



# LASSWADE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Living it, Learning it, Loving it ..... Lasswade  
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I would like to begin this newsletter by thanking all of our Lasswade pupils, families and staff who have made me feel very welcome over the last two weeks. It has been a very busy time in school but also an excellent opportunity for me to get to know so many of our families in the Lasswade Community.

I have been visiting and spending time in all of the classes and trying my best to learn everyone's names, as well as something that makes each pupil an individual. I have been very impressed by the kind and positive ethos across the school.

As you will be aware, Lasswade Primary School is going through a period of change with new members of staff joining our team. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Lynsey Stevenson, our Acting Depute Head Teacher, who has worked very hard to ensure that there has been a smooth transition for everyone. Mrs Stevenson has been a very supportive member of the Senior Leadership Team and always has the children's best interests at heart. Mrs Stevenson has chosen to continue her professional development in a secondment as Depute Head Teacher at Cornbank Primary School and we would like to wish her all the very best in this new adventure.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Karla Pearce and Miss Johanne Watson, on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, as our new permanent Depute Head Teachers. Both ladies have spent a lot of time visiting Lasswade over the last two months and are very much looking forward to starting their new posts.

As I recognise we are all new faces to Lasswade I would like to invite families in for an informal cup of tea and chat during the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> March. I will be opening up the small hall from 8.40am to 9.10am on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please pop in and say hello and put a face to our names. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible then.

In the meantime, I am enjoying working with your children on a daily basis. If there is anything you wish to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to contact our school office to arrange a meeting with myself or the appropriate member of staff. I strongly believe that working in partnership will always ensure better experiences for all involved.

Kind regards,

Laura Cameron

Acting Head Teacher

## VISIBLE LEARNING NETWORK UK VISIT

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, visitors from Schools and Local Authorities throughout the UK will be visiting Midlothian Council to observe how Visible Learning has been implemented as a teaching and learning approach within schools. We are delighted that Lasswade Primary has been asked to take part in this as one of the schools within the Local Authority to share practice in relation to Visible Learning. As part of the visit, we will facilitate class visits in order to illustrate how Visible Learning has been embedded into our classroom practice. Various classes throughout the school will be involved and it will be a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to share their learning. We are very much looking forward to the visit and look forward to sharing our Visible Learning Journey with our visitors. Many thanks to Miss Lynsey Binnie for all her hard work and effort in co-ordinating the visit so well.



A big Thank you to Mr Gosman, Caitlin's Dad, for printing our fantastic posters  
and helping to make our front entrance look so good

## ECO WARRIORS

The Eco Warriors meet every Tuesday at lunchtime. So far this year we have introduced new bins for the dining hall to encourage everyone to recycle, reduce and reuse waste at lunch time. We would like to thank everyone as we have noticed a reduction in the amount of general waste. We would like to thank all the people who brought in their Christmas cards for recycling and also tried to reduce the number of cards that they sent. Our next focus is the Eco Action Day in March where we will be trying to raise awareness of the need to save water.



## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT



We are in the middle of our Fairtrade Fortnight. The focus this year is 'Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers'. Lots of activities have been happening across the school as our children have been learning about Fairtrade farmers and raising awareness of Fairtrade products.

The children have also enjoyed a workshop with Chief Chebe and Sam Okoo with activities such as African drumming, making wall hangings, jewellery and African story telling.

A big thank you must go to Miss Callender who has organised Fairtrade Fortnight.

Please don't forget that our Fairtrade tuck shop Tradey Treats is open every Tuesday and Wednesday and sells a range of Fairtrade products.



## PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

We look forward to having families in on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March for our second Parental Consultations this session. Primary 3-7 pupils are very welcome to join you in the meetings to discuss their progress.

Our very successful book fair will also be taking place during the evenings. Please stop off in the gym hall for a visit.



## PRIMARY 7 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our Primary 7 Footballers who took part in a recent football tournament. The boys played really well and showed a great team spirit.

Thank you to Lauren Watters, from Lasswade High who has been training the team on a Monday after school.



## 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.

## PRIMARY 7 SHOW



Due to unforeseen circumstances we have to change the proposed date of our P7 show. The show will now be in the evening of **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June**. We look forward to seeing you there.

## 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.

## ROOKIE ROCK STARS

We have a very exciting event going to be taking place in May at Lasswade.

Rookie Rock Stars are a group who will be working with all our pupils to support their understanding of Health and Well Being, Respect and Anti-bullying through music. This is led by Dave Brackenridge, a very enthusiastic young man, who is rolling this programme out across Midlothian schools.

The team will be coming into school on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May from 1.30 - 3pm. They will work with the whole school together.

This is then celebrated the following week in a concert for parents. The concerts have been booked for 17<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30 and 7pm and 19<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30 and 7pm. To ensure we can invite everyone the children are going to perform in their houses. More information about this event and how to purchase tickets will be shared with you soon.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm -Melville**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm - Dalhousie**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm - Borthwick**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm - Crichton**

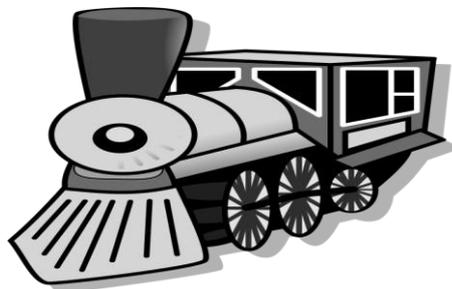


## LATEST NEWS FROM P5



Every year P5 take part in the local historical society competition and this year the topic was based on Railways. The classes have had to investigate the local railways in Midlothian and Mr Mitchell kindly came to our aid. He was able to show them photos of the old railway lines in and around Bonnyrigg and explain the history behind these lines.

The class teachers had wondered about taking the children on the Borders Railway and luckily, Scotrail emailed us to say they were offering free tickets. Obviously, we jumped at the chance and both classes will have a free trip from Eskbank to Galashiels in April. As you can imagine, the children are really looking forward to this.



## 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. We have also had a very enthusiastic group of girls, Kayleigh, Isla and Niamh (P6x) updating our school website with all the achievements from across the school. Please have a look! 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:

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



14.03.16	Start of Health Focus
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 to parents - please note there is a change to the time of the P4 Assembly as P4Y are at their swimming lessons at 9.30am
21.03.16	Generation Science workshop for P7
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
13.04.16	P6 Zoo Trip - all day
14.04.16	Nursery, P1 and P7's class photos
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
25.04.16	P1 and P2 Dance a Book
28.04.16	Outdoor PE for P5-7
28.06.16	P6 canoeing starts
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
06.05.16	Nursery Assembly
09.05.16	1 plus 2 Languages Masterclasses begin
09.05.16	Rookie Rock Stars Sessions begin
11.05.16	Rag bag Collection Date
16.05.16	Parent Consultations for Nursery
16.05.16	Walk to School Week
17.05.16	Rookie Rock Star Concerts 5.30pm (Melville) and 7.30pm (Dalhousie)
19.05.16	Outdoor PE for P2-4
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