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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our May newsletter, filled with good news stories and important information. It is going to be a really busy time, with only 15 ½ school days left and so much to fit in!

Class trips/Visitors Our class visitors and trips have been going really well. Highlights have included, their Room 1 bus having monkeys of top of the at Blair Drummond! Room 2 voted for the bouncy castle as their highlight. Room 3 had their very own chocolate making experience, with edible 'wallpaper' on the back of their homemade chocolate lollies. Room 4 day went by in a flash and their highlights included the optical illusions and the Planetarium. Room 6 particularly enjoyed the Go-Karts. Now only Room 5 to go, we can't wait to hear how you get on.

Shorts & Shades Disco The children had great fun at the disco, with some games and snacks into the mix. Thank you to the Parent Council for supporting the event by way of organising the snacks and supporting with the running of the afternoon. Also, many thanks to one of our grandparents for DJing and providing the lighting!

Parents Portal Live Items Dr Bike Sessions – Please let us know if you will be bringing a bike along for a maintenance check.

Reporting Your child's school report has been shared with you today via Parents Portal. You have also been sent a feedback form via Parents Portal. We would appreciate if you could discuss the report with your child and provide feedback from yourself and your child.

RSHP As you are aware, the pupils are currently being taught their block of lessons on RSHP. As you can appreciate, these are taught in specific groups that are relevant to their age. Can you please remind your child that what they learn in RSHP should not be shared or discussed with any other pupils as it may not be relevant to them.

Sidekicks Leadership Our P6 pupils have been enjoying their buddy training ahead of supporting their buddies next term. They have shown great dedication, responsibility, and enthusiasm. Thank you to Elaine as well as our Active School leads for running a session on leading play.



Step Up Days We are planning for step up days to give your child the opportunity to meet his/her teacher for next year. Our children in the supported classes will experience their first 'step up' on Wednesday 12th June from 9.15-10.00am and then our mainstream classes will get their chance to 'step up' in the afternoon from 1.30-2.30pm. Our supported classes will have a second 'step up' day on Monday 17th June from 9.15-2.00. We will share with you ahead of these dates which class your child will be in. Please remember that we try to give you as much advance notice as we can, but class allocations are always 'subject to change'.

P7 Treat Our Primary 7 pupils were recently consulted on what they would like to do for their special treat on the evening of Monday 24th June. They decided they would like a trip into Glasgow by train and have a meal at TGIs! Thank you to Lizanne McCusker for supplying an Easter fundraising prize, which meant that the funds raised go towards the P7 treat and leavers event. A letter has been sent out to our P7's with the information for their treat.

P7 Leavers' Assembly On Friday 21st June at 1.30pm our Primary 7s will be marking this end of a chapter in their lives with their Leavers' assembly. Primary 7 parents have been issued with a letter to invite family members along. We are fortunate this year that we have a smaller number of Primary 7s therefore we do not need to cap the number of seats you request (within reason 😊)

Prize Giving Assembly On Monday 24th June at 1.30pm we are holding a prize giving ceremony to recognise that all our children are amazing in their own way but also to give a special mention to some individuals who will be receiving a small prize. If your child has been selected, we endeavour to contact you as soon as possible to invite you to the Prize Giving. Please can you keep it a surprise for your child as it is nice to their delighted faces on the day.

Parents as Partners As part of our School Improvement planning, we are keen to further engage with parents/carers next session but want to know your views on how you feel this could be improved.

We also noted from our recent HMI inspection that one of the areas to be further explored as a next step is that 'the school takes my views into account when making changes'. The feedback was still very positive on the whole but another reason for us wanting to hear your views.

Strongly agree – 70%
Agree 20%
Disagree 6.67%
Strongly disagree 3.33%
From 30 responses

Please can you complete the survey by Wednesday 14th June as your responses will be collated and help inform our planning before next session.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftePzmyWq9I3zyqKgRAnQuD-5xl1dhnO2apVijqW-33pwaYg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Best Work Award Winners for April

Room 1 – Hollie is a successful learner. She has successfully completed her core targets in her writing.

Room 2 – Logan has been building confidence when completing work involving writing in class. Logan can use a picture as a stimulus.

Room 3 – Mia, congratulations! You were an effective contributor during a STEM challenge, demonstrating negotiating, encouragement, and motivating skills during teamwork.

Room 4 – Well done Noah for building confidence in sharing answers during class discussions. Keep up the hard work!

Room 5 – Rebeka is showing resilience, becoming more confident talking about different strategies in Numeracy.

Room 6 – Alfie has been working super hard to complete his target task independently. Mrs Grey has shared a photo of Alfie completing a task on non-fiction.



Partners Parent Council

Thank you to Mrs Turner for kindly asking Tesco to donate goods for our Sports day. We received £30 in a gift voucher and used this to buy some refreshments for the children.

The Parent Council AGM took place on Wednesday and gave recognition to all the hard work from its members over the year as well as thanking the many family members who work hard behind the scenes to prepare for fundraising events etc. We really do a 5-star coffee morning! 😊 Thanks was also given to the wider parent forum and families who blow us away with their support.

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd August at 9.30am. We would love to see some new faces as well as welcome back our current members.

Have your say on a new free to use Pump Track in Lanark A new free cycle track is proposed in Lanark for wheeled sports enthusiasts of all ages and abilities, and the group behind it is seeking the public's feedback and support. Local charity, Ride Community Development Lanark (RCDL), is behind the bid to bring a new pump track facility to the town, providing a free to use facility for wheeled sports users of all ages and abilities. They are keen to engage with the local community to determine the level of interest, potential use, and preferences for location for the track. The three options for siting the track are near Lanark Loch, the Equestrian Centre or the racecourse site. To help in form the project, they are looking for any many people as possible to complete the survey below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lanarkpumtrack>

This will help to inform the location, design, and running of the track, as well as support key funding applications.

Ace Summer Sessions Sports sessions are being held at the Willie Waddell Sports & Community Centre, Forth throughout the Summer. Bookings are available from 27th May. Bookings can be made by telephone or email: 01555 812058 or E mail: WillieWaddellSportandCommunityCentre@southlanarkshireleisure.co.uk

Week 2 - Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July from 10 - 12.00pm small lunch included from 12.00-12.30pm

Week 4 - Monday 22nd July to Friday 26th July from 10-12.00pm small lunch included from 12.00-12.30pm

Week 6 - Monday 5th August to 9th August (not 6th August) from 10-12.00pm small lunch included from 12.00-12.30pm

Fun and games for everyone for these weeks. £2.00 per session
Open to 5-12 year olds

Newly added diary dates are in bold below.

Diary Dates:

4 th June	Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 10)
4 th June	Bikeability for P6/7s (Session 5 – final session)
5 th June	Room 5 Kelvingrove Museum trip
6 th June	Lanimer holiday
7 th June	Lanimer holiday
11 th June	Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 11)
11 th June	P7 2 Day Visit to Lanark Grammar
12 th June	P7 2 Day Visit to Lanark Grammar
12th June	Supported classes 'step up day' Day 1 from 9.15-10.00
12th June	Mainstream classes 'step up day' from 1.30-2.30
17th June	Supported classes 'step up day' Day 2 from 9.15-2.00
17 th June	P7 Treat in the evening
18 th June	Swimming Lessons for P5's (Lesson 12)
21 June	P7 Leavers' Assembly at 1.30pm
24 th June	Prize Giving at 1.30pm (parents of prize winners will be Invited)
26 th June	School closes at 1pm for Summer holiday

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

Kind regards,



**Jill Armour
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