

# David Livingstone Memorial Primary School and Nursery Class

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing Spring Break. As we enter the final term for this session, there are lots of very exciting learning experiences planned for the children. Please remember to check your child's schoolbag for any letters that are sent home and, if you have the time, check out our school website, our school app and Twitter for news of our successes.

Talking of success, our school received a runner-up certificate at SLC's Active Schools Annual Sporting Awards Ceremony which was held over the Spring Break. This award was in recognition for all the different extra-curricular sporting clubs (both lunchtime and after school) that we offer for children across all stages of the school. If you would be interested in running a club (sporting or otherwise) at lunchtime or after school, please contact me. This can be ongoing throughout the session, or over short blocks of time, whatever suits you best. We welcome any opportunities that we can provide for the children to make their learning as fun and as interesting as possible.

Please remember that we operate an 'open door' policy at David Livingstone Memorial Primary, so if you there is anything that you would like to discuss, do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

*Linda Callender*  
Head Teacher

## **Cross Country Success**

Congratulations to all of our P6/7 children who performed extremely well at SLC's Cross Country Competitions in March. At the Hamilton Primary Schools event, Lewis Macdonald (P6) scooped a bronze medal in the P6 Boys' Race, as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the P6 Team Race along with Aaron Davies, Aaron Kelly and Jack McKinlay. Our P7 girls also won a silver medal, with their team comprising Carrie Bulloch, Sarah Hailstones, Mirren Kerr and Emily Mills.



To top it all, Emily, Lewis and Aaron Kelly then qualified for the South Lanarkshire Finals for being in the top 10 runners in their area, with both boys winning a bronze medal in the P6 Boys' Race. What a fantastic achievement! Thank you to Mrs Hill, our School Support Team Leader, who helped to train the children to compete at this level.



## **Primary Dance Festival**

Congratulations to our P4-7 children who participated in South Lanarkshire Council's Primary Dance Festival at the Town House in Hamilton on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Their performance was outstanding and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in the packed audience. Thank you to Miss Campbell, our P2 teacher, who choreographed the children's routine and trained the children during one of our Friday afternoon masterclasses.

## **P7 Residential Outing**

Just before the Spring Break, our P7 children all returned safe and sound from their 3-day residential outing to Dalguise in Perthshire. During this visit the children participated in a wide range of different outdoor activities, including archery, rope climbing and abseiling. Thank you to Mr Clemente, Mrs Duffy, Miss Feeney and Miss Lattimer who accompanied the children on this outing. All 4 members of staff reported that the children were a credit to both themselves and the school, which is always very pleasing to hear.





### **World of Work Week**

As part of Developing Scotland's Young Workforce, all children will have the opportunity to participate in our annual World of Work Week which will run from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April. This year we asked all of our P6 children to write letters of invitation to people whose careers were of interest to them in order to help make their learning much more meaningful.

In addition, we have responded to the children's feedback from last session and some classes will actually be going out of school to visit some local businesses as part of their learning. If you or another family member would be willing to come in to school to talk about your career, or even invite a class into your place of work, please contact Miss Blair, our Depute Head Teacher, to let her know. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

### **School Meals**

The cost of school meals will increase by 5p to £1.70 from **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. This coincides with the introduction of the new Summer Menu, a copy of which will be sent home, as well as displayed on our school website. As always, please ensure that there is something on the menu that your child will eat if they are having a school dinner as our canteen staff can only prepare what is on the menu.



### **Nursery Race Night and Disco**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Nursery Race Night and Disco which was held on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. As well as lots of fun being had by all, an amazing £1318.16 was raised for Nursery funds! Congratulations to Mrs Hunter, our Nursery Team Leader, and our Nursery Parents' Group for organising such a fantastic event!

### **Cruden Donation**

We are delighted that Cruden, the builders who have constructed the new houses on our former football pitch, have very generously donated us with £1000 to help support the purchase of new playground equipment. Their Site Manager, Charlie Gallacher, has also been very supportive throughout the year and has regularly invited our Nursery children down to the building site to see the houses being built.



### **Transition into P1**

We have already started some of our transition activities for children who will be starting P1 in August. As part of a 'getting to know you' task, some of our P6s have been supporting the younger children with their learning, both in the Nursery and in the ICT Suite. In addition, some of the children who currently attend Calderside Nursery, but who will be joining us in August, have also been down for a visit.

During the course of this term our pre-school Nursery children will be spending time in a P1 class as they begin their transition into primary school. We are also in the process of organising Inductions Sessions for all our new entrants. Letters will be sent home shortly to the children and parents involved.

