



Lairhillock School Newsletter

22 December 2015



We had a surprise visit from the STV camera crew this afternoon. They filmed some of the school choir children singing Silent Night. This will be shown tomorrow evening on the STV news.

Our trip to the **pantomime** to see Olivia perform went well and her classmates were trying to restrain themselves from chanting her name every time they saw her. Thank you to the host of volunteers who came with us and apologies to those of you who were unsuccessful, perhaps if she ends up in a West End show you will be chosen then!

The P1-7 children put on two great performances of '**Lairhillock has the X-Factor**' and they certainly seemed to enjoy themselves in the process. These were followed by the wonderful nursery nativity on the Friday. Certainly a lovely way to start Christmas.

The primary 5 children from P5/6 have asked me to mention them in the newsletter as they were the willing and hardworking helpers at the nursery show. They would also like me to let everyone know that they got free food!

The beautiful glass fused plates made by P4-7 were won by:

- P4/5 Mr Irvine Main
- P5/6 Mrs Romy Thomson
- P6/7 Amy Strachan

All of the Christmas **parties** went with a swing and we are most grateful to the volunteers who did the catering and to the Parent Council for providing the goodies.

Thank you to those of you who attended the information sessions. The informal discussions around children's **safe use of the Internet** were a clear indicator that parents would like support in this area. Ms Forsyth, our ICT specialist, is currently preparing a leaflet for parents and I am waiting for confirmation of a date when Mr Kenny, DHT Mackie Academy, and some of his senior pupils are available to come in to deliver a presentation.

The Primary 6 trip to Curl Aberdeen curling went well. With Mrs Kirk now clocking up a few visits to the curling, she really is turning into a dab hand with a sweeping brush!

ALLERGIES

We have a number of children in school who are allergic to nuts and nut products. In the interest of their safety we would request that your child does **not bring nuts to school** for their snack or lunch.

Please update the school if there are any changes to your child's medical needs, including improvements which result in them no longer require medication at school.

ECO

Happy Eco Christmas!

The Eco Committee would like to remind everyone to keep up our good Eco work over the Christmas holiday period. Remember to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! Our clothing recycling point at the Lairhillock Inn is a great way of passing on clothing and makes a lot of money for the school each month. Don't forget to recycle all your wrapping paper too.

Many thanks.

From

Mrs Blair and the Eco Committee 🌲

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Whilst on the subject of being an Eco school, Primary 1/2 will be organising the annual **Suitcase Sale** for **Thursday 21 January**. The Christmas holiday is the ideal time for the children to gather together unwanted toys, books etc. that they can sell at this event and raise money for charity.

STAFFING

The recruitment process for the additional two nursery nurses will not be completed in time for the start of the new session. Two nursery nurses have been appointed, pending the appropriate checks.

For the first week or two the nursery will be staffed as follows:

- Mrs Campbell Every second Wednesday all day
- Miss May Wednesday to Friday all day
- Mrs McGachy Monday to Wednesday all day
- Mrs Shepherd Full time
- Ms Susan Scouller Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning and Wednesday lunchtime

Miss Brodie Brockie-Donald and Mr Matthew Nixon, MA2 students, will continue their weekly placement in P4/5 on Thursdays. We welcome back Mrs Rosa Rodriguez, Post Graduate student, to Primary 5/6 at the beginning of the term.

In addition, P1/2 and P2/3 will have fourth year students out on placement later this term:

- P1/2 Megan Anderson, MA4
- P2/3 Sarah Turner, MA4

VOLUNTEERS

Miss Murray is looking for **volunteers** to help run the **school library**. This is on a rota basis, which means the more volunteers she has the less of a commitment it will be for parents. Library runs on a Thursday afternoon. Please contact the school if you are able to help.

LOST PROPERTY

Those of you who managed to attend the information sessions for parents are aware of our current lost property mountain. We are unable to return items to children unless they are correctly named. A number of the items are clearly labelled however, the names are still the previous owners of the garments. Items can be labelled using pen, just don't forget to rewrite occasionally as it washes off.

Mrs Fish uses the following website for labels: <https://www.nametags4u.co.uk>

We are not endorsing this website but it certainly looks very useful and you appear to be able to label almost everything!

PAVING STONES

The grassy area leading from the back of the school to the compost heaps is very slippery and muddy. I am worried that one day a member of staff will attempt the expedition to the compost heap and disappear for good under the mud! To prevent this tragedy I am appealing for old paving stones that can be used to create a path or stepping stones across this area.

PARENT COUNCIL

The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 11 January 2016 at 7.30 p.m.** All parents of children from Nursery to P7 are invited. Items for the agenda should be forwarded to the secretary, Mrs Joanne Owen.

AND FINALLY...

We would all like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We will see the children back in school on Wednesday 06 January.



Christeen Seward
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary (Dates may have to change but you will be kept informed)

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| TERM 3 | | | |
| 11 01 16 | MONDAY | 19.30 | PARENT COUNCIL MEETING |
| 21 01 16 | THURSDAY | TBC | SUITCASE SALE |
| 25 02 16 | THURSDAY | TBC | FAIRTRADE CAFE |
| TERM 4 | | | |
| 26 04 16 | TUESDAY | 19.30 | PARENT COUNCIL MEETING |
| SESSION 2016-2017 | | | |
| 31 08 16 | WEDNESDAY | 19.30 | PARENT COUNCIL AGM |

SCHOOL HOLIDAY / TERM TIME DATES

SESSION 2015 – 2016

Term 3 06/01/16 - 01/04/16

Term 4 18/04/16 - 01/07/16

In-service Days

16 November 2015

17 November 2015

16 February 2016

17 February 2016

Public Holidays

15 February 2016

25 March 2016

02 May 2016

Occasional Days

11 February 2016

12 February 2016



COMMENTS, COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS

We welcome feedback on how we are doing and will use this to plan for improvements. Please note any points in the space below and return to the school office. Please sign your name if you wish someone to respond to your comments.

Signature: _____ Date: _____