



# LASSWADE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Living it, Learning it, Loving it ..... Lasswade  
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As always we have had a very busy month at Lasswade Primary. Here is a flavour of what has happened and what we have to look forward to this month...

Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Visible Learning Showcase last Monday. We were overwhelmed by the turnout and really appreciate all of your support. It was great to see so many of you learning alongside your child and there certainly was a buzz around our school.

This month we will be developing our learning within Science with visits during February from *Generation Science*. The children will attend workshops where they will be actively engaged in investigations and extending their knowledge and understanding of Science. We would like to thank the Parent Council for funding this experience for every pupil in P1-P7.

Our teaching staff will be participating in Tri-Learning sessions over the next few weeks. These sessions involve our teachers working together in small groups to observe each other's practice with a particular focus on learning environments and the language of learning. This provides them with the opportunity to share and learn from one another.

I am delighted to announce that we have successfully appointed our two new Depute Head Teachers. Johanne Watson will be our DHT for Early Level (Nursery-P1) and Karla Pearce will have responsibility for Second Level (P5-7). The Council are currently negotiating both ladies starting date and I will keep you up-dated about this development.

And finally I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome over the last 10 months as Acting Headteacher. It has been a privilege to lead Lasswade Primary and I will take lots of special memories with me. I would like to wish all pupils, staff and families continued happiness and success and I know you will make Mrs Cameron very welcome when she joins our Lasswade family on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Best wishes

Louise Donaldson

Acting Head Teacher

## WINTER WEATHER



In the event of the school being closed due to poor weather conditions, an announcement is made in early in the morning on Radio Forth or on the Council website. We would also update our Twitter link @lasswadeps which would also appear on our website:

<http://lasswade.mgfl.net>

Our website is kept very up-to-date thanks to Mrs Stevenson and is well worth a visit at any time.

The Council aims to keep schools open if at all possible, and safe to do so. Please make sure we have up-to-date contact numbers in case of any emergencies.

## BRIDGES TO SCHOOLS



On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, our P6 pupils had the opportunity to visit the Mining Museum to take part in the 'Bridge to Schools Project'. This was an opportunity for pupils to work together in teams to take on the role of Civil Engineers in order to build a bridge. Pupils worked really well to complete this task and had lots of fun. Both classes were also given a tour of the Mining Museum which was very interesting and we were very proud of our pupils who asked lots of really interesting questions. It was a motivating and exciting trip and we are very grateful to our parent helpers who came along to help us on the day.

## SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS



We are once again collecting vouchers from Sainsbury's for sports and cooking equipment. If you have any vouchers then please send them to the school office.

## CLOTHING



Please make sure that your child comes adequately dressed for school during the winter months and his/her clothes are clearly named. We do try to be outside as much as possible at break and lunch time.

## 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 Connor, Emma, Lewis and Corran, recently visited Loanhead Primary School where they met other P5 pupils from our ASG (Associated School Group). The pupils completed their team shields and took part in a Numeracy Natter. They have now been set the challenge to consult with their class about what makes a quality numeracy lesson and to take this information back to their next meeting.

## P6 LEARNING COUNCIL



Our P6 Learning Council, Hannah, Nathan, Matthew and Lewis, visited Bonnyrigg Primary School along with their peers from our ASG (Associated School Group). They shared how they had created a display within our school about the Language of Learning and as a group they identified their next steps which included making a Language of Learning dictionary for their peers. You can follow the ASG's learning journey on Twitter:

@LasswadeLC

## ECO NEWS



Our Eco Committee would like to thank everyone who recycled their Christmas cards and handed them in to school. The Eco Committee has weighed all of the cards for each class and the winning class was P4X.

The Eco Committee would also appreciate any donations of old clothes etc for their Rag Bag Collections. All donations should be returned to school by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February as they will be collected on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Any money raised will go towards the school's eco work.

## AFRICAN DRUMMING



P2Y, P3Y and P4 pupils really enjoyed their first drumming session with Infectious Grooves and are all looking forward to their next session. The children used cajon drums from Peru and agogo bells, cashishis and claves. In between these sessions the children have been practising with these instruments and trying to follow a rhythm. The children have been using the Learning Superpowers of 'Colin Concentration' and 'Practising Pete' to help them.

## NURSERY NEWS



### LATEST NEWS

We've been so busy in Nursery since returning from our Christmas break. The children really enjoyed bringing in toys from home and telling us all about them. As we continue our toy topic we will be investigating different types of toys and finding out what makes some toys 'go'.

We are also going to be learning about 'The Weather' and we will be exploring how we can measure and record it and thinking about how the winter weather is different from the other times of the year.

Over the next few weeks we are going to be introducing our Curriculum Bears to the children.

### WEATHER

As the weather has been particularly wet lately 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 use our outdoor play area in all weathers so it is really important that your child wears old clothes as they may get muddy.

### PLAY DATES

We are excited to announce that parents and carer will be able to join us after the February break for our popular 'Play Date' sessions. This provides you with the opportunity to come along to Nursery and to share in your child's play and learning. We will send out further information shortly.

### FEBRUARY HOLIDAY

Please remember that the Nursery will be closed from the end of the afternoon session on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to nursery on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We hope you all have a lovely February week.

