



March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to present our March newsletter, and with it, all of the latest happenings from our school community as well as key dates, for the remainder of the term. March heralds the start of spring and over the next few months, we are looking forwards to getting children outdoors and into nature, for many of their learning experiences. This month, P7 will be heading off to Lagganlia, near Aviemore, for a week of adventure and team-building, in the outdoors. We will also be hosting our Daffodil Tea, for elderly members of our school community, or a child's 'special person' and on the last day of term, we will be inviting all family members, into our classrooms, for an Easter Craft Morning.

Have a wonderful Easter break when it comes. Happy Easter to you all! 😊

Staffing News: Mrs McGaw will be working across both P7 classes for the remainder of the session to support the teaching of the wider curriculum. She will also be teaching in P7B on a Tuesday of each week. We are delighted to have Mrs McGaw back with us.

You Say/We Did: In our recent Health and Wellbeing questionnaire we received some feedback about our P4-7 toilets. We have recently been able to paint parts of the toilet area to make it more attractive for our children and our toilet area will be entirely refitted, in future sessions. Our toilets are always very clean and well-maintained and we are extremely grateful to our cleaning staff and janitors for ensuring that they are kept in good order, for our children to use. Unfortunately, we do experience some ongoing issues with children misusing the toilets, including deliberately flooding toilets, damaging tiling and graffitiing walls. Whilst these incidents are sporadic and relatively few and far between, please remind children to respect the toilet environment to ensure the safety, comfort and wellbeing of all. We will continue to share this message through our assemblies and ongoing, conversations in school. Thank you for your support with this. It's much appreciated. 😊

Learning, Teaching and Assessment: Social Subjects Learning and IDL Experiences (Term 3): Each class in school is currently learning about a period in history, related to the Curriculum for Excellence, Experiences and Outcomes, at the required level, as well as to children's interests.

The following themes are being taught in classes:

- P1- Toys from the past
- P2, P3/2, P3- The Egyptians
- P4- Vikings
- P5- Wallace and Bruce



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P6- The Dark Ages

P7- Wars/Conflict and WW2

If you have any knowledge, skills or artefacts relating to these periods in history, to share in school, then please do, let us know. We'd be very grateful for any of your contributions and our children do enjoy having a visitor in class. 😊

We have been working hard on our approaches to the teaching of Social Subjects and Interdisciplinary Learning Experiences this session. Children are benefitting from the opportunity to lead learning in classrooms, to have more choice in the experience and to be creative and innovative, in how they demonstrate their knowledge and skills. Our approaches to how we assess children's learning in Social Subjects and IDL has also improved. We have been creating high-quality assessments which allow all children to display their full potential in lessons.

Tesco Stronger Starts grant success! We are delighted to let you know that following the Tesco Stronger Starts vote in our local Tesco stores between 1st October 2024 to 15th January 2025, our project came first and has been chosen by Tesco customers to receive a grant award of £1,500.00! This grant will be used to fund a range of resources and activities, to support Health and Wellbeing across the school. We will make sure that all pupils are able to make the most of these opportunities regardless of their background or financial circumstances. We want all our pupils to be able to learn about health and wellbeing, to ensure they acquire skills to live healthy, happy lives.

Linlithgow Rotary Inter-Schools Quiz: Winners! We are thrilled to announce that our P7 team won this year's Linlithgow Rotary, Inter-Schools Quiz! This is the second year, in a row, that our pupils have taken this title and won the cup. Our P7 representatives once again dazzled us with their general knowledge and ability to answer the quiz questions quickly and accurately, across a range of topics. Well done to our team! They will now go through to the next round, which includes schools from across West Lothian.

Pupil Reading Club: Friday Break-times- School Library: Mrs Bryce alongside some of her pupil Reading Ambassadors have started to run a school 'Reading Club' on Friday break-times, in the library. Last week was the first meeting of the club, and children enjoyed having a quiet space to read and explore the texts on offer. Thank you to Mrs Bryce for continuing to promote 'a love of reading' across our school and for supporting our pupils in this way. 😊

Neurodivergent Learner- Parent Support Group: The next meeting of our Neurodivergent Learner, Parent Support Group, will be on **Wednesday 26th March at 2pm**, in school. Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the last meeting in February. We do hope that this



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group is of benefit to everyone. Once again, anyone who feels that the group would be helpful to their child/family, is welcome to attend. 😊

Parent Council/ Parent Fundraising Group: Members Needed: Our Parent Council and Parent Fundraising Group both continue to make great strides in the work that they do to support our pupils and staff in school. Both groups are always keen to recruit new members, especially the Fundraising Group. Without volunteers, the Fundraising Group can't do the wonderful work that they do. If you are interesting in sparing any time to support either of these groups, please contact our school office who will point you in the right direction of the best person to talk to about this. Thank you all. 😊

Equity for All: Pay it Forward Fund: Thank you to all families who have donated to our Pay it Forward Fund which supports children to attend school trips and residential experiences and to access clubs, where there is a cost involved and where a family would be unable to access this, due to financial difficulties. This fund ensures that no child misses out on any of the experiences that we offer. If you would like to donate to the fund as a 'one off' or on an ongoing basis, please access it through iPayImpact. We are so grateful for your support, to ensure full equity for all children in our school.

