

David Livingstone Memorial Primary School and Nursery Class

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SOUTH
LANARKSHIRE
COUNCIL

Our Vision *'We aim to provide an inclusive and nurturing environment where everyone can thrive and achieve.'*

Our Values *Respectful Responsible Caring Confident Honest Successful*

"I am prepared to go anywhere, provided it be forward." (Dr. David Livingstone)

Dear Parents/Carers

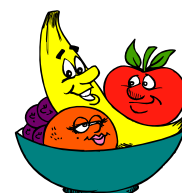
Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent/Carer Consultations which took place just before the October Week. Our attendance rate was very high at approximately 94%. If you were unable to make your appointment and would still like to meet with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office and we will arrange an alternative time. We are in the process of looking through your suggestions for improvement and will feed back to you on these developments in our future newsletters.

At the start of a new term, we are delighted to welcome 2 new teachers to our Nursery team who shall be replacing Mrs Sorbie since she has now started her maternity leave. The new teachers are Mrs Iles who will work Mondays to Wednesdays, and Miss Readie who will be with us every Thursday and Friday. We hope that both ladies will be very happy in our establishment.

*Linda Callender
Head Teacher*

Health Week

Children across all stages enjoyed a variety of activities as part of this year's Health Week, including food tasting with staff from Asda, Tae Kwon Do, judo, dancing and even some Jo Wicks' workouts! In addition, they made a range of different healthy foods in class and had the opportunity to participate in a 'Design a Healthy Lunchbox' competition organised by the school's Pupil Council! All in all, a great week was had by everyone!



Harvest Donations

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest donations. As a school, we managed to donate 191.15kg of foodstuffs and toiletries to the Hamilton and District Foodbank to help support those in need in our local area. What a fantastic achievement!

Breakfast Club

Recently there have been a few children who have arrived at school very early, but have not come in to Breakfast Club. This then means that these children are hanging around outside the school or in neighbouring streets waiting for the school gates to open at 8.35am, potentially putting themselves at risk. In order that we can keep all our children safe, we would be grateful if parents/carers could refrain from sending their children in to school early if they are not attending our Breakfast Club.



Please also 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. Thank you.



Christmas Hampers

Our Christmas Fayre will take place **Thursday, 5th December** from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. In preparation for this, each class in the school will be collecting items for their own Christmas hamper for which raffle tickets will be sold on the night. The theme for each class shall be sent home over the next few days. Any donations of raffle prizes from families and friends will also be gratefully received.

Scots Week

The whole school will be participating in a special Scots Week during week beginning 25th November. As part of this children from across all stages will have the opportunity to enhance their understanding of Scots language through a range of different activities, including poetry and song. This will culminate in a special Scots Assembly on Friday, 30th November where children will have the chance to showcase their learning to others.

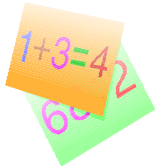


Sports Leader Training

Congratulations to all of our P7 children who have recently completed Sports Leader Training with Lesley Scanlan, our Active Schools Coordinator. These children are now starting to make plans for lunchtime clubs that they will deliver to younger classes during the remainder of this session. These clubs will always have an adult in attendance, but it will be the P7 children who will be taking the lead as part of their own personal and social development.

Let's Have A Blether

This year we have launched weekly 'Let's Have A Blether' sessions across the school. Once a week, members of the Senior Management Team meet with a child from each class to discuss their learning, including what they see as their strengths, as well as what they think they need to improve. A record of this conversation is then stapled into the child's Ready, Steady Learn book. Please take the time to read what has been written, then record your own comment underneath. Thank you.



Numeracy Open Day

Following suggestions received from parents/carers, we will be hosting a Numeracy Open Day for all parents/carers on **Wednesday, 27th November from 1.45pm – 2.45pm**. During this event you will have the opportunity to work alongside your child as he/she engages in a range of Numeracy activities. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Lunches

Please remember that we have now changed to the new Winter Menu. All children have already been sent home a copy of the new menu. It is also available to view on both our own and South Lanarkshire Council's website.



