



## **Clackmannann Primary School & ELC**



### **February 2025 Newsletter**

#### **GOLD School Sports Award**



We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have been awarded our GOLD School Sports Award!!!

This is a fantastic achievement and the result of a great deal of hard work and commitment from the whole school team. Special thanks to Mr Brooke who provides high quality PE lessons, helps children develop their confidence and skills, organises teams for all the exciting events and works hard with the sports committee. Huge thanks to all of our children who participate so enthusiastically and represent us so

proudly at all of the competitions we enter. We are very proud of this great achievement!

#### **School Values and Vision**

Many thanks to families who completed the values questionnaire. The lucky winner of the prize draw was Charlene Clark. Congratulations!

P4-7 children and school staff have also completed the questionnaire and the top values at the moments are:

Happiness  
Fun  
Creativity  
Confidence  
Challenge  
Respect  
Kindness  
Honesty  
Inclusion  
Ambition



Children in the Pupil Council are now finding ways to include the younger learners in this exercise to ensure their views are taken into account too. We will let you know which values are selected as the most appropriate for our school as soon as the children have completed their survey.

#### **Pump Track Opening**



Clackmannann Pump Track was officially opened at the beginning of this month. Scott Bamford joined us at a whole school assembly to talk about safety when using the track. Scott urged children to always wear helmets when cycling. He will be offering lessons for families on the Pump Track in coming weeks and months.

We are looking to work alongside Kyle Blain, young local artist, to produce artwork to be used to cover the shelter beside the track. Watch this space....

### Scottish Poetry Competition



We are very proud of all of the children who took time to learn and recite Scottish poems as part of our Scottish Literature focus last month. The finalists from each class performed at assembly and 4 winners were selected to represent our school at the regional final at Strathdevon Primary.

Jessica, Isla, Lewis and Leah proudly performed their Burns Poems in front of the judges and participants from schools across the county. I am delighted to announce that Isla Warnock won the P4 Regional shield for her amazing recitation of 'Up in the Morning Early'. What a fantastic achievement!

### P7 Rotary Quiz



Well done to our P7 Rotary Quiz team, Gregor, Scarlett, Max & Zac, who represented our school so well at the recent event in Alva Academy. Mr Rennie helped coach the team in the weeks leading up and we are very proud of their achievements. Our school mascot, Bruce Bear, was also there, along with family members and staff to help bring them good luck and cheer them on!

### Netball Sporting Success



We sent a large team of netball players to participate in the Netball Competition at Alloa Academy last week. They competed against schools from across the local authority. Mr Brooke was very proud of how well they played. A special award was presented by the umpires to Luke Scobbie for his 'fair play' throughout the tournament. Well done Luke!

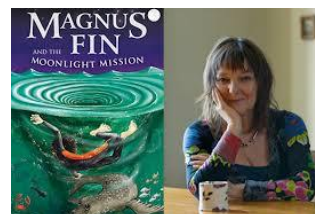
### Safer Internet Sessions



Special thanks to Fiona Thomson and Nicola Taylor for continuing to support us in our commitment to ensuring our children are clear about how to keep safe when online. Fiona and Nicola offered workshops for our pupils in P6 & P7. It really makes a difference when our children hear from experts who work in the area they are learning about. It really brings the learning to life and shows them the relevance to real life experiences. Thank you very much, Fiona and Nicola!

## World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day this week with a 'Dress as an Adjective' event. Children are encouraged to be creative e.g. spotty, colourful, strong, fragile etc. We look forward to guessing the adjective they have chosen.



I am delighted that Mrs Donald has managed to arrange author visits this month for all classes. Jess Bleakley, Stuart Reid & Janis MacKay will be joining us in school to talk to the children about their job as authors. Children will get the chance to listen, ask questions and be inspired!

Nicole from Japanese Gardens will return to school this month too. She worked previously with our P6/7 class and the feedback from them was fantastic! Mrs Donald has organised for her to come back to run workshops for other classes to allow them to benefit from this experience.

## Science Family Learning Event



After the great success of our Science themed Family Learning event last year, we will put on another one during Science Week this year.

Families are invited to come along to join us for some fun activities between 3pm-4pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

There will be lots of experiments and challenges and fun for all the family.

There is no cost and there will be refreshments provided.

Come along and get involved, everyone welcome!

## Comic Relief



Children are invited to come to school dress down on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March to support Comic Relief. Any money donated on the day will be sent to the charity. Children will enjoy fun activities in class and P7 have organised a 'Design a Red Nose' competition with Red Noses as prizes for the best designs.

## Parent Council Updates



The next Parent Council meeting will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in school. Everyone welcome! We are looking forward to discussing exciting ideas for events we want to arrange for our children from the list the Pupil Council have been working on in school. They have lots of great ideas and we are keen to make these things happen!

The Clackmannan Legends team have been busy already as they aim to raise enough funds to buy new custom-made Christmas Lights, designed by local children. The recent Bingo Tea they held at the Bowling Club was a great success! Parent Council will be putting the funds from the upcoming Beats and Treats Disco to this fund too. The discos are planned for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.



ELC Pre-schoolers- P4/3 - 5pm-6pm

P4/5- P7 - 6.15pm-7.15pm

The cost for entry will be £3 on the door. Preschool children need to be accompanied by an adult. P4 children can choose which disco they would prefer to attend.

### **Best You Can Be**

Congratulations to our Best You Can Be certificate winners in February! We are very proud of you for being Ready, Respectful and Safe around our school.



### **Dates for your Diary**

6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day- Dress as an Adjective
11 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photo Day
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Learning Science Event- 3pm-4pm- Everyone welcome!
13 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Skiing- Group 1
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Glasgow Science Centre- whole school trip
20 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Skiing- Group 2
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief- dress down day
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am- End of Term Service at Clackmannan Parish Church
4 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter holidays at 3pm

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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