



David Livingstone Memorial Primary School and Nursery Class

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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)

To all of our children and families,

I hope that you are all safe and well and that you are enjoying all this lovely weather that we have been having. All of the staff and myself continue to miss you all so much and hope that it won't be too long until we are all back together again. Please take the time to look at our whole school video that was posted on our website, school app and on Twitter to see how much we are missing you.

Our teachers continue to work very hard to provide weekly home learning activities and I hope that you are finding these useful. These activities contain a mixture of Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing tasks, as well as some interdisciplinary learning linked to class topics and/or special focus weeks in the school. All activities are uploaded onto the school website under the 'Home Learning' tab, as well as posted on our school app every Monday morning. We have also introduced Google Classroom for all stages apart from our Nursery. If your child has not yet logged on to Google Classroom, this can be accessed via a code that we sent home on our school app. Alternatively, parents/carers can contact their child's class teacher via email to get this code. Please note that the code is different for each class. Google Classroom allows for communication between the child and his/her teacher, as well as the opportunity to ask any questions that he/she might have regarding their home learning activities. A helpsheet explaining how to access Google Classroom has also been added to our school website, as well as added as a document on our school app.

Participation in home learning helps us to know that our families are safe and well. Whilst we would encourage the children to complete the activities, our priority at the moment is wellbeing and maintaining strong and positive relationships with our children and families, so please do only what is manageable for you and your own circumstances. Please also remember that there is no expectation that everyone does everything. I am sure that many of our children will also be learning valuable life skills as they help out with odd jobs at home and probably in the garden, too!

Teachers email addresses are included in each home learning pack. There is no expectation to post or provide evidence of completed tasks. Nevertheless, staff would love to hear from the children, even if it is just to say hello! Google Classroom allows children to send examples of their learning (documents, photographs or even videos) to their own class teacher and staff will respond to this at some point during the school day (9.00am – 3.00pm) since this is when they would normally have interaction with the children. Nursery parents/carers should continue to make use of their Learning Journals to communicate with staff about their children's successes. Anything that is posted will receive a response, with anything that is posted after 3.00pm receiving feedback the following day.

A number of staff have also been volunteering in one of the hubs that have been established in South Lanarkshire to provide emergency childcare for the children of key workers. We thank those involved for all their efforts in supporting this crucial resource.

Finally, if anyone needs support with any of the above, please email the school office at office@davidlivingstone-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk to let us know and we will try our best to help you out.

Linda Callender
Head Teacher



Return to School

As you know, lockdown restrictions have been lifted slightly for most people. South Lanarkshire Council are in the process of re-opening schools, starting with members of the Senior Management Team returning to work week beginning 1st June to begin to make preparations for our own school. When we receive confirmatory information from the authority, we will let parents/carers know how and when DLMPs will be re-opening for children, as well as the safety procedures that will have put in place to protect everyone. Please ensure that you adhere to these guidelines so that we can keep our whole school community safe. Thank you.

Google Form

Thank you to everyone who completed our online Google Form linked to our home learning provision. The results of this were extremely positive, with 95.7% of the 70 families who responded saying that their child had engaged in some of the activities that the school has sent home, and 72.9% saying that they were accessing this via Google Classroom. As part of continuous improvement, we have also acted on some of the feedback and suggestions that we received, as is detailed below:



You Said ...	We Did ...
A phone call to check in	All teachers will be phoning families week beginning 1 st June to see how children and their families are doing.
Video of staff photos	We have created a montage of photos of all staff and have posted this on our school website, app and on Twitter for everyone to see.
A letter to children	All teaching staff sent home an electronic letter to their class week beginning 25 th May. Look out for a letter from the Head Teacher coming soon, too!
Send home laptops/iPads	South Lanarkshire Council are taking responsibility for distributing resources to families who need them. We have asked families to let us know if they are in need of something and we have added their child's name to our school list.
Send learning packs to the homes of children	Unfortunately, our school has been closed and so we have had no access to printing facilities. This is something that will be reviewed once schools are re-open.
Fun challenges/competitions	Staff have started launching a whole school challenge each week and are collating photographs into a presentation that is then uploaded onto our website and social media (school app and Twitter).