### **Parent/Carer Consultations**

Our Parent/Carer Consultations have been scheduled for **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May** and a letter inviting you to select your preferred choice of appointment time will be sent home over the next couple of days. As part of this, there will also be a Book Fair set up in the Open Area of the school and we hope that you will take the time to browse the books, and perhaps even buy. Pupil Reports will also be issued prior to our Parent/Carer Consultations, so please look out for this in your child's school bag.



### **World Down Syndrome Day**

Thank you to everyone who supported us by allowing your child to come to school wearing odd socks at the end of last term to raise awareness of World Down Syndrome Day. This fun but very meaningful initiative was organised by the children in P6/7 and their teacher, Mr Clemente, so well done to everyone involved.

### Wellbeing Assemblies

Throughout the month of March the children looked at the theme of 'Responsible' and focused on ways in which are encouraged to show responsibility both at home and at school. Later this month we will be moving on to the wellbeing indicator of 'Included', starting with a whole school assembly on **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April**. Thank you to Miss Blair (DHT) and Mr Burns (P2/3 teacher) who take responsibility for leading these assemblies.



### 'Bonnie Blantyre' Sunflowers

Just before the Spring Break, all children were issued with a kit to help them grow their own sunflower as part of an initiative organised in partnership with 'Bonnie Blantyre', a local community group. We had a few winners last year, so please make sure that you have your green fingers at the ready and remember to post your photographs on Twitter for us all to see!

### Parent Pay

Everyone should have received a letter about Parent Pay. This explains that the school will be going cashless as of **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April**, so please ensure that you have signed up for Parent Pay before then. Remember that this also includes payment for school lunches. If you have any questions regarding the use of Parent Pay, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hill in our school office.

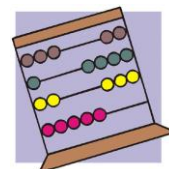


### Earth Hour

Congratulations to Mrs Hillis (our P3 and CCC teacher) and our Eco Committee who helped to organise a series of activities to raise children's awareness of Earth Hour which took place on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March. As part of this, everyone in the school made a pledge on what they would do to help the environment and these are in the process of being made into a giant paper chain which will be put on display in the dinner hall for all to see.

### Big Maths Curriculum Workshop

Thank you to all our parents/carers who attended our Big Maths curriculum workshop on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March. The introduction of Big Maths has been identified as one of our priorities for improvement for this session and it is already proving to be very successful in all classes to help improve children's mental agility. A leaflet explaining the strategies that we use will be sent home shortly so that you can help support your child at home, too.



### Easter Service

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Service at the end of last term. Our Charities Committee asked for all donations to be sent to the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity and a fantastic £104 was raised. This money will now be presented to a representative from this charity at our whole school assembly on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### Continuous Improvement Network Event

Congratulations to Mrs Sorbie (one of our Nursery teachers) and Mrs M Burns (one of our support assistants) who represented the school at South Lanarkshire Council's inaugural Continuous Improvement Network Event on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March to showcase the good practice that we have in relation to Nurture within the school. This event was attended not only by colleagues from within our own local authority, but also by representatives from Glasgow, North Lanarkshire, East Renfrewshire and East Dunbartonshire, as well as staff from Education Scotland, so our success has definitely been shared far and wide!



### P7 Transition

Our P7s moving on to Calderside Academy will have their first transition day on **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April**. This will be followed by a 2-day visit on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June** and **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June**. There is also an information evening on **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June** for parents/carers of P7 children who will be starting at Calderside Academy in August.

### **Credit Union**

We would like to remind all of our families that our Credit Union collection point takes place every Monday morning in the school. This is managed and run by our P6 children as part of their active numeracy. Should your child want to become a member of our Credit Union, please contact the school for an application form.



### **Pupil Illness**

Should your child require to take any medication whilst he/she is in school, it is essential that you complete an 'Administration of Medicine' form. A copy of this form is available from the school office. Only medication provided with written parental/carer consent will be able to be administered. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that medication is within its use by date.

Following NHS advice, please also remember that if your child had had a vomiting bug, they should not return to school until **48 hours** after the last time that they were sick. Your support with this is greatly appreciated as this helps to reduce the risk of cross-contamination.

### **Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club is proving popular with many families. This is a free resource for all children. Please remember that if your child does not attend the Breakfast Club and arrives in school before 8.45am, then you are doing so at your own risk as we do not have an adult presence in the playground before this time.



### **Mobile Phones**

We strongly discourage children from bringing their mobile phones to school as we cannot be held responsible if they are damaged or stolen. If your child does bring his/her mobile phone to school, it must be switched off at all times whilst in the building and in the playground. Any messages that you need to get to your child during the school day should be delivered via staff in our school office.

