



# Law Primary School and Nursery Class Update

October

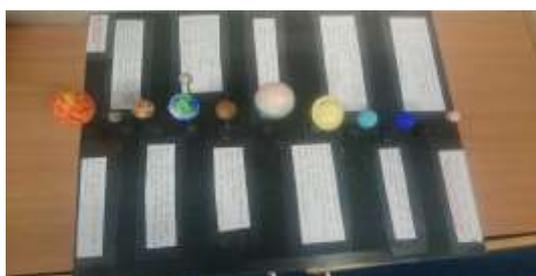
2017

Message from Mrs McNeill

We have had a super start to session 2017-18 with pupils busy across the school and nursery class learning about topics as varied as babies, the solar system and Vikings.

We have had a visit from The Viking Man; a.k.a. Mr Hamilton, who delighted Room 6 children with tales from Viking times and details about how their lives differed to those of today. Children were enthused by the range of artefacts which they were able to handle which help bring the topic to life. He is planning a return visit later this session to work with Room 5 when they learn about the Romans!

Room 10 have adorned their display boards with artwork featuring the planets of our Solar System. Displaying their talents whilst learning about the relative positions of the planets. They are planning a visit to the Science Centre which will help reinforce and consolidate their learning.



Model of the Solar System  
by Carina Yule

The nursery class have been learning how to look after babies, keeping them warm, fed and clean. This topic lends itself to rich discussion, building children's vocabulary as well as teaching them about the importance of caring for others.

Our Primary 1 children have settled well in their new classes and are hard at work learning their sounds and are beginning to blend 2 and 3 letter words. They have made the transition from nursery look easy by getting to grips with school routines.

We have several clubs which have started up again after the summer break. Mr Dinsmore and Dylan Lamond will be coaching our boy's football team on Tuesday afternoons whilst the girls will be training on a Monday. Netball continues with Mrs McCann on a Tuesday lunchtime and Miss Vickers has a large group of youngsters interested in badminton, they practice on a Wednesday. A small group of badminton players were lucky enough to attend the World Championships in Glasgow in August. This was a super opportunity to see top athletes in action. Choir practice on a Thursday lunchtime and Scripture Union is being led by Mrs Hinshelwood and Miss Brown on Wednesdays and Fridays whilst Chess Club will start up again soon with Mrs Nelson.

We also hope to offer other clubs such as dance and French, later in the session.

We have gained a SportsScotland silver award for our work on PE and Physical Activity and Sport.



Some of our parents have been supporting us in trying to arrange for 'Kit' which can be worn for sports festivals and competitions. We currently have school kit, however this is now about 12 years old and we are keen to update it. My personal thanks go to Mrs MacKenzie and Mrs Allan in the office who have ensured that kit is washed and maintained. Without their contribution we would have been looking to replace this long before now. We have secured a grant from Stuart's Coaches and a donation from Mr Kane (Mrs Kane in the nursery's husband.) This means that we will be able to update what we have already and buy some equipment to help with clubs and PE. Thank you very much for your support.

Mrs McCluskie took our choir to represent Law at Jam and Ham 2017, Primary Schools' Showcase. The children sang beautifully, choosing an upbeat song: Price Tag; which they sang with accomplishment and Wild Mountain Thyme as their British Isles themed song. All the rehearsals paid off as the singers were outstanding, well done!

Jack Anderson, of Room 3, was successful in winning 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the Jam and Ham Art's competition. Well done! The standard of entries from Law Primary and Nursery was very high, thank you to everyone who entered.

On Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October Mrs Currie and the boys and girls of the Pupil Council will be leading our fundraising efforts for Macmillan. We hope to have a good turnout of parents, carers, family members and the local community at our Coffee Morning. The event will run from 9.30-11.30 am. All donations of home baking will be gratefully received.

The House and Vice Captains are helping me gather the views of all our pupils by running 'Suggestion Time' once a month. At this, all our pupils in the school will have a chance to earn House Points by making sensible suggestions for school improvement.

The above is just a snap shot of the activities going on at the moment and I am sure that you will be aware of many more happening in your child's class.

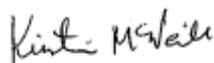
In this edition, you will find a list of key dates, but please keep checking the schoolbag post for further newsletters and information throughout the year. You will also receive a summary of our Standards and Qualities report which outlines our achievements during last session and gives you information about the areas we are currently developing through our school improvement plan. A full version of this report is available at the school or nursery, should you wish to read it.

Website/Twitter: Miss Gibson and others have been valiantly trying to update our school website, but with limited success. Therefore, we have taken the decision to look for alternatives including the use of Twitter. We will update you on progress during the year but hope to have more information on this soon.

