

# LANGHOLM PRIMARY DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

28<sup>th</sup> November Parents Night  
30<sup>th</sup> November St Andrew's Holiday  
3<sup>rd</sup> December Pupils shared learning week  
3<sup>rd</sup> December Robin Hood – whole school pantomime  
4<sup>th</sup> December PTA Xmas Disco  
10&11<sup>th</sup> December Big Burns Supper P6 pupils  
12<sup>th</sup> December P1 & P7 Dental check in school  
14<sup>th</sup> December Hamper wrapping  
17<sup>th</sup> December Senior pupils dress rehearsal in church – Xmas concert  
17<sup>th</sup> December Nativity dress rehearsal 1.45  
17<sup>th</sup> December Infant Nativity in academy Hall 6.30 pm  
18<sup>th</sup> December Infant Nativity – Academy Hall 1.45pm  
19<sup>th</sup> December Senior Xmas Concert in church 7pm  
19<sup>th</sup> December P4 & 5 Xmas Party 10.45  
19<sup>th</sup> December P1 Xmas Party  
20<sup>th</sup> December Hamper Draw 9.30 am  
20<sup>th</sup> December P2 & 3 Xmas Party 11 am  
20<sup>th</sup> December P6 & 7 party 1.30 pm  
21<sup>st</sup> December Nursery Xmas Party 9.30 am  
21<sup>st</sup> December Xmas Church Service 9.30 am – all families welcome.  
21<sup>st</sup> December School closes at 3pm for holidays  
7<sup>th</sup> January 2012 In-service day  
8<sup>th</sup> January Pupils return  
9<sup>th</sup> January P7 Curling  
10<sup>th</sup> January African drumming P5-7  
16<sup>th</sup> January Big Burns supper – final rehearsal P6 – parents session 3pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> January PTA meeting 6.30 pm  
25<sup>th</sup> January Scottish Afternoon  
25<sup>th</sup> January Big Burns Supper in Dumfries P6  
29<sup>th</sup> January Parent Council Meeting 6.30  
31<sup>st</sup> January Poetry judging P4-P7  
1<sup>st</sup> February P7 poetry judging



## PRIMARY TWO ENTERPRISE

Primary Two have been working as a small business this term to design, advertise and sell school tea-towels. They are pleased to announce that they have almost completed the process and that the tea-towels will soon be ready for purchase at a cost of £3.50. Stocks are limited so if you wish to pre-order a tea-towel kindly complete and return the order form as soon as possible.  
Primary Two thank all parents, families and friends for their support.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Report by Primary Seven Pupils.  
On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> November, four Primary Seven pupils went to Langholm Academy to take part in a Science Challenge organised by Ms Foster from the physics department.  
Our team members were Carly Blaikie, Jude Zietara, Ciaran Jackson and Jenny Samuels. All team members were keen and enthusiastic throughout the day. Firstly, all the teams met their helpers. Alasdair Phillips from S4 was assigned to Langholm. The first activity was about testing water resistance. We had to drop blue tac shapes into a 100 ml tube full of oil. We had to time how long each shape took to drop and record how long it took to reach the bottom.  
Our final challenge was a Drop Test. We had to make a protective structure that could hold an egg and wouldn't break when dropped from a height. We worked hard on our invention and tried out some interesting ideas. Unfortunately our parachute wasn't successful as it had a design fault. The egg fell out before it landed because our basket was at an angle. However we learned a lot from observing other school's inventions and how they worked. It was an extremely enjoyable day and we all loved participating.



### TASTY TUCK SHOP

Please continue to support our Tuck Shop. All pupils can buy Tuck on Thursdays and Fridays at a cost of 60p per bag.

### Xmas Celebrations

Rehearsals are well underway for the nativity and the senior school show. Pupils are busy learning their lines and organising props and costumes. The school very much appreciates the hard work and effort of all staff during this busy period when they are also organising their own family celebrations.

Parents, family and friends are most welcome to attend our Christmas Church Service at 9.30 am on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December.



As we approach the final days of 2012 may I take this opportunity to wish staff, children, parents and families a very happy Christmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Mrs C Mills  
(Acting Head Teacher)



### Xmas Pantomime

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December the whole school will be going to the Academy to watch a performance of 'Robin Hood'. Our pupils very much enjoy this annual event and we are grateful to the PTA for raising funds to support this. We respectfully ask that each child brings a donation of £1.00 to help us meet the costs of this exciting event.



### Financial Education

Primary Seven and Primary Four have completed their financial education sessions. Pupils and staff have learned a great deal about the management of money, particularly credit and banking procedures. We hope to offer this to other year groups in the new term.

### RUGBY

We are very grateful to Mr. Ian Park coaching our P4 - P7 pupils over the past two terms. Mr. Park is always very supportive of our school and his enthusiasm is very much appreciated.



### GOLF

We were recently visited by a representative of Clubgolf. This is a partnership between the Scottish Golf Union, the Scottish Ladies' Golfing Association and many other organisations including the Scottish Executive. It was hoped that by 2009 every child in Scotland would have been introduced to the game of golf by the time they reached the age of 9. Our teaching staff have been offered the opportunity for a training session in 'tri-golf' on the 16<sup>th</sup> January in order to meet this target. We also have the support of Langholm Golf Club who will be inviting our pupils to visit on completion of their six week training block and Clubgolf will also be running a golf festival in March as part of our health and wellbeing week.



