



# LASSWADE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Living it, Learning it, Loving it ..... Lasswade  
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We have had yet another busy month at Lasswade Primary School and are looking forward to celebrating the Christmas season over the next few weeks.

During November all of our classes have been developing their knowledge and understanding of our Learning Superheroes. Each week at Citizenship Gathering we have been introducing a different character, their story, learning power and learning a song about each one. During class time the children have been developing their understanding further and reflecting on their learning. You will have the opportunity to learn more about our Visible Learning journey at our showcase on 25.01.16, so please save the date. A separate letter will be issued shortly. Remember you can also follow us on Twitter to find out more.

Thank you to all of our parents who completed a Visible Learning questionnaire during our Parent Consultations. We were overwhelmed by the number of responses and we look forward to sharing the results with you and our plans for our next steps.

Each stage within school has been busy 'blinging' our Learning Superheroes for the festive season. Our large hall is looking absolutely fabulous!

We also very much enjoyed a visit from Jonathan Meres, our reading patron. Our children asked him very inquisitive questions ranging from 'How long does it take you to write a book?' to 'What obstacles do you face when you are writing and how do you overcome them?' Jonathan kept us all entertained and we are looking forward to seeing him at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Mrs Stevenson and I interviewed recently for a permanent class teacher for P4X. Miss Emma Kiely was the successful candidate and I would like to welcome her to our Lasswade family. Miss Kiely is hoping to join us in January. We would like to thank Mrs Paul for all of her contributions to Lasswade Primary School and we wish you every success at Lawfield Primary School.

On behalf of everyone at Lasswade Primary School I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2016. We look forward to welcoming all of our children back to nursery and school on 06.01.16.

Louise Donaldson,

Acting Head Teacher

## CHRISTMAS FAIR



Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 10-12 noon at Lasswade High School Centre. Tickets are still available and can also be purchased on the day. Our children have been busy making crafts to sell on the day and we would really appreciate any donations for our cake and candy stall and tombola. We hope you can come along to support this worthy cause.

## BOOK FAIR



Thanks to everyone who attended our Book Fair and purchased books. We made a fantastic £1387.05 allowing us £688.35 of commission in books. These books allow us to refresh our library and novel study sets and we appreciate your support with this. The Pupil Forum will be helping us to choose new books for the library.

Thanks also to everyone who participated in our Book Fair competition and used the learning super power of 'Imogen Imagination' to create wonderful entries about their family's favourite books from their childhood. The winners of the competition were:

P1X Karys M   P1Y Evie C   P2X Sam   P2Y Cecily   P3X Carly   P3Y Beth   P4X Evie  
P4Y Cian   P5X Erin   P5Y Charlotte   P6X Niamh M   P6Y Amy   P7X Laiba   P7Y Isla

Family Award: Henno and Lucy

Each of our children chose a book from the fair as their prize - well done everyone!

## FESTIVAL OF MUSIC



Well done to Rosie in P7 who represented our school at the Festival of Music at the Usher Hall. This was a wonderful occasion which showcased all of the musical talent within Midlothian.

## DOGS

Just a little reminder that dogs are not permitted in our playground - many thanks.

## HEAD LICE

There have been a few cases of head lice reported to us by parents. We do not send letters home when this happens, but we would ask parents to be vigilant and check their child's hair regularly. There is further advice on our school website and also on [www.chc.org/bugbusting](http://www.chc.org/bugbusting).

## NUT AWARE SCHOOL



As you know we have several children in our school who have nut allergies. We would ask you to be vigilant about the products which you are sending to school for your child's snack and lunch, including coconut. Thank you for your continued support.

## P5 LEARNING COUNCIL



Our P5 Learning Council representatives are:

Connor, Emma, Lewis and Corran

They recently visited Loanhead Primary School where they met other P5 pupils from our ASG (Associated School Group). The pupils participated in a number of 'getting to know you' activities and formed a 'Home' Team. In January the pupils will meet again to discuss Numeracy.

## P6 LEARNING COUNCIL



Our P6 Learning Council, Hannah, Nathan, Matthew and Lewis, visited Rosewell Primary School along with their peers from our ASG (Associated School Group). The children shared their learning about Visible Learning so far and answered the question 'What makes a good learner?' They then decided on 10 key learning words to share in their schools. You can follow the ASG's learning journey on Twitter:

@LasswadeLC

## ECO CARDS



Our Eco Committee would like to encourage everyone to be eco-friendly at Christmas and are encouraging all pupils to send one card to the whole class this year. They would really appreciate your support with this.