Mrs Currie was successful at the interviews held earlier this session for the Acting Depute Post whilst Mrs Jessimer is on secondment. This means that Mrs Currie will be remaining with us for the rest of this session and next. We still have two vacancies for nursery practitioners and interviews for these posts are happening as I write this newsletter, so we hope to have appointed staff in place shortly. Mr Milroy, Area Cover Janitor, will be leaving us on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October. We will be very sad to see Mr Milroy leave as he has been a real asset to our school and nursery. However, from 23<sup>rd</sup> October we will have a new Janitor, Mr William Atkinson who has been appointed to us full time.

We hope to see many of you this Thursday at our Parent/Carer consultations. The Travelling Book Fair will be here so please bring along your Christmas wish list and some money. The PTA have kindly volunteered to man this during both afternoon and evening appointment times.

Thank you,



Kirstin McNeill  
Head Teacher

## Going for Green

Our pupils will be receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> Going for Green certificate and treat later this 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!

## Pound Coins – Urgent!

Please note that as the old style pound coins are being phased out, we will no longer be able to accept these as payment for lunches or other payments. Sorry for any inconvenience.



## Halloween Disco

Our PTA are organising a Halloween Disco for pupils on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October. There will be 2 separate discos:

**P1-3 from 6.15-7pm**

**P4-7 from 7.15- 8pm**

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



## You Said, We Did

1. Last session you said that you felt that the first term from August to December was too long for the children to wait for their 1<sup>st</sup> Going for Green treat. Therefore, we have added an extra block from August to October with the first treat due later this week.
2. From comments left at one of our Feedback Stations, you asked us to have more opportunities for Food Technology and cookery. So far this session our Gardening Club has cooked the produce from our raised beds. Room 9 and 10 children were also involved in using some of the apples from our fruit trees to make apple turnovers. Yummy! Our nursery children will be making Top Hats to sell at the Macmillan Coffee Morning. We are also planning a food themed fortnight of activities with opportunities for partnership working with Warburton's, RHET and our Facilities Management colleagues.



## **PTA**

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

Chairperson – Louise Black and Gemma Crowe  
Vice Chairperson- Linda Inglis and Lesley Cairns  
Treasurer – Leanne Inglis  
Secretary – unfilled

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.

Apart from the Halloween Disco, the PTA are also busy organising the Christmas Fayre which will be held in school on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. There will be lots of stalls, there are over 20 booked so far. There will also be a raffle and tombola stall and refreshments will be served during the evening. So please save the date!

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/>

Thank you to everyone who brought a bag of clothing for our recent RagBag collection. We hope to be able to let you know how much was made in the next newsletter. Don't forget that you can continue to make donations by using the collection point in the village.

## **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 themed tuck shop run during the last week of October: week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Instead of bringing a snack to school on that week, there will be an opportunity to buy something from the tuck shop instead. The suggested amount to spend is 50p which will be enough to buy a suitable snack. They will also be drawing a raffle on the Friday, tickets can be bought for 10p on each of the days during that week. 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.

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening and Travelling Book Fair
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	P6 & P7 boys & girls football festival
Week beginning 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Lockerbie Manor Fundraising Tuck Shop and Raffle
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Disco
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	P7 Netball festival
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	R10 Excursion to Science Centre
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Orthoptic Vision testing for our nursery children
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Rm 3 Bistro Cafe
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Rm 11 Excursion to Scottish Parliament & National Museum
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Rm 2 Bistro Cafe
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	P6 & P7 Sportshall Athletics
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Meeting
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Rm 1 Bistro Cafe
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Rm 10 Bistro Cafe
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Childsmile fluoride varnishing for P1 & P2 children
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	P6 & P7 boys & girls football festival
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Rm 9 Excursion to Scotland Street Museum
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Rm 6 Bistro Cafe
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Rm 5 Bistro Cafe
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Rm 8 Bistro Cafe
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Rm 7 Bistro Cafe
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	In-service Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Rm 9 Bistro Cafe
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	P5 Swimming starts
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Law Christmas Lights switch on
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Rm 4 Bistro Cafe
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Rm 11 Bistro Cafe
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	P6 & P7 Sportshall Athletics
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	P5 Swimming starts
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Show (evening)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Show (afternoon)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto 'The Snow Queen'
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Nativity
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Concert
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School Closes at 2.30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	School Reopens

## ACHIEVEMENTS SUPPLEMENT

### **Congratulations!**

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

Sophie Greaves, Bethann Maxwell, Jamie Patterson, Jacob Straub, Kaleb Straub, William Ferguson, Jamie Morton, Darcy Burnley, Niamh Macmillan, Jack Patterson and Mathew Morton

Mathew Forde, Erin Gough and Cobie Boyd received Animal Agents Medals

**Well done to you all.**