



Law Primary School and Nursery Class Update

**October
2018**

Message from Mrs McNeill

We have had a super start to session 2018-19 with pupils busy across the school and nursery class learning about topics as varied as WW1 and the Ancient Egyptians. We are soon to be part of a local initiative to commemorate the courage of local heroes during WW1. A commemorative plaque, similar to the signs which have sprung up around Carluke, will soon have pride of place in our front foyer.

We have also achieved success as an establishment in being awarded a Gold Flag from Sports Scotland, this is a major achievement and one which we are very proud of. I would like to thank all staff and children for their efforts in making this happen and also a special mention for our partners, Mr Dinsmore, Mrs Inglis and Fiona Woods, Active Schools co-ordinator.

There will be an assembly on Thursday, 15th November when a representative of Sports Scotland will be awarding us our Gold Flag.



Our choir has recently represented the school at the Jam and Ham Festival in Carluke. They were a credit to Mrs Kerr and themselves as they performed songs from Disney movies. Well done! With such talent in abundance, we are hoping that the choir will make a guest appearance at the Macmillan Coffee morning which will take place next Friday, 12th October from 9.15-11am. Please come along and support this worthwhile cause.

Most of our P7 children have just returned from the 1st Carluke Cluster Lockerbie Manor residential. Pupils and staff believe that this was a resounding success with almost all children saying that they have made some new friends whom they hope to meet again when they transition to Carluke High School.

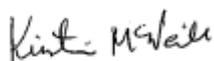


We have welcomed a new member of staff since our last newsletter, Ms A Ford has joined us full time in the nursery and we will soon be joined by Mrs C Ash, also full time in the nursery. These ladies are part of our permanent staff who have joined to support the 1140hrs of nursery provision. We also hope to see Mrs N Docherty back in school in the near future as she re-joins the support team.

As I am sure you know, this will be my final newsletter as Head Teacher. My last day here at Law will be on Friday, 12th October. I have had a wonderful two years here and will miss all the staff, children and families but I hope to hear great things about the school as it moves forward in its learning journey. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well and to ask you to welcome my successor, as you welcomed me. The post has now been advertised and more information on this will be made available from South Lanarkshire Council in due course.

As indicated last session, our Newsletters will be made available, electronically, on our website. This will help us save paper and reduce printing costs. Should you wish to receive a paper copy, please contact the school office staff who will be happy to help you.

Thank you,



Kirstin McNeill
Head Teacher

Going for Green

Our pupils will be receiving their 1st Going for Green certificate and treat later next week. It is looking like a record breaking term with almost all of our pupils staying on green almost all of the time. Well done everyone and keep it up!



Halloween Disco

Our PTA are organising a Halloween Disco for pupils on Tuesday, 30th October. There will be 2 separate discos in the same way as last year:

P1-4 from 6.15-7pm
P5-7 from 7.15- 8pm

Entry to the disco is £2.50, payable at the door to include a drink and goody bag.



Clydesdale Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent collection for the local Food Bank. Ronnie, from the food bank, was delighted with the contributions you made. He spoke to our pupils about the work of the Food Bank at our recent Harvest Assembly.

You Said, We Did

1. We have completed our consultation on our Homework Policy and information on this will be sent home separately. Thank you to everyone who returned their questionnaire.
2. Mrs Currie is leading a consultation on Pupil Profiles for our nursery children, more information on what you said will follow soon.
3. Almost all respondents to our consultation on our 'Meet the Teacher Event' said that they would like to have one again at this time next year. Some parents said that they would prefer the timing to be slightly later, lasting until 5 or 5.30pm with a few asking for after 6pm and some preferred a time first thing in the morning. The day of the week did not seem to be such an issue, although it will be hard to get a date which will suit everyone. We will look at this feedback with a view to tweaking the format to make it more suitable for you and to allow more parents to attend. Thank you for your comments.

PTA

The PTA held their AGM recently and the following office bearers were duly elected:

Chairperson – Linda Inglis and Lesley Cairns
Vice Chairperson- Arlene France and Fiona Guthrie
Treasurer – Elaine Hood
Secretary – unfilled

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 8th October at 6.30pm, here in school. All parents welcome!

Apart from the Halloween Disco, the PTA are also busy organising the Christmas Fayre which will be held in school on Thursday, 29th November. So please save the date! There will be lots of stalls, a raffle and tombola stall and refreshments will be served during the evening. If you know of anyone who might be interested in taking a stall, please contact the school office in the first instance. Like last year, they are also co-ordinating the Christmas Card fundraiser. Pupils are busy with their designs and we hope to have more information on this shortly.

