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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our March Newsletter and thank you for your continued support in all aspects of school life.

Class Showcases Thank you to all the families who have attended showcases so far. We only have Room 2 and 3 to go! We really do appreciate your support and engagement as do the children, going by the big smiles on their faces.

Enterprise & Charities Committee Our committee would like to say a big thanks for supporting our Comic Relief fundraisers recently as we raised £131.87.

Cross Country Our Primary 6 and Primary 7 cross country runners did us proud at Lanark Racecourse on 13th March. There were 19 schools taking part with 453 participants! The children have also been great at the after-school club sessions in the lead up to the event. Cross Country running takes grit and perseverance as the weather and running conditions can be tough, well done to all. Thank you to Mrs Seaton for leading our club.

P7 Enterprise Our P7s had a fantastic morning at Lanark Grammar yesterday, having the opportunity to work with other P7s from other schools. The morning involved a range of activities, building on their STEM skills. Many thanks to all the Lanark Grammar staff and S6 Buddies for making it a great day.

Class trips/Visitors We are in the process of finalising class trips for after Easter, with some great plans in motion. We will share with you more information via Parents Portal for your child's class plans soon.

Parents Portal Live Items The following consents are live on Parents Portal and require completion for permissions.

- ➤ Room 1 Forest Schools
- > P7 NEC Applications (as part of their transition to High School)

Please also check the Parents Portal calendar as this will be updated with any trips or outings.

Best Work Award – February 2024

Room 1 – Aarush & Zack, you are effective contributors, taking turns to make shortbread.

Room 2 - Logan has been working well with an adult when completing his ten-minute daily activity. What a responsible citizen, you are managing your time well.

Room 3 – Leon, you are a successful learner, including emotions in you writing. Target achieved!

Room 4 - Reuben, you are a Successful Learner as you have been working hard on telling the time to o'clock, half past and quarter past on digital and analogue clocks. Great resilience!

Room 5 - Well done to you all. You have worked together and communicated effectively, showcasing the history of the school. Very responsible citizens!

Room 6 - Evan did a great job at following a recipe to make pancakes. You participated enthusiastically and made delicious pancakes he was very proud of.

SAMH Workshops

These were shared via Parents Portal also.

19/3/24	Understanding and Managing Stress and	1pm – 2.30pm
	Anxiety	
19/3/24	Mental Health Awareness	6.30pm – 8pm
20/3/24	Listening to and Supporting My Child	10am –
		11.30am
21/3/24	Managing My Wellbeing	10am –
		11.30am
25/3/24	Managing My Wellbeing	10am –
		11.30am
26/3/24	Listening to and Supporting My Child	6.30pm – 8pm
27/3/24	Understanding and Managing Stress and	1pm – 2.30pm
	Anxiety	
28/3/24	Mental Health Awareness	12.30 – 2pm



Tesco Blue Tokens We are delighted to let you know that following the Tesco Stronger Starts vote at Lanark Tesco, our project came <u>First</u> and has been chosen by Tesco customers to receive a grant award of £1,500.00! We will use this money to

further develop outdoor play/forest schools' resources for the benefit of all children. Thank you for all the votes!



Partners Parent Council The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 9.30am in school.

Daffodil Tea Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Daffodil Tea. We really do appreciate your support and engagement. We have raised a fantastic £667.50!!





Pedal Pals

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We are excited to share some information with mums, dads and other adult carers about our exciting new cycling project starting next term!

Our Pedal Pals project will provide us with bikes and adapted trikes for pupils to use in school during the *Bikeability* programme that gives our pupils the knowledge and skills to cycle safely.

The funding we have secured will also allow us to involve parents and carers in the programme and will give adults the opportunity to complete training to support the Pedal Pals programme. Adults could choose to complete either:

a basic bike maintenance course or Bikeability training.

Training will be provided completely FREE of charge and will be delivered in Carstairs Junction Primary during school hours (Dates and times to be confirmed).

With the support of parents and carers we can also offer some additional after school opportunities for our pupils too!

If you would like get involved in the project please contact

Elaine Morrison

Youth, Family and Community Learning Officer on 01555 870301 or email gw14morrisonelaine01@glow.sch.uk for more information.

Pedal Pals We are keen to get Bikeability for our P6 and p7s started after the Easter break. We now have a stock of brand-new bikes which you are child is able to access. We will share dates for Bikeability will you soon.

We are looking for parents/grandparents to support us with basic bike maintenance from time to time. As you will appreciate, we need to keep these bikes in good order. If you are interested in either supporting with basic bike maintenance or helping with Bikeability training, please see our flyer and contact Elaine, who will be able to give you more information,



Neurodevelopmental Workshops

A flyer was sent out via Parent Portal, highlighting workshops available to families.

Newly added diary dates are in bold below. Dates have been added up until the end of May for now ©

Diary Dates:

26th March Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 2) **27th March** Room 6 Forest School (Final session)

27th March Room 3 Showcase at 2pm

28th March School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break

15th April Staff & pupils return to school after Spring Break

16th April Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 3)

17th April Parent Council at 9.30am in school (ELC & Primary)

17th April Room 1 Forest Schools (Session 1)
23rd April Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 4)
24th April Room 1 Forest Schools (Session 2)
30th April Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 5)

1st May SAMH P6/7 Parent Workshop in school 9-10.30 1st May SAMH P6/7 pupil Workshop for pupils 10.45-12.15

1st May Room 1 Forest Schools (Session 3) 2nd May INSET Day 5 – School closed to pupils

3rd May P7 (supported classes) visits to Lanark Gramar 9.30-11.15

6th May May Day Holiday

7th May Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 6)

7th May P7 Multi Sports at Lanark Grammar 3.45-5pm

8th May Room 1 Forest Schools (Session 4)

10th May P7 (supported classes) visits to Lanark Gramar 9.30-11.15

14th May Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 7)

14th May P7 Multi Sports at Lanark Grammar 3.45-5pm

15th May Room 2 Forest Schools (Session 1)

16th May P7 Parents Information evening at Lanark Grammar

17th May Room 2 Showcase at 2pm

17th May P7 (supported classes) visits to Lanark Gramar 9.30-11.15

21st May Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 8)

21st May P7 Multi Sports at Lanark Grammar 3.45-5pm

22nd May Room 2 Forest Schools (Session 2)

24th May School Sports Day at 1.30pm – All families welcome

(This is held behind the community hall)

28th May Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 9)

28th May P7 Multi Sports at Lanark Grammar 3.45-5pm

29th May Room 2 Forest Schools (Session 3)

31st May Report to Parents

Thank you everyone for your continued support for our busy wee school.

Kind regards,

Jill Armour Head Teacher