To avoid unnecessary anxiety, it would be helpful if you could ensure that there is something on the menu that your child will eat before sending them for a school lunch as there have been a couple of occasions recently when a child has said that there is nothing on the menu that they like. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.



Ready Steady Learn Books

Every child has now been issued with a new Ready Steady Learn book for this term. This book shall be sent home at least once per week and you are asked to sign to say that you have seen it. Comments from parents/carers are also welcome. So that we are able to keep you informed about your child's learning and behaviour in school, we would be grateful if you could ensure that your child's Ready Steady Learn book is returned to the school the day after it has been sent home. Thank you.

Attendance At School

Please remember that it is the parent/carer's responsibility to inform us if your child is going to be absent from school. Should we be unable to get in touch with yourself or one of your child's emergency contacts, we may need to ask the Police to visit your home to ensure that your child is safe.

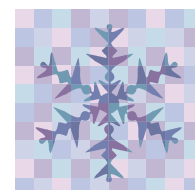


Hallowe'en Disco

Thank you to the Parent Council who organised a Hallowe'en disco for our P4-7 children on Wednesday, 30th October, as well as provided treats for the P1-3 Hallowe'en party which was held during the school day. All of the children's costumes looked amazing!

Inclement Weather

Parents/carers are reminded that in the unlikely event that the school needs to remain closed because of adverse weather conditions, this information will be reported on South Lanarkshire Council's website (www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk) and, if possible, on the local radio stations. It is also vitally important that you keep us informed of any changes to your contact details in case we need to telephone you in an emergency. Thank you.



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. Any messages that you need to get to your child during the school day should be delivered via staff in our school office.

Warm Clothing

As the weather has started to turn much colder, we would be grateful if all parents/carers could ensure that their child wears a jacket when coming to school. Please also remember that we have a number of different items of clothing on our clothing recycling rail at the main entrance should this be of any help to families.



In-Service Days

Please remember that the school will be closed to children on **Monday, 18th November** and **Tuesday, 19th November** as these are In-Service Days for staff. Children should return, as normal, on **Wednesday, 21st November** at 8.55am.

Primary
School
App

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
Friday, 1 st November	Dress Down Day – All children (£1 donation please)
Friday, 1 st November	Firefighter Scott attending assembly
Monday, 4 th November	Savvy Savers Credit Union Collection Point – All children
Monday, 4 th November	P7 Class Assembly (11.00am)
Monday, 4 th November	P6/7 Football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 5 th November	P5 Basketball (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 6 th November	P6/7 Netball (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Thursday, 7 th November	P3/4 Energiser Club (8.30am – 8.55am) – Final week
Friday, 8 th November	Remembrance Assembly - Rev Anderson attending
Monday, 11 th November	Credit Union collection point – All children
Monday, 11 th November	P6/7 Football Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 12 th November	P2 Multi-Sports (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Tuesday, 12 th November	P5 Basketball (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 13 th November	P6/7 Netball (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Thursday, 14 th November	Parent Council meeting (6.30pm start) – All welcome
Friday, 15 th November	Children in Need Day – Details to follow
Monday, 18th November	In-Service Day – School closed to all children
Tuesday, 19th November	In-Service Day – School closed to all children
Wednesday, 20 th November	Fun 5Z Netball – Selected P6/7 children
Monday, 25 th November	Scots Week – All children
Monday, 25 th November	Savvy Savers Credit Union Collection Point – All children
Monday, 25 th November	P6/7 Football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 26 th November	P2 Multi-Sports Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Tuesday, 26 th November	P5 Basketball (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 27 th November	P6/7 Netball (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Wednesday, 27 th November	Numeracy Open Day (1.45pm – 2.45pm) – All welcome
Thursday, 28 th November	Sports Hall Athletics – Selected P6/7 children
Friday, 29 th November	Rev Anderson attending assembly

