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Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Scottish Celebration Thank you to all who were able to attend our busy event at the end of January. We received some lovely feedback and appreciated the time people take to let us know how much they enjoyed it.

Race Equality Week In the lead up to Race Equality Week on week beginning 5th February, our Reading Schools Committee and Inclusion & Equalities Committee audited the books in the school library to see how diverse they were. It was felt by all that there was a need to purchase books which were more diverse. They books are here and in our library. We look forward to pupil feedback.

John Muir Award Room 4 and 5 have been really busy over the past few weeks, engaging in outdoor activities, which in turn contributes towards their John Muir accreditation. Huge thanks to Fiona McCallum (Youth Family Community Learning Officer) and her team for giving our pupils this opportunity. Room 5 are heading to Loch Lomond on Wednesday 28th February and Room 4 going shortly after on Wednesday 6th March, as part of their focus on John Muir. Here are just a few pictures from some recent activities



World of Work We have some exciting STEM (Science Technology, Engineering & Maths) activities planned next week as part of our World of Work focus. Our pupils will be attending interactive workshops led by Generation Science. We look forward to sharing some of these experiences with you.

Lateness We work hard to ensure all pupils attain their best at Carstairs Junction Primary School and in doing so, you will be aware we focus on attendance but also on lateness. It is not only disruptive to the class when a child comes in late but the culmination of being late by 10/15 minutes each day is hugely significant on your child's attainment. They are missing essential teaching input which starts promptly. We would like to work in partnership with you if you feel there is anything we can do to support you if this is pertinent to you. Please call or email the school office and I would be happy to discuss with you.

LGS Transport Arrangements All parents/carers of P7 children (mainstream) are required to apply for school transport. This can be completed via South Lanarkshire Website. <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/xfp/form/677>

Lost Property We have a table in the bubble outside the school office that has any lost property that has been collected since August. Please come and have a look through it if you think your child is missing any jumpers or cardigans. Please can you ensure that you have your child's jumpers or cardigans labelled with their name to make sure they get returned. If any of your child's items are on the Lost Property table, please email the office and we can arrange for these to be sent home. **The table will be out until Wednesday 28th February and then any item left will be put into the school spare clothing bank.**

Please remember in the interests of health and safety hooped/dangling earrings or false nails are not permitted. Open backed shoes such as sandals, crocs or sliders are also not permitted as these are unsuitable footwear for P.E.

School Themed Lunch – The Pupils Who Came to Tea – 7th March We will be taking part in a themed lunch as part of World Book Day and would love it if your child could take part. The following choices will be available:

Blue meal: Charlotte and Wilbur's Chicken Goujons with Chips
(Charlotte's Web – E.B White)

Red meal: George's Marvellous Creamy Tomato Pasta
(George's Marvellous Medicine – Roald Dahl)

Green meal: The Hobbit's Ham Roll
(The Hobbit – J.R.R Tolkein)

All served with the Lion and Witches selection of vegetables
(The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S Lewis)

Dessert: Zog's Chocolate Tiffin
(Zog – Julia Donaldson)

Parents Portal Live Items Consent forms are on Parents Portal for P5 Swimming and the P6/7 Cross Country Event. Please can you action these as soon as possible if it involves your child. Slots for Parent Consultations are also on Parents Portal. Please sign up if

you would like a slot. A reminder that whichever time slot you select, will be your given time slot. You will not receive any further confirmation of your time slot. For those parents who have children in our ASN classes, we will be in touch shortly with dates for review meetings.

Best Work Award – January 2024

Room 1 - Damien, you are adding detail to your drawings, meeting the success criteria.

Room 2 - Jake and Jareth, you have shown you are a responsible citizen. You are developing the skill of developing relationships in different aspects of the day.

Room 3 - Alana, you have demonstrated you are a successful learner in Literacy. You met all the criteria in your newspaper article.

Room 4 - Hattie, you are a confident individual and show resilience, when working on telling the time and working with 4 -digit numbers. You are working on these in school and at home!

Room 5 - Murray, you are a successful learner in Numeracy and have progressed in using subtraction strategies, explaining your thinking.

Room 6 - Taylor-Jay, you are a successful learner in Literacy and can retell the story using puppets playdough.

Grab Rail Just a reminder that we have our 'grab rail' just inside the 'bubble' at the main foyer with uniform in very good condition. You are welcome and encouraged to come and take any uniform items.



Partners Parent Council The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th February 2024 at 9.30am in school.

Daffodil Tea The Parent Council and school would like to invite the friends and family of Carstairs Junction Primary and ELC along to our Daffodil Tea on **Friday 22nd March from 9.45-11.00am**. A flyer was sent out this week to all families via Parents Portal.

ACE Sessions at Lanark Grammar Please see flyer about two SLLC clubs available for Primary children. The clubs are free for ACE members.



Lanark Lifestyles
Thomas Taylor Avenue, Lanark, ML11 7DG
Tel No: 01555 668600

ACE Classes

Learn co-ordination, control & new skills through different games & activities.

**Football -Tuesdays 6-7pm (P1-3)
7-8pm (P4-7)**
&
Games -Thursday 6-7pm (P1-7)
All classes held in Lanark Grammar School

FREE for ACE members

Block bookings – current block runs until w/c 28th March
Book your space at reception today!



Newly added diary dates are in bold below.

Diary Dates:

26th February	World of Work Week
27th February	Room 4 & 5 John Muir (Session 7)
28th February	You & Your Child (Session 6) Families who requested to join
28th February	Room 5 Trip to Loch Lomond
28th February	Rescheduled Room 3 (Group 1 – final session)
29th February	P6/7/ Cross Country After School Club (Session 5)
6th March	Room 4 Trip to Loch Lomond
6th March	Room 6 Forest School (Session 1)
6th March	You & Your Child (Session 7) Families who requested to join
7th March	World Book Day Themed Lunch
7th March	P6/7/ Cross Country After School Club (Session 6)
13th March	You & Your Child (Final session) Families who requested to Join
13th March	Room 6 Forest School (Session 2) This will be held earlier in Day to accommodate Showcase later on
13th March	P6/7 Cross Country Event at Lanark Racecourse (selected Pupils)
13th March	Room 6 Showcase at 2pm (Save the date 😊)
18th March	Room 1 Showcase at 2pm (Save the date 😊)
19th March	Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 1)
20th March	Parent Consultation
20th March	Room 6 Forest School (Session 3)
21st March	P7 Lanark Grammar Enterprise Challenge at Lanark Grammar
22nd March	Daffodil Tea
22nd March	Room 4&5 Showcase at 2pm (Save the date 😊)
22nd March	Newsletter issued
26th March	Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 2)
27th March	Room 6 Forest School (Final session)
27th March	Room 3 Showcase at 2pm (Save the date 😊)
28th March	School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break
17th May	Room 2 Showcase at 2pm (Save the date 😊)

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

Kind regards,



Jill Armour
Head Teacher