P4 and P5- Pupil Fundraising Effort: Well done to Amy S in P5 and Grace M in P4 who recently raised £16 for school funds, by making and selling crafts and 'sweetie bags' to family and friends, at home. The girls are now going to decide as to how they'd like us to spend the money. Initial thoughts have been to buy some new novels for class libraries or playground toys. What a wonderful effort girls! We are so grateful for your kindness and entrepreneurial skills. 😊

UNCRC/Children's Right of the Month: Articles 2, 13 and 17: This month, our featured Children's Rights promote fairness and equality for all, ensuring that everyone is able to be themselves in school, share their thoughts freely and be protected from discrimination. Article 17, also promotes a Child's Right to access information around discrimination and to celebrate the voices of all members of our community and the stories that they have to tell.

World Autism Day falls on **Wednesday 2nd April** and we will be marking this, in classrooms across school, by supporting children to understand the importance of celebrating differences.

Health and Wellbeing: Use of Mobile Phones in School: As a reminder, and after parental consultation, will continue to allow children to Bring Your Own Device to School, in P7 classrooms only, and until June. From August onwards, we will be stopping any use of personal devices in our school. We will work with our Parent Council and Parent Fundraising Group to continue to increase the number of laptops and iPads that we have available for pupils



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to use, in school, so that personal devices are no longer needed. We hope that all families support this change to our school policy, for the Health and Wellbeing of all children.

Partnership Working: Assess and Connect, West Lothian: We have recently begun working with Assess and Connect, a new service that is being provided by our Social Policy colleagues at West Lothian Council. Assess and Connect, work with identified children over 10 years of age to help them to make positive choices for their own benefit and for the benefit of those around them, as they approach adolescence and beyond. We are grateful to this service for the support that they have, and are providing, for some of our pupils in school.

Home Learning Activity: March Maths! This month, we'd like to give everyone a little challenge... We wonder if any of you can work together to solve the maths problem, below? This challenge is likely to be most suitable for P5-7 pupils, but our little learners can help out with the 'adding' bits. 😊 Do let us know if you can find the solution.

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The whole calculation uses each of the digits 0 – 9 once and once only.

The 4-figure number contains three consecutive numbers, which are not in order. The third digit is the sum of two of the consecutive numbers.

The first, third and fifth figures of the five-digit product are three consecutive numbers, again not in order. The second and fourth digits are also consecutive numbers.

Can you replace the stars in the calculation with figures?

Pupil Leadership Groups: The Traffic Trailblazers: This month, we'd like to share the work of our P2-3, Traffic Trailblazers group, which is facilitated by Mrs Marshall. The Traffic Trailblazers have been thinking about road safety and how we cross the road through song, role play and making posters which will display in the school. We have also learned all about the new Puffin Crossing which is now in operation outside the school. Well done to everyone involved in this group for promoting vital, safety messages, around school.

Puffin Crossing Opening: P1 Participation: We were thrilled to be invited to help to open the new Puffin Crossing on Preston Road, alongside representatives from Primary 1. The Puffin Crossing is now in full use, to keep children safe as they walk to and from school, each day. Classes are hoping to go outside and show all children, how to use the crossing, safely.

Family Learning Calendar: Daffodil Teas: Tuesday 18th March: As a reminder, we will be running our Daffodil Teas in school, all day, on **Tuesday 18th March** for a grandparent or



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special person, to attend school at the following times, and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with children:

- 9.00-9.45am- P1A, P1B and P2
- 10.00-10.30am- P3/2 and P3
- 10.50-11.20am-P4A and P4B
- 1.30-2.00pm- P5A and P5B
- 2.15-2.45pm- P6A and P6B
- 2.50-3.20pm- P7A and P7B

If there are any parents who'd be willing to help us in school, on the day of the Daffodil Teas, then please let our office staff know. We'd be so grateful for any volunteers for all or part of the day. Thank you for your help with this.