### **Wider Achievements**

We are keen to celebrate children's achievements out of school at our weekly assemblies. Should your child achieve something in an activity or club out of school, please encourage them to let us know. Children are also invited to bring in any certificates, medals, trophies or badges that they have been awarded so that these can be shown to everyone in the school, too. We have created a display of children's achievements out of school in our dining hall and it is great to see so many photographs on show.



### **After-School Clubs**

At DLMPs we continue to offer a wide range of after-school clubs for children of all stages. In the interests of pupil safety, please remember that if your child has 'signed up' for a club and then is unable to attend, it is important that an adult lets us know. This can be done either by sending a letter in to the school, or by telephoning a member of staff in the school office.

### **Primary School App**

Remember that we have our own app and we would like to thank our Parent Council for funding this on behalf of the school. To access this app, all you need to do is download the free app called 'Primary School App'. By doing so we will be able to notify you about school events, news and important diary dates. If you have any difficulties downloading this app, please contact the school and we will do our best to help.

**Primary  
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App**



### **Absence**

Please remember that it is a parent/carer's responsibility to let us know if their child is going to be absent from school. This can be done by either sending in a letter in advance of a planned absence, or by telephoning the school office. We care about all of our children and so it is important that we know that they are safe if they do not report to school.



## Parent Council Disco

Our Parent Council are in the process of organising a disco for all the children. These will take place on **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May** with P1-3 disco running from 6.00pm – 7.00pm and the one for P4-7 from 7.15pm – 8.15pm. As always, please remember that all children need to be collected by a responsible adult.



## Twitter

The school has a Twitter account and we use it to post information and photos from events within the school. The Twitter address is @dlivvies. Please note that this is a one-way communication tool and we will not respond to any comments. Our account is also protected so only people who are accepted as followers will be able to see the tweets. As a result, only followers who can be recognised as having a connection with the school will be accepted.

## Physical Education (P.E.)

Please remember that P.E. is a mandatory part of our national curriculum and all children are expected to participate in 2 hours of physical activity every week unless they have a valid letter from a parent/carer explaining why this is not possible. In the interests of safety, all children are also expected to change into a gym kit (t-shirt, joggers/leggings or shorts). Gym days are always noted on your child's class newsletter, so please ensure that they bring in appropriate clothing and refrains from wearing jewellery on these days. Thank you.



## Water in Class

We have noticed that a number of children have started bringing flavoured water to school. **Please note that juice and flavoured/sparkling water are not permitted in the classrooms** as they leave a terribly sticky mess if spilled and may spoil someone's work. If your child does bring in flavoured water, he/she will be asked to keep it in their schoolbag until interval or lunchtime.

There are also a number of children who regularly report at the school office looking for a cup of water. To save us having to buy lots of plastic cups, we would be grateful if all children could bring their own plastic bottle to school every day. Thank you.

## Holiday Weekends

School will be close on **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April** at 3.00pm for the Easter Weekend and will re-open on **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April** at 8.55am. In addition, the school will be closed on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May** for the May Bank Holiday. Please also remember that **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May** is an in-service day for staff only and the children should not attend on this day either. Children should return, as normal, on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May** at 8.55am.



## Useful Apps

Sumdog \*

Primary School App

RM Easimaths \*

Top Marks

Doorway Online

Teach Your Monster To Read

\* Please contact your child's class teacher if they cannot remember their log-in details.



### Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event and Children/Parents Involved
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April	P1 and P1A visiting Stirling Castle
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April	P4 swimming
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April	P6/7 Netball Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
<b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Start of World of Work Week – all children
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Fun 5Z Netball – selected P6/7 children
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April	P7 visiting Calderside Academy
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Hamilton Tennis Qualifier (9.30am – 12.30pm) – selected P4 children
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April	P6/7 Football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	P4 swimming
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	P6/7 Netball Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May	P5/6 Rugby Festival – details to follow
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Nursery graduation photos
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Parent Council disco (P1-3 = 6.00pm – 7.00pm; P4-7 = 7.15pm – 8.15pm)
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Rev Anderson attending assembly
<b>Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>In-Service Day – school closed to children</b>
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	P4 swimming
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent/Carer Consultations
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	P2 Assembly (11.00am start) – all welcome
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May	P6/7 Football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May	P4 swimming
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	P3 Assembly (11.00am start) – all welcome
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	P6/7 Football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	P4 swimming
<b>Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May	P4 swimming
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Council meeting (6.30pm start) – all welcome
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	P6/7 Football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)

