our P5 Learning Council is once we know when our first meeting is.

Our P6 pupils who represented our school last year in our P5 Learning Council will continue to have the opportunity to develop their learning and understanding about Visible Learning with other pupils from our ASG.

They are:

Lewis, Hannah, Matthew and Nathan

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



We are always keen to share and celebrate our children's achievements outside of school. We do this on a daily basis through our Twitter feed and also at our Citizenship Gatherings. If your child has celebrated an achievement, no matter how big or small, then please e-mail the school at Lasswade_ps@midlothian.gov.uk or complete the slip below and hand it in to your child's teacher. We look forward to hearing about all of their successes.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Child's Name:

Class:

Details of achievement:

NURSERY NEWS

We have had a very busy month of September. We welcomed lots of new boys and girls and their families to our Nursery. All of our children have settled in really well and they are beginning to learn the Nursery routine. Our pre-school children have been supporting our younger children, helping them to find their way around our Nursery and discovering all of the exciting opportunities that are on offer.

We all enjoyed taking part in our One Planet Picnic and Rocky and Rory our Eco Bears joined us too. They will be coming home shortly for an overnight stay. We used the apples and plums from our orchard to make buns. They were delicious! The children have been discussing Harvest and we are collecting fruit, vegetables and flowers from their gardens/farms. We have already received some wheat which we will be using to bake bread, just like The Little Red Hen. Our afternoon children have been enjoying Music sessions with Mrs Sherreff and our morning children will have this opportunity after the October holiday.

As you may have noticed our climbing frame outside has been removed, but we have had some great ideas about how to develop our outdoor area from the children. We are currently using the outdoor space in a very creative way including having a caravan and car! We have also been busy weeding, getting our garden ready to plant some bulbs.

MEET THE TEAM

A big thank you to all of the parents/carers who came along to our Meet the Team event on 14th September. It was lovely to see so many of you there and we all really enjoyed chatting to you and getting to you know you a little more. We hope that you found the evening to be informative and that we gave you an overview of what your child does, the routines and activities which are on offer in our Nursery.

LEARNING BOOKS

This year we are introducing a Learning Book for each child in the Nursery. This will be sent home on a weekly basis so that you and your child can share what has been happening in Nursery. It also provides an opportunity for you to tell us what your child has been enjoying outside of Nursery. Please add a photo or a small piece of writing as we can then carry on the conversation in Nursery. Don't worry we do not expect you to write something every weekend! The Learning Book will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned on a Monday. Many thanks!

NURSERY NOTICEBOARD

You may have already noticed but we are currently up-dating our Nursery Noticeboard. On this noticeboard you will find a weekly plan so that you know what your child is experiencing at Nursery. There are also photos of the Nursery Team and little bit of information about us all! Important messages, photographs showing the different learning opportunities and our snack menu will also be displayed here. The next time you go pass please stop and have a look.

SUGGESTION BOX AND MONEY BOX

The Nursery team are always looking for feedback from parents, carers and children. There is a red suggestion box just as you come into our Nursery. Please feel free to add any suggestions. This session we also have a money box which is attached to the wall next to the smartboard/door in our Nursery. Please put any monies or letters into this box, in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name. Many thanks.

DALKEITH COUNTRY PARK

Once again this session we are having a visit to Dalkeith Country Park. More information will be coming out shortly but we wanted to let you know the date so you can put it in your diary. Please keep 27th October free so that you can accompany your child to Dalkeith Country Park for a fun session and to also meet other parents from our Nursery.

CAKE SALE

We will be holding our popular cake sale on TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER from 10.15-11.15am and 2.15-3.15pm. We hope that you can join us on the day for a cuppa and cake. We would also appreciate any donations and we will be looking for volunteers to help us on the day. A separate letter with more information will be issued shortly.