

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

It's hard to believe that it's the beginning of March already and we are less than a month to the end of Term 3! As always, life at DLMPS continues to be very busy, with lots of visitors in the school, as well as a number of classes attending outings. We also continue to hear a lot of positive feedback from others, which is to the credit of the children and the staff in the school.

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*

Fairtrade Fortnight

Thank you to Miss Brown (P2/3 teacher) and this term's Fairtrade Committee who organised a fantastic 'Drink, Dress Down and Donate' Day as part of Fairtrade Fortnight on Friday, 28th February. As part of this, all children were invited to come to school dressed in Fairtrade colours (blue, green and black), as well as donate 50p to have Fairtrade hot chocolate whilst reading a book in the company of their peers. The exact amount of money raised from this event has yet to be finalised, but we will let you know in due course.

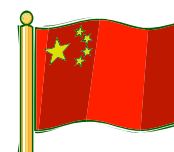


P7 Residential Visit to Dalquise (PGL)

Good luck to all of our P7 children who are heading off on their residential outing to Dalquise, which is located in rural Perthshire from Monday, 2nd March until Wednesday, 4th March. During this visit the children will engage in a wide range of outdoor activities designed to promote team-building, increased resilience and self-confidence, so fingers crossed that the weather remains kind! Have fun everyone!

Mandarin Lessons

Over the past 6 weeks, children in our P6/7 and P7 classes have had the opportunity to learn Mandarin as part of the Scottish Government's Languages 1 + 2 initiative. These lessons were delivered by a native Mandarin speaker, who also shared with the children what it was like to be a young person in China to help raise their awareness of other cultures.



Primary Dance Festival – Save the Date!

Following on from last year's success, some of our P4-7 children will be participating in South Lanarkshire Council's Primary Dance Festival at the Town House in Hamilton on **Wednesday, 22nd April**. Information regarding how you can purchase tickets for this event will be sent home as soon as we receive it from Active Schools.

Literacy Open Day

One of our priorities for improvement this session is to raise attainment in Reading through the introduction of Active Literacy across all stages of the school. To help raise awareness of what is involved in this initiative, we will be hosting a Literacy open Day for all parents/carers on **Monday, 9th March from 11.15am – 12.15pm**. During this event you will have the opportunity to work alongside your child as he/she engages in a range of Literacy activities. We look forward to seeing you there.



World Book Day

As a school, we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday, 5th March**. To alleviate pressure on families, all activities will take place in class and we have chosen not to ask children to dress up again this year. Instead, we will be hosting a special assembly and the children will be engaging in a number of different fun activities in their classrooms.

Book Swap

Following the success from last term, our P5 Library Committee will be organising another Book Swap on **Friday, 6th March**. To participate in this, children are asked to bring in a book that they have finished with and swap this for another book completely free of charge.



Library Project

Our whole school library project is now well under way with some of our older classes now visiting Blantyre Library for the second time this time. We are delighted to see the number of children who have since joined the library and will issue their new membership cards as soon as they arrive. In addition, our P5 Junior Librarians have visited both Blantyre Library and the school library at Netherburn Primary near Larkhall to gain ideas on what to include in our own school library and will begin planning their design over the next fortnight or so.

As part of our library project, we are also keen to involve parents/carers and other family members in a range of reading activities which will offer support to children from stages of the school. To explain more about the exciting and innovative opportunities that we have planned, we will be hosting a Parent/Carer Information session on **Thursday, 19th March from 2.00pm – 3.00pm** and would be delighted if you could attend.

Nursery Race Night

Tickets are now on sale at a cost of £3 each for our annual Nursery Race Night which will be held in Blantyre Miner's Welfare on **Friday, 27th March** starting at 7.30pm. Any donations for the raffle would also be gratefully received.



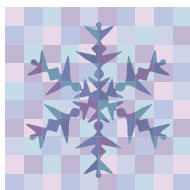
Pupil Sickness

Please remember that if your child has suffered from sickness or diarrhoea, he/she should stay at home for at least 48 hours (2 days) after their symptoms stop to prevent the infection being passed on to anyone else. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

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. Phones should not be used until children leave the school gates at the end of the day. Please remember that any messages that you need to get to your child during the school day should be delivered via staff in our school office.





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), Twitter, 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.

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.



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.

Easter Service

All parents/carers and other family members are warmly invited to attend our Easter Service which will be held in Livingstone Memorial Church on **Thursday, 2nd April** starting at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing you there.



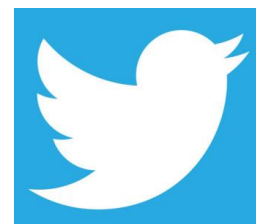
**Primary
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Remember that we have our own app and we would like to thank our Parent Council for funding this on behalf of the school. To access this app, all you need to do is download the free app called 'Primary School App'. By doing so we will be 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.