The PTA are also signed up to [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com). This is a simple way to donate to the PTA whilst buying things on line at no cost to you as the retailer makes the payment. Many common online retailers are signed up. If you shop online or book holidays, pay for insurance, etc on line please consider registering to use this service at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lawpta/>

Please keep using the Rag Bag collection service in the village. Your unwanted clothing (in good condition please) helps the PTA raise valuable money to support excursions and visits and also school improvement work.

Lockerbie Manor

Mrs Bryce and the boys and girls in P6 & P7 will be organising various fundraising activities during the course of this session. The aim is to raise enough money to cover the transport costs so that parent/carers have less to contribute towards the overall cost of this valuable experience.

The first fundraising event this session will be a Halloween Raffle during the weeks beginning 22nd and 29th October. Raffle tickets can be purchased any time during these weeks for 10p a ticket with the raffle being drawn on Wednesday, 31st October 2018. If you are able to donate a raffle prize, please send these to the office any time from now.

The boys and girls will also be taking a stall at the Christmas Light Up Law event, so please come and support them. There will also be a Christmas Raffle to help get their efforts off to a flying start.

Nursery Stay, Play and Learn

The recent Stay, Play and Learn sessions in the nursery were very well attended. Parents and carers were able to see their children in the nursery setting and learn about ways to support their child at home. The comments and feedback received was all very positive. Please check the notice boards in the nursery to read what was said. We also asked your opinions on Pupil Profiles so watch out for more information on this in the weeks ahead.

Dates for your diary

Week beginning 1 st October	Stay, Play and Learn in the Nursery
Wednesday 3 rd October	Photographer in school
Wednesday 3 rd October	Numeracy Show for P4-7
Friday 12 th October	McMillan Coffee Morning from 9.15-11am
Monday 15 th to Friday, 19 th October	October Break
Week beginning 22 nd October	Lockerbie Manor Fundraising Tuck Shop and Raffle
Wednesday 24 th October	Fun5z Netball
Tuesday 30 th October	Room 11 Excursion to the Scottish Parliament
Tuesday 30 th October	PTA Disco
Monday 12 th November	PTA Meeting
Friday, 9 th November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday, 9 th November	Room 10's Special Assembly
Monday 19 th November	In-service Day
Friday, 23 rd November	Room 9's Special Assembly
Friday 23 rd November	Law Christmas Lights switch on
Thursday 29 th November	PTA Christmas Fayre
Monday 10 th December	Whole School excursion to Lanark Panto
Friday 22 nd December	School Closes at 2.30pm
Monday 7 th January 2018	School Reopens

Please note that dates for our Christmas Shows and parties are being finalised. These will be intimated to you as soon as possible.

ACHIEVEMENT SUPPLEMENT

Congratulations!

The following children received Scotland's Libraries Summer Reading Challenge
Mischievous Makers Certificates

**Brodie Clazey, Harris Forde, Ethan Barr, Erin Purdon,
Cameron Gough, Lauren Hamilton, Maisey Burnley,
Matthew Forde, Aaron Barr, Calum Hamilton, Sophie
Greaves, Erin Gough, Lois Henderson and Darcy Burnley**



Well done to you all!

Well Done!



Ria Kurmashvili won Dancer of the
Week at Gemini School of dance on
Saturday, 1st September.

Keep Dancing!

Fantastic!



Lois Henderson danced on the main
stage as part of the European
Championships with her dance group.

Keep Dancing!

<p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding!</p> <p>Well done Cameron Farrell and Jamie Barrie, both P2 who climbed Tinto Hill.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What a Feat!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Amazing!</p> <p>Kathryn Barrie has won a silver and two bronze medals at her first TKD competition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Keep it up!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">What a Star!</p> <p>Jamie Barrie won a gold and silver medal at his first ever TKD competition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Well Done!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A Great Effort!</p> <p>Kahlan McDonald won 3 medals, one of which was gold for sparring, at TKD.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Amazing talent!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding!</p> <p>Erin Welsh in Room 2 won 2 gold medals and a bronze at her TKD inter-club competition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Great work!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fantastic!</p> <p>Dylan McDonald won 3 medals at his TKD competition and his first ever silver medal.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Super effort!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Incredible!</p> <p>Bethann Maxwell in Room 7 has won 3 Bronze Medals at TKD Inter-Club Competition on Saturday, 15th September with a Green Tag Rating on Monday, 17th September.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding!</p>	