Full Reports

Our Full Reports were sent home by email last week, using the email address that is attached to your child's ParentPay account (P1-7), or via our Nursery Learning Journals. Please contact the school office if you have not yet received this. Thank you.

Scottish Mathematical Challenge

Once again, pupils from our school have excelled in the Scottish Mathematical Challenge. Three children gained a Silver Award - Andrew Crighton (P7), Kyle Falconer (P7) and Freya Scholes (P6) – and a further 4 children gained a Bronze Award – Rowan Anderson (P7), Ava Blease (P7), Rachel McCool (P7) and Sam Murdoch (P6). What a fantastic achievement for all 7 children! Please could I ask that each of their children check their Glow email account for further information relating to their success.





Sports Day

Given the current lockdown, our Sports Day will be a little different this year. Instead, Mrs Young and Mrs Bannatyne have organised a series of fun activities that you can do as a family at home over the course of week beginning 1st June. There is even a score card so that you can find out who is the winner in your own family! Please look out for activities on our website and school app, and remember to send in any photographs that you have of you doing these events so that we can celebrate these as a school.

Nursery Children

Approximately half of our Nursery children will soon be making the transition into P1 and, for few boys and girls, this will mean a change of school. We have loved getting to know all of them, watching them grow in confidence day by day. We now wish them all 'good luck' as they move on to the next stage in their educational journey and would like to thank all of their parents/carers and other family members for being so supportive of our Nursery over the past 2 years.



P7 Transition

As our P7 children prepare to move on to secondary school, I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best for the future and to thank them for everything that they have contributed to DLMPs in the time that they have been with us. We will be sad to see them go, but hope that they continue to try their very best in everything that they do so that they can follow their hopes and their dreams at high school. Thank you, too, to all the respective parents/carers for all the support that you have given the school over the years.



P1 Inductions

We are in the process of sending home induction packs for all of our future P1 pupils and have posted information on our school website under a tab entitled 'P1 Induction'. If you have a child who is about to start school in August, please continue to check this tab regularly as new information is being added all the time.



School Uniform

A few parents have been in touch regarding the supply of school uniform. This is now available to order online from Scotcrest in Hamilton (www.Scotcrest.co.uk).

Parent Council Meeting

Our final Parent Council meeting for this session will take place via Zoom on **Thursday, 11th June** starting at 6.30pm and all parent/carers are welcome to attend. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend this meeting so that you can be sent log-in details.



Twitter

The school has a Twitter account and we use it to post information and photos of children from 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.

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 email the school office and we will do our best to help.



Financial 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.***



Summer Holidays

Please remember that the school shall close on **Wednesday, 24th June at 1.00pm** for the Summer holidays. We hope that the weather remains kind to all of us! Please keep checking our website, school app and Twitter for updates on what will happen when the children are due to start back school in August.



Final Words ...

It's hard to believe that we are at the start of June already and the Summer holidays will start in just over 3 weeks' time! This has been an extremely challenging time for everyone and I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents/carers for your support, patience and understanding over the past 10 weeks. Staff at all levels have risen to the challenge and I am extremely grateful for all their efforts to support the children in our care.

However, the real stars are, of course, our wonderful children who have shown great resilience and strength of character during the time when schools have been closed. Boys and girls, I salute you all! The standard of the home learning activities that we have seen has been absolutely phenomenal, with many families showing great imagination and meaningful ideas of their own, too. Thank you for taking the time to share these with us. They really have helped to bring a smile to many faces!

As we approach the end of another term, I hope that you and your family continue to keep safe and well. Please remember to contact me (gw14dlmpsht@glow.sch.uk) if there is anything that I can do to support you and your family.

Finally, as this shall be the last newsletter for this session, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable Summer holiday when it comes. Hopefully it will not be too long before we are back together again! Keep smiling everyone!

Linda Callender
Head Teacher