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.



Ready Steady Learn Books

As you know, 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 signed and returned to the school the day after it has been sent home. If your child has their book signed, he/she will gain an extra House point and, given that there were only 2 points between the House that came in first and second last week, every point is crucial.

Chewing Gum

Unfortunately, a few children are still bringing chewing gum in to school. Please remember that chewing gum is not permitted anywhere in our school. This includes our classrooms, as well as our playground since not only is it a choke hazard, but it can cause a terrible mess to school property and children's clothing. Your support in ensuring that your child adheres to this rule would be greatly appreciated.



Support for Families

South Lanarkshire Council are keen to provide as much support as possible for all our families. Please see the information below on Money Matters should this be of support to you:



We offer **free, confidential and impartial advice** - we can help check your benefit entitlement, assist with the claims process, challenge decisions and represent you at Social Security appeal tribunals. For debt issues we look at your financial circumstances, contact creditors, discuss options and give budgeting advice; **Contact number: 0303 123 1008.**

Our Telephone Advice Line offers a similar service specifically aimed at pregnant women and families with young children; **Contact number: 01698 453154.**



Administering Medicine

Should your child require to take any medication 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/carers consent will be able to be administered. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that medication is within its use by date.

Indoor Shoes

We have noticed that a few children still do not have a pair of indoor shoes. In order that we can keep the carpeted areas of our school clean, it is important that all children remove their outdoor shoes when they enter the building. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to support you with this.



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.

Parking

We politely request that parents/carers do not double park in our school car park nor at the turning circle at the front of the school as this causes congestion and may cause an accident. It also means that staff who finish slightly before or at 3.00pm find it extremely difficult to leave and many of them have their own caring responsibilities to attend to. Thank you for your co-operation.



Spring Break

The school will be close on **Friday, 3rd April at 2.30pm** for the Spring Break and will re-open on **Monday, 20th April at 8.55am**. We hope that you all enjoy a relaxing holiday.

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.



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Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event and Children/Parents Involved
Monday, 2 nd March	P7 residential visit to Dalguise (PGL)
Monday, 2 nd March	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 2 nd March	P5/6 visiting Blantyre Library
Monday, 2 nd March	P6/7 Football club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 3 rd March	P4 Basketball club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 4 th March	P6/7 Netball club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Wednesday, 4 th March	P6/7 Cross Country club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Thursday, 5 th March	World Book Day – all children
Friday, 6 th March	Book Swap – all children
Friday, 6 th March	Rev Macdonald attending assembly
Monday, 9 th March	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 9 th March	Literacy Open Day (11.15am – 12.15pm) – all welcome
Monday, 9 th March	P6/7 Football club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 10 th March	P4 swimming – details to follow
Tuesday, 10 th March	P4 Drama club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Tuesday, 10 th March	P4 Basketball club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 11 th March	Fun 5Z Netball – selected P6/7 children
Wednesday, 11 th March	P6/7 Cross Country club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Thursday, 12 th March	P6/7 visiting Blantyre Library
Thursday, 12 th March	Parent Council meeting (6.30pm start) – all welcome
Friday, 13 th March	P6/7 Hamilton Cross Country Championships – selected P6/7 children
Monday, 16 th March	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 16 th March	AM Nursery children visiting Blantyre Library
Monday, 16 th March	P5 Class Assembly (11.00am start)
Monday, 16 th March	P6/7 Football club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 17 th March	P4 Drama club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Tuesday, 17 th March	P4 Basketball club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 18 th March	P4 swimming
Wednesday, 18 th March	P6/7 Netball club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Wednesday, 18 th March	P6/7 Cross Country club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Thursday, 19 th March	PM Nursery children visiting Blantyre Library
Thursday, 19 th March	Parent/Carer Information Session re school library project (2.00pm – 3.00pm) – all welcome

Monday, 23 rd March	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 23 rd March	NSPCC visiting all classes
Monday, 23 rd March	P6/7 Football club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 24 th March	P4 Basketball club (3.00pm – 4.00pm) – final week
Wednesday, 25 th March	P4 swimming
Wednesday, 25 th March	P6/7 Netball club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Wednesday, 25 th March	P6/7 Cross Country club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Thursday, 26 th March	P4 visiting Blantyre Library
Friday, 27 th March	Nursery race Night (7.30pm start) – all welcome
Monday, 30 th March	P5 visiting Blantyre Library
Wednesday, 1 st April	P4 swimming
Thursday, 2 nd April	Easter Service at Livingstone Memorial Church (9.30am start) – all welcome
Thursday, 2 nd April	House treat for winning house
Friday, 3rd April	School closes at 2.30pm
Monday, 6 th April	Calderside's Amazing Academy – P7 children
Tuesday, 7 th April	Calderside's Amazing Academy – P7 children
Monday, 20th April	School re-opens at 8.55am