The Eco Committee would like you to save all of your Christmas cards when you take them down and bring them to school in January.

## CHOIR



Our choir have been busy in the local community over the last week or so. They entertained the crowds at the Christmas Light Switch on in Bonnyrigg last Saturday and are performing at our Christmas Fair. They will continue to entertain at a number of forthcoming events including the Community Hospital and at our Church Service. If you can help us to walk our children to/from the different events then please get in touch with the school office.

## P6 NEWS



Primary 6 have had a busy term so far! They have recently returned from a very enjoyable (and slightly rainy!) 3 days at Robinwood Camp. Throughout their trip to Robinwood, the children were excellent ambassadors for Lasswade Primary, demonstrating great team work skills and perseverance throughout. It was a great opportunity for the children to use their Learning Powers and Growth Mindsets in a different context.



On their return from Robinwood, the children shared their experiences and challenges from Camp with parents and the whole school in their Robinwood Camp Assembly. They did a fantastic job of sharing their learning through drama, songs and telling stories about memories and highlights from the trip. Well done everyone!



As we approach the Christmas holidays, we continue to develop our work in class on using our Learning Superheroes to support us in our learning. This week we are using 'Mike the Mistake Maker' to build on previous work done in Term 1 which helps us to know that mistakes are good if we learn from them. We continue to enjoy our 'Space' focus and look forward to beginning our Novel Study 'Holes' in January. We hope that everyone has a lovely holiday when it comes and look forward to more exciting learning in the New Year.

## **NURSERY NEWS**

### **CAKE SALE**

Thanks to all of our families who came along and supported our Cake Sale on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. It was lovely seeing so many of you there and we raised the fantastic sum of £256.19. This money will be used to develop our outdoor area further so thank you very much. We were very proud of all of our children who entertained us all with their singing and songs about Autumn.

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Thank you to all of our parents who attended our Parent Consultation meetings last month. We hope you found this to be a valuable experience and we enjoyed learning more about your child. Your child's learning folio is available for you at any time so please just ask your child's Key Worker if you would like to take it home and to share it with the family.

### **OUTDOOR CLOTHING**

As the weather starts to become colder and wetter, we would really appreciate it if your child could wear appropriate clothing and bring some wellies (please make sure their name is on everything as this really helps us). We would also encourage that everyone brings a change of clothing which can stay in Nursery. We use our outdoor play area in all weathers so it is really important that your child wears old clothes as they may get muddy.

### **SCOTTISH BOOK WEEK**

During Scottish Book Week we took part in lots of different activities linked to books and reading. We all enjoyed dressing up as pirates and playing lots of pirate games and singing lots of pirate songs. We hope our ante-pre children are enjoying their Bookbug Bags provided by the Scottish Book Trust.

### **CHRISTMAS PANTO VISIT**

We all enjoyed the recent performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children were treated to a fantastic and entertaining show. They were all very keen to share what they had enjoyed.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

We would like to invite all parents to come along to our Christmas parties on 11.12.15 at 2.45pm for our afternoon children and on 16.12.15 at 11am for our morning children. We are hoping that a special visitor may be able to pop in to our parties if he isn't too busy.

### **NURSERY CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG**

The Nursery children will be entertaining their families and friends on THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 10.30am for our morning children and at 2.30pm for our afternoon children. We hope you can join us for this special event.

### **LAST DAY OF TERM**

The morning Nursery children should be collected as usual between 11:30 and 11:40am. Please note there will be no afternoon Nursery session on FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. Our children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper, hat or something sparkly on the last day of term.

## 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](mailto: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.

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### CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Child's Name:

Class:

Details of achievement:

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...



- Caleb in P1 who became a big brother on 03.11.15 - we are all delighted for you.
- All of our P3 pupils who shared their learning about Diwali at their Assembly. Everyone is a Successful Learner and a Confident Individual.
- Our P6 pupils who demonstrated that they are all Confident Individuals and Effective Contributors at their Assembly and during their time at camp.
- Our P6 and P7 pupils who participated in Midlothian's Hockey Festival. We were one of the top four teams in the event and we will now participate in the final of the Midlothian Festival in March. You are all Effective Contributors.
- Blair in P2X who successfully completed a 5 day Junior Ski School at Ski Surfer level. He can ski from the top of Hillend Ski Slope to the bottom, and is now ready to tackle Level 3. Well done Blair!
- Connie in P5 who has been busy organising and carrying out fundraising events for the Breast Cancer ward at the Western General Hospital. Connie has raised £300. Well done Connie, you are a very Responsible Citizen.
- Erin in P5 who has been promoted to yellow belt in Taekwondo and to her brother Duncan in P3 who has been promoted to orange stripe in Taekwondo. Well done to you both.
- Emily in P5 who has helped out at the local shoebox appeal - helping those less fortunate than us this Christmas. You are a Responsible Citizen.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...