Nursery News: Children's Interests: The children in the nursery have been learning all about the concept of respect. They have been following their interests around looking after the nursery environment, resources and being kind to each other. Being kind is one of the nursery values and all children in nursery and adults work together, to make the nursery such a lovely place for everyone to work and play in.

House Points/Award Certificates: Stewart Take the Lead! Stewart House are currently in the lead this month with 638 points. Well done to all of the pupils in Stewart! Children have been starting to receive their bronze and silver certificates for collecting the following amounts of House Points:

- 25 points- Bronze certificate
- 50 points- Silver certificate
- 75 points- Gold certificate
- 100+ points- Platinum certificate

As a reminder, House Points are given out to children, in the form of coloured tokens, for displaying qualities and skills related to our school values. Our school values are Growth Mindset, Relationships, Opportunity and Wellbeing.

Family Learning Calendar/Pupil Equity Activity: Save the Date: Reminder: Easter Craft Morning: Friday 4th April: On **Friday 4th April**, the last day of Term 3, our Pupil Equity Team will be running an Easter Craft morning, in classrooms for all families, with times and more information to follow, in due course. **We have decided that this event, will now be held in P1-7 classrooms between 9am and 10am, on the morning of Friday 4th**



April. Please 'save the date', on your calendar and come along if you can. It should be a great morning and a nice way to celebrate Easter and to end the term.

Assembly Calendar: Our Forthcoming Assemblies for Term 3:

- Friday 7th March: Literacy Assembly: World Book Day
- Friday 14th March: Class Assembly: P7A (Parents/Carers invited at 9.45am)
- Friday 21st March: Numeracy Assembly: World Maths Day
- Friday 28th March: Class Assembly: P5B (Parents/Carers invited at 9.45am)

Thank you so much to P6B who led a marvellous assembly about the novel Alice in Wonderland and to P7B who did a fantastic, science-themed assembly about electricity. Well done to both classes for their efforts. 😊

Uniform Swap Shop: Friday 7th March: Our next Uniform Swap Shop will take place on **Friday 7th March** from 8.50am until 11.30am, in our school foyer. Please feel free to come along and either donate or pick-up any 'pre-loved' school clothing.

P4-7 Easter Church Service: Thursday 3rd April at 1.50pm, at St. Ninian's Church: All parents/carers, friends and family are invited to attend our P4-7 Easter Church Service on Thursday 3rd April at 1.50pm at St. Ninian's, Craigmalen Church. Please come along and help us to celebrate Easter and the start of spring. We'd love to see you all there.

Pupil Writing: This month, we'd like to share the work of Conor in P3 and Charlie in P3/2 who have written informative texts about Ancient Egypt.

Ancient Egypt is a historic civilisation which lasted thousands of years. The River Nile is the longest river in the world. Fishermen were very strong and they caught fish on a small boat. Cleopatra was the last queen of Egypt. They mummified the pharaohs to keep their bodies safe. Overall Ancient Egypt was a fascinating place that is fun and exciting to learn about.

We are so proud of this fantastic effort, Conor. Well done to you!

The River Nile is in Egypt. It is the only river that runs South to North. It is the oldest river in the world and it is a source of food. The River Nile is important because it gives life to the people in Egypt.

What amazing work Charlie. Well done for your efforts!



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Date for your diary! P6/7 School Show: As you may be aware, some children in Primary 6 and 7 have been busy rehearsing for their production of Oliver. The performances will take place on **Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd of May.**

For main cast, their performance night will be confirmed prior to tickets going on sale. Please remember these cast members are still part of the production on the alternative evening.

Doors will open at 6pm on both evenings, with the performances starting at 6.30pm. Cast will be asked to come to the school slightly earlier. A time will be confirmed closer to the production. There will be an interval during the show, where refreshments will be on sale.

Tickets will be on sale on the iPay shop after the Easter holiday and available to cast members and their families first, then offered out to the rest of the school. Two tickets will be available per performance per cast member initially. If seats are still available, then additional tickets may be bought. Tickets will cost £5 for adults and £3 for children.

P1-7 and Nursery - Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, 24th March - 4th April: We are taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 24 March- 4 April 2025. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved. Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event. There are some great prizes to be won if we get enough children taking part! For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge!



REMINDERS:

Parking and Stopping around School: Please drive and park safely on Preston Road for the safety of all children. Please also, avoid using our school car park for parking or stopping at any time. The car park is for staff use only, unless you are a Blue Badge holder.

Child Protection: Please speak to Miss Baillie/Mrs Matos if you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of any child in our school community. You can also phone Broxburn Social Work Department (Children and Families), to report a concern for any child on 01506 284440 at any time. It's the job of everyone to keep children safe.