## LATEST NEWS FROM P4



In P4 this term we have been learning about Scotland's Bard, Robert Burns. The children have enjoyed learning about his life, poems and songs. We have used Imogen Imagination to prepare for our assembly and saying yes to a challenge when learning the narration or tricky Burns' poems. We would like to thank you all for coming along to our assembly and we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did. Mrs Stevenson has put some photos and clips on Twitter for you to look at. This can also be accessed through our school website.

Also this term we began our Learning Liaisons and we have particularly enjoyed this opportunity to meet with another class to discuss our learning.

Thursdays have been exciting for P4 as we have welcomed Albane, our French assistant, into our classes. She has helped us with our French and taught us about her culture. We can't wait to learn more!

As a year group we have started our novel study, *The Fish in Room 11*. We have already completed some fantastic art work with Miss Welsh and have started to make predictions about what might happen in the story. We are looking forward to finding out what happens next to Toby...



## **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...



- Liberty in P5Y who has achieved Group 2 at the Midlothian Ski Club. This is an even bigger achievement as Liberty has never skied before. Well done!
- Ruby in P2Y who was placed in the beginners Talent Team at Lasswade Gymnastics Club. She is now training the maximum hours for her age group. We are very proud of you!
- Jessica in P5Y who has moved up a swimming lesson class to stroke development at Loanhead Swimming Pool. You are a Successful Learner.
- P5Y who wrote persuasive letters to Colin Beattie, MSP about saving the bees. He was so impressed with their work that he wrote a letter back to them and there was an article in the Midlothian Advertiser. Well done everyone, you are all Effective Contributors.
- Our P7 pupils who participated in Midlothian's Sportshall athletics competition. You are great ambassadors of the school and we are very proud of your achievements.
- P4Y for their informative and entertaining assembly about the life of Robert Burns. You are all Confident Individuals.
- Brodie in P3X who took part in a swimming competition and was awarded with a certificate of participation and a trophy. Well done Brodie!
- Our staff and children who participated in Education Scotland's Developing Mathematical Resilience video. This was premiered on GLOW last week and showcases the work we have undertaken with growth mindsets and our learning dispositions. You are all Confident Individuals.
- Kara and Reni in P1X for their success in dancing. You are both Successful Learners.
- Lewis in P5X who gained second place in a recent diving competition. What a great achievement!
- Iona in P7 who gained a Personal Best in the under 12s 50m Backstroke at the Scottish Schools Swimming Championship on Saturday. Her time was 35.43 secs and she came 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the final. Well done Iona, you are a very Successful Learner.
- Reece in P5X who has been made up to a seconder of the green pack at Cubs - a Confident Individual.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 01.02.16      *Generation Science workshop for P2*
- 02.02.16      *Generation Science workshop for P1*
- 03.02.16      *Generation Science workshop for P5*
- 03.02.16      *P6X Bikeability until 23.03.16 - a separate letter has been issued*
- 04.02.16      *Generation Science workshop for P4*
- 04.02.16      *Outdoor PE for P2-P4*
- 05.02.16      *P7 Assembly at 9.30am*
- 08.02.16      *Generation Science workshop for P7*
- 09.02.16      *Generation Science workshop for P6*
- 11.02.16      *P7 at Risk Factory*
- 11.02.16      *Outdoor PE for P5-P6*
- 12.02.16      *All pupils break for February holiday*
- 22.02.16      *All pupils return to Nursery and School*
- 22.02.16      *P3 to the National Museum*
- 25.02.16      *P4 to Rosslyn Chapel*
- 01.03.16      *P6 and P7 Sex Education Meeting for parents: 6.30pm at Lasswade PS*
- 03.03.16      *P5 Orienteering*
- 03.03.16      *P7 Boys Football Tournament*
- 04.03.16      *P6 pupils participating in Euro Quiz heats at Stobhill PS*
- 04.03.16      *P6 participating in the Fairtrade Football Tournament at Bonnyrigg Rose Football Club*
- 04.03.16      *P5 Assembly at 9.30am - please note this is a change from the original date given*
- 09.03.16      *P5 Learning Council at Loanhead PS*
- 10.03.16      *Outdoor PE for P2-4*
- 10.03.16      *P5 Orienteering*
- 11.03.16      *P6 Assembly at 9.30am - please note this is a change from the original date given*
- 14.03.16      *Start of Health Focus*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 15.03.16 Parent Consultations
- 16.03.16 P6 Learning Council meeting, hosted by Lasswade PS
- 17.03.16 Parent Consultations
- 17.03.16 Outdoor PE for P5-7
- 18.03.16 P4 Assembly at 11am - please note there is a change to the time of the P4 Assembly as P4Y are at their swimming lessons at 9.30am
- 24.03.16 Eco Action Day
- 24.03.16 School and Nursery closes at normal time for Easter Holidays
- 11.04.16 School and Nursery resumes for all of our children
- 18.04.16 Generation Science workshop for P3
- 18.04.16 Parent Council Meeting in the staff room at 6.45pm - all welcome!
- 21.04.16 Outdoor PE for P2-4
- 22.04.16 P3 Assembly to parents at 9.30am
- 28.04.16 Outdoor PE for P5-7
- 28.04.16 P6 ski-ing starts
- 28.04.16 P7 Girls Football Tournament
- 02.05.16 School and Nursery closed
- 03.05.16 P7 Transition Camp
- 05.05.16 School and Nursery closed to pupils - Election Day for The Scottish Parliament