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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all our families, I hope you had a lovely Spring break despite the atrocious weather! This term is always a busy one, hence the long list of diary dates at the end of the newsletter. These dates are also updated on Parents Portal.

HMI Inspection Reports

We are happy to announce that the report from our recent HMI inspection has been published on Tuesday. We feel that the report highlights our inclusive ethos, strong school community and positive improvements in the school. To see both the ELC and school report please click on the link below.



<https://education.gov.scot/inspection-and-review/find-an-inspection-report/find-an-inspection-report/details?id=1972#>

Congratulations Huge congratulations to Miss King, or should I say Mrs Paterson, on the celebration of her marriage to Mr Paterson during the Spring break. The sun shone on her special day and she looked absolutely beautiful. We wish you both a lifetime of happiness together.



We have also been advised that Mrs Paterson will now fulfil her Specialist Support Teacher role for the full week as from 10th May. This means Mrs Bone will be our Acting Depute Head for the full week. I'm sure Mrs Paterson would love to still be with us on the Friday but it will provide continuity and I'm sure be better for both Mrs Paterson and Mrs Bone to manage their working week moving forward.

Class trips/Visitors We can now confirm our class trips for this term. You may recall that at the start of the year, pupils, staff and parents voted in favour of spending the Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) towards trips. This means that £1531 of the PEF budget went towards the cost of transport for trips. The Parent Council said they would like for the

remainder of the cost to be paid in full by funds raised from the Parent Council. This equates to £595, meaning there is zero cost to families. Letters have been issued to all families via Parents Portal regarding class trips.

Trip/visitor dates are as follows:

Room 1 Blair Drummond on Wednesday 15th May

Room 2 New Lanark (Sensory experience) on 23rd May

Room 3 Chocolatarium to visit the school on Wednesday 15th May

Room 4 Glasgow Science Centre on Tuesday 14th May

Room 5 Kelvingrove Museum on Wednesday 5th June

Room 6 Clyde Valley Farm Park on Wednesday 29th May

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

- All trip/workshop consents
- P7 Lanark Grammar 2 Day Visit Consents

Reading Schools Award Winners - April

Room 1 – Congratulations Naomi, you are reading with more accuracy and greater confidence.

Room 2 – Well done to Mason D, for developing his confidence with his reading fluency and for encouraging others to use the reading area with him in class.

Room 3 – Big well done to Alana & Thomas, for their enthusiasm during personal reading. Both were keen to read their own copy of 'Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator'.

Room 4 – Congratulations to Hunter, for being enthusiastic about his personal reader.

Room 5 – Sayan, well done for developing confidence in selecting a reading for pleasure book and enjoying pleasure for reading.

Room 6 – Great work Taylor-Jay, you have become more confident with storytelling and enjoying using puppets and props to tell stories.



Waste Warriors

Demi-Lee, Daryl, Owen & Joshua are currently leading a project called Waste Warriors with a focus on sustainability and climate change. This is a 6-week and began on Monday 22nd April and runs for 6 weeks. During each lunch period, the Waste Warriors monitor and record food waste, act as a positive role model within the school and assist / encourage pupils to leave less waste. Each day, the pupils use the Food Waste Monitoring Sheet. Here are a couple of action shots from this week



Per loved uniform It is getting to that time of year when we are very much planning for next year. The Parent Council have very kindly agreed to subsidise the cost of P7 leavers' hoodies again. I wanted to give current Primary 6 parents the heads up so that they are aware their child will have the opportunity to wear a P7 Leavers Hoodie early on in the session, from around September time and to bear this in mind as/when ordering school sweaters.

If you have any school sweaters, skirts, trouser, pinafores in good condition which your child no longer wears over the coming months can you please send them to the school office and we will share these on our 'grab rail' before the summer holidays. We are also looking for any donations of girls leggings of all sizes.

