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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our September edition of the school newsletter.

Halloween Grab Rail We would be very grateful if you have any pre-loved Halloween costumes that you no longer if you could kindly donate to the ELC/school. Please just hand the costume in to the school office or send them to school with your child. We are looking for any sizes, age 3-12 years. We will then let you know what is available and the sizes of each. Please don't worry if you don't live locally and you wish to have one of the costumes, we'll get these sent to you. It would be much appreciated if the pre-loved costumes could be sent in as soon as possible.

Parent Consultation We are always very grateful for the high turnout at Parent Consultation, and we look forward to seeing you next week (Wed 1st October). Consultations will take place in the main hall and you will be able to view your child's work there also. If you have still to book a slot for Parent Consultations, please do so as soon as possible via Parents Portal.

Celebrating Wider Achievements At Get Together (assembly) on a Friday we love to celebrate your child's wider achievements out with school such as making progress at a club or a personal achievement at home. We have received some already and the pupils have enjoyed these being shared at Get Together.

Relationships & Positive Behaviour

Best Work Award for August 2025

Room 1 Harper has been awarded Successful Learner in Literacy. She showed very good concentration, completing her work to a high standard.

Room 2 Congratulations Room 2, you have all been awarded for being Confident Individuals. You settled well into the routine in class and outside.

Room 3 Erin has been awarded Successful Learner in Literacy. Her work shows a clear plan linked to George's Marvellous Medicine.

Room 4 A big well done to James for settling in so well to his new school and class. He has settled to the routines and is forming relationships.

Room 5 Christopher, Joshua & Maxwell have all been awarded Successful Learners in Literacy. They have worked to a high standard in writing, meeting the criteria.



Room 6 The adults in Room 6 are very impressed at how well Kieran has settled into his new school and class.

'Tea With SLT' (the 'SLT' part stands for Senior leadership team ie Mrs Armour, Mrs Paterson & Miss Nayyer!) As part of the review of our positive behaviour last session, we recognised that it is important pupils are recognised for going 'above and beyond'. Staff were consulted over the month of September and in total we had 5 children put forward across the school. Pupils were awarded for different reasons, linked to our school values, including having an engaging approach to supporting the younger children at break and lunch times. The pupils were given a certificate to take home at Get Together last week and were treated to 'Tea with SLT' on Wednesday. We look forward to awarding more in the month of October.

Nut Free Zone – Finally, and extremely importantly, a reminder that the school is a nut free zone. Please bear this in mind when preparing packed lunches. This includes no Nutella.

Parents as Partners

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting is on Thursday 23rd October at 9.30am. It was great to see such a high turnout at our last meeting, and we hope to see you all again 😊.

Halloween Disco We are very much looking forward to our Halloween parties on 31st October. We kindly ask for a donation of £1 to cover the cost of refreshments. Please just send into the school via your child whenever you can.

Bonfire Bake **Save the Date – Please note change of time from previous years******

We warmly welcome friends and families of Carstairs Junction Primary & ELC to our Bonfire Bake on Friday 14th November from 1.15-2.45pm. A flyer will follow shortly; we just wanted you to give you as much notice as possible. This event raises funds for the school & ELC which benefit all the pupils. Please spread the word! If you are new to the school, the Bonfire Bake has a lovely community spirit and gives you the opportunity to come to school to have a coffee and cake (or cakes!) with your child.

Community News

Bike Bus Community Pedal Our community cycle on Monday was great fun and thankfully the weather was beautifully autumnal! The group cycled a total of 3 kilometres, taking them from the school around Monteith park and back. Thank you so much to the families who participated. The free event was only possible thanks to the great partnership working we have with 'Gear Up' through Healthy Valleys.





We look forward to planning further events in the future. We welcome any suggestions for future events. You will have the opportunity at Parent Consultation to give your suggestions. We feel there is the interest from pupils to engage in cycling events and we'd love to hear how you think we can build on what we already have in place.



Diary Dates:

Please note, new dates added since August Newsletter are in bold type.

1 st October	Parent Consultations
6th October	Bikeability 1 Session 1 (For some pupils. Parents have been notified)
8 th October	Room 4 Forest Schools (Session 2)
13 th October	October Break (School Closed)
14 th October	October Break (School Closed)
15 th October	October Break (School Closed)
16 th October	October Break (School Closed)
17 th October	October Break (School Closed)
20th October	Bikeability 1 Session 2
21st October	Flu Immunisation
22 nd October	Room 4 Forest Schools (Session 3)
23rd October	Parent Council meeting at 9.30am in gym hall
27th October	Bikeability 1 Session 3
29 th October	Room 4 Forest Schools (Final session)

30th October	Small School Football event (Parents have been informed If their child wishes to participate)
31st October	Newsletter issued
31st October	Halloween Disco
5th November	Room 5 Forest Schools (Session 1)
10th November	INSET Day (No school for pupils)
11th November	Lanark Grammar After School Club for current P7s (details to follow)
12th November	Room 5 Forest Schools (Session 2)
14th November	Bonfire Bake Afternoon Tea (flyer to follow)
17th November	Bikeability 1 Session 4
18th November	Lanark Grammar After School Club for current P7s (details to follow)
19th November	Room 5 Forest Schools (Session 3)
24th November	Bikeability 1 Session 5
26th November	Room 5 Forest Schools (Final session)
28th November	Newsletter issued
1st December	Bikeability 1 Session 6
9th December	School Nativity 1.30pm
10th December	School Nativity 1.30pm
11th December	ELC & School Panto trip (AM) (More information to follow)
12th December	Christmas Raffle Draw (More information to follow)
16th December	Christmas parties (classes TBC)
17th December	Christmas parties (classes TBC)
18th December	Christmas parties (classes TBC)
19th December	School closes for Christmas holiday at 2.30pm
5th January	School reopens to staff & pupils

Have a good September weekend everyone. We will see you all back at school on Tuesday.

Kindest regards,



Jill Armour
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