P.E Kit: Please can we ask that children have a P.E kit available at all times in school? Sometimes, staff will take children for an extra P.E lesson and or activity that is better suited to sportswear. In younger years, a P.E kit is helpful if children have an accident and need to be changed in school. Thank you for your help with this.

Drinks in school: Please help us to help our children to learn best, by only providing water for them to drink in school. We don't allow energy drinks in school as many of these aren't recommended for children's consumption.

Dogs in the playground: Please remember that it is West Lothian Council policy that dogs are not allowed in our school playground or grounds at any time. Thank you for your help with this important matter.

Labelling clothing: We still have a large volume of lost property in school each day. Please help us to re-unite lost items with their owner by labelling all items that children wear and/or bring to school.

Outdoor Clothing: Please help us to allow children to play and learn outdoors, in all weathers, by ensuring that they come to school wearing waterproof jackets and have appropriate footwear. Many thanks for your help with this.



DATES FOR DIARIES:

- Wednesday 5th March- 9am, P1 and P7 dental inspections in school.
- Thursday 6th March- P4 trip to West Lothian College.
- Thursday 6th March- selected P7 pupils to West Lothian Dragons' Den event in Livingston with Mrs Matos.
- Friday 7th March- World Book Day in school (dress up or dress down).
- Friday 7th March- 8.50-11.30am- Uniform Swap Shop in school foyer.
- Thursday 13th March, 6.30pm- P7 Lagganlia Camp meeting (online) for parents/carers- Teams link to follow.
- Friday 14th March- Euroquiz West Lothian heat event in school for identified P6 pupils.
- Friday 14th March- P7A class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th March- P7A parents' night appointments (times confirmed by email).
- Tuesday 18th March- Daffodil Teas in school, all day, for grandparents or a special person- see specific times in newsletter (above).
- Wednesday 19th March- identified P7 pupils at Cost of the School Day Voice network meeting at Boghall Primary School with Mrs Matos.
- Friday 21st March- Netball team at netball festival at Winchburgh Academy.
- Fortnight beginning Monday 24th March- Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel event, all pupils encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible.
- Monday 24th March- Friday 28th March- P7 to Lagganlia Camp.
- Wednesday 26th March- 2pm, Neurodivergent Learner- Parent Support Group.
- Thursday 27th March- Tapestry of Sound Workshop for P5A and P5B, in school.
- Friday 28th March- P5B class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Monday 31st March- P6A & P6B to 'Cracking Easter' event at St Michael's Church.
- Wednesday 2nd April- Barbara Henderson author event for P4 and P5 classes.
- Wednesday 2nd April, 5.30-8.30pm- Parent Consultations in school.
- Thursday 3rd April- P2, P3/2 and P3 trip to the Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh.
- Thursday 3rd April, 4.00-6.00pm- Parent Consultations in school.
- Thursday 3rd April- 1.50pm- P4-7 Easter Church Service at St. Ninan's Church.
- Friday 4th April- 8.50-11.30am- Uniform Swap Shop in school foyer.
- Friday 4th April- 10am-11am in classrooms- Easter Craft Morning in school for all families. Break for Easter Holidays at 12.25pm.
- Tuesday 22nd April- All pupils return to school. Nursery will remain open throughout the Easter holidays apart from Friday 18th and Monday 21st April.
- Friday 25th April- FaST Silent Disco, school hall –details to follow.
- Friday 2nd May- 8.50-11.30am- Uniform Swap Shop in school foyer.
- Monday 5th May and Tuesday 6th May- school closed for May holiday. Nursery closed on Monday 5th May.



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- Wednesday 7th May- All pupils return to school.
- Friday 9th May- P4B class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Thursday 15th May- Generation Science workshop in school for P3 pupils.
- Friday 16th May- P3/2 class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd May- P6/7 production of Oliver, school hall.
- Friday 23rd May- P2 class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Week beginning Monday 26th May- Health Week for ELC and P1-7- details to follow.
- Wednesday 28th May- school sports day- details to follow.
- Thursday 29th May- Blether Café, school hall.
- Friday 30th May- P3 class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Friday 6th June- 8.50-11.30am- Uniform Swap Shop in school foyer.
- Friday 6th June- P1A & P1B class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Friday 13th June- P4A class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Monday 16th June- P7 trip to Blair Drummond- details to follow.
- Tuesday 17th June- Linlithgow Marches holiday, school closed, Nursery open.
- Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th June- P7 transition visit to Linlithgow Academy.
- Thursday 19th June- P1 trip to Almond Valley- details to follow.
- Friday 27th June- break for Summer Holidays at 12.25pm.
- Wednesday 13th August- All pupils return to school. Nursery will remain open throughout the Summer Holiday.



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