Request for Sunhats Our Nursery are looking for donations of sunhats. If you have any old sunhats, we would be really grateful if you could donate these to us. We currently have small sizes such as age 2-4 but are looking for some bigger sizes. As a parent, I know that the sizes are not always the most generous so a range of sizes including larger primary school sizes would be much appreciated. If these could be sent into school as soon as possible, that would be a help.



Community News

Partners Parent Council Thank you again to the Parent Council for subsidising the cost of all trips this term, meaning there is zero cost to families.

Thank you to your friends and family for continuing to support our fundraisers during the school year.

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 30th May at 9.30am in school and will be the AGM.**

Welcome All Hub

Thank you so much for donating the planters to us. They are incredible and will hopefully result in us having a good crop of tatties this year!

A special thank you to Mary & Josey for helping us also with the compost/peat.

Successful Fundraising

Western Recreation have very kindly accepted our recent fundraising application and have granted us £1500 to develop a sensory garden. The Outdoor & Play Committee as well as senior pupils (as part of their John Muir focus) suggested how to make improvements to our outdoor space, with a sensory garden coming out as the most popular response. We look forward to sharing more updates with you. Thank you to Elaine our YFCL for securing this funding.

Newly added diary dates are in bold below.

Diary Dates:


30 th April	Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 5)
30th April	Bikeability for P6/7s (Session 1)
1 st May	SAMH P6/7 Parent Workshop in school 9-10.30
1 st May	SAMH P6/7 pupil Workshop for pupils 10.45-12.15
1 st May	Room 1 Forest Schools (Session 3)
2 nd May	INSET Day 5 – School closed to pupils
3 rd May	P7 (supported classes) visits to Lanark Grammar 9.30-11.15
6 th May	May Day Holiday
7 th May	Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 6)
7th May	Bikeability for P6/7s (Session 2)
7 th May	P7 Multi Sports at Lanark Grammar 3.45-5pm
8 th May	Room 1 Forest Schools (Session 4)
10 th May	P7 (supported classes) visits to Lanark Grammar 9.30-11.15
14 th May	Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 7)
14th May	Room 4 Glasgow Science Centre trip
14 th May	P7 Multi Sports at Lanark Grammar 3.45-5pm
15 th May	Room 2 Forest Schools (Session 1)
15th May	Room 1 Blair Drummond Safari Park Trip
15th May	Room 3 Chocolatarium to visit the class
16 th May	P7 Parents Information evening at Lanark Grammar
17 th May	Room 2 Showcase at 2pm
17 th May	P7 (supported classes) visits to Lanark Grammar 9.30-11.15
21 st May	Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 8)
21st May	Bikeability for P6/7s (Session 3)
21 st May	P7 Multi Sports at Lanark Grammar 3.45-5pm
22 nd May	Room 2 Forest Schools (Session 2)
23rd May	Room 2 New Lanark trip
24 th May	School Sports Day at 1.30pm – All families welcome (This is held behind the community hall)
28 th May	Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 9)
28th May	Bikeability for P6/7s (Session 4)
28 th May	P7 Multi Sports at Lanark Grammar 3.45-5pm
29 th May	Room 2 Forest Schools (Session 3)
29th May	Room 6 Clyde Valley Farm Park
30th May	Parent Council meeting at 9.30am (AGM)
31 st May	Report to Parents
4th June	Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 10)
4th June	Bikeability for P6/7s (Session 5 – final session)
5th June	Room 5 Kelvingrove Museum trip
6th June	Lanimer holiday
7th June	Lanimer holiday
11th June	Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 11)
11th June	P7 2 Day Visit to Lanark Grammar
12th June	P7 2 Day Visit to Lanark Grammar
17th June	P7 Treat in the evening (plans to be confirmed)
18th June	Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 12)
21 June	P7 Leavers' Assembly at 1.30pm
24th June	Prize Giving at 1.30pm (parents of prize winners will be Invited)

26th June

School closes a 1pm for Summer holiday

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

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Armour". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'A'.

**Jill Armour
Head Teacher**