- The Lasswade swimming team who recently competed in a competition: Eilidh in P5 swam two massive personal bests in 50m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly, Sophie in P6 swam a great 50m Backstroke, Muir in P7 swam a massive personal best in 50m Freestyle and a great 50m Butterfly and Iona in P7 swam two huge personal bests in 50m Fly and 50m Backstroke and gained two medals. Well done to all of the team.
- Our P3 and P4 boys Thomas, Brodie, Craig, Cian, Sam and Liam who were involved in an amazing experience at Tynecastle Stadium. Their Bonnyrigg Rose team received 90 minutes of training by the Hearts coaching staff and then before kick-off they waved flags in the centre circle welcoming the players onto the pitch. At half time they entertained the 16000 crowd by playing 7v7 matches, followed by a lap of honour. A very special day indeed.
- Our P7 pupils who acted as tour guides at our recent P1 Registration Day. Our P7s gave comprehensive tours and spoke with confidence about our school. Lots of our new P1 families complimented our pupils on their lovely manners and informative tour.
- Evie B in P4 who shared her Gymnastics successes and spoke confidently about her tapathon at our recent Citizenship Gathering. Well done Evie.
- Aoife in P1 and to Aine in P5 for sharing their trampolining success at a recent Citizenship Gathering. What Effective Contributors.
- Our P4, P5 and P6 boys Gregor, Lewis B, Reece, Tom, Ben, Arran, Blair and Curtis who took part in a rugby guard of honour at Murrayfield last Friday. What a fantastic experience.
- Elkie in P3 who starred in her Brownie Panto Cinderella. Elkie was a pumpkin and a guest at the ball. Well done Elkie for being an Effective Contributor.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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| 05.12.15 | Christmas Fair at LHSC, 10am-12 noon   |
| 07.12.15 | Choir singing at the Community Hospital at 2.00pm  |
| 08.12.15 | P6 party in the afternoon  |
| 09.12.15 | P5 party in the afternoon  |
| 10.12.15 | Christmas Lunch - Our children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper, hat or something sparkly.             |
| 10.12.15 | P4 party in the afternoon  |
| 10.12.15 | P7 party from 6.30-8pm in the Large Hall. All children must be collected from the Large Hall.                |
| 11.12.15 | P1 Nativity to family and friends at 9.30am.   |
| 11.12.15 | Afternoon Nursery children's party during the afternoon session. Parents are invited to join us from 2.45pm. |
| 15.12.15 | P3 party in the afternoon  |
| 16.12.15 | Church Service at Bonnyrigg Parish Church at 10am. All parents and friends are welcome.                      |

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 16.12.15 Morning Nursery children during the morning session. Parents are invited to join us from 11am.
- 16.12.15 P2 party in the afternoon
- 17.12.15 Nursery sing-a-long at 10.30am for our morning children and families
- 17.12.15 Nursery sing-a-long at 2.30pm for our afternoon children and families
- 17.12.15 P1 party in the afternoon

The children can bring their party clothes to school in a bag and they will be given time to get ready before the party or they can go home at lunchtime. If they are going home then please write a letter to your child's teacher informing him/her of this.

- 18.12.15 School closes at 12 noon for all school pupils. Our children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper, hat or something sparkly on the last day of term.

Morning Nursery session finishes at normal time 11.30-11.40. Our children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper, hat or something sparkly on the last day of term.

No afternoon Nursery session

- 05.01.16 In-service Day for staff
- 06.01.16 All of our children return to nursery and school
- 08.01.16 P4Y swimming resumes
- 18.01.16 Parent Council Meeting at 6.45pm in the staff room at Lasswade Primary School - all welcome!
- 22.01.16 P4 Assembly at 9.30am
- 25.01.16 Visible Learning Showcase - a separate letter will be issued
- 05.02.16 P7 Assembly at 9.30am
- 12.02.16 All pupils break for February holiday
- 22.02.16 All pupils return to nursery and school
- 04.03.16 P5 Assembly at 9.30am - please note this is a change from the original date given
- 11.03.16 P6 Assembly at 9.30am - please note this is a change from the original date given
- 18.03.16 P4 Assembly at 09:30am

