

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was in such a rush last Friday that I didn't notice that the newsletter had the previous week's date! Sorry if it caused any confusion. Thank you to those who agreed to be a part of Focus Groups, I'll be in touch next term with dates. It's not too late if anyone would like to sign up to help, just give the office a ring or pop a note in your child's bag.

We've had a very productive term with lots of children participating and achieving lots of things! Primary 3 didn't attend our Easter Service as they were at Dumfries Academy having tennis tuition from Judy Murray. I'm hoping there will be some publicity in the media.

We have had several children who have made us proud this week:

Christopher Stewart has been very successful in badminton and has qualified for a place in the Scottish Schools National Badminton Championship in Perth. There are only 8 children in the Authority who have qualified

Rory Gordon and Finlay Reynolds Lewis represented Loreburn at the Dumfries Academy Cluster Knex challenge yesterday. They had to design transport to carry a bottle of water and an orange. There was of course specific criteria their model had to meet and, although they didn't win, they did successfully complete the challenge.

Our Curling Team took part in a Regional competition at the Ice Bowl last Friday. **Lucy Alston-Heyes, Hope Dunlop-Lynn, Nina Hollywood, Darby Whyte, Sam Taylor, Christopher Stewart, Ki Nisbet and Tyler Barnard** nearly had a full "house" but enjoyed the experience.

Sean McCallie who won the "Design a Restaurant" for Ashleigh who are building the Usual Place Café.

Primary 4 have held a very successful enterprise selling Easter goodies and raising £133.72 for their class to spend. Everyone should have received their goods today

While winning is very nice, we do believe that participation is very important.

Cycle Training

There is an opportunity for parents to have training to run a cycle training club for our children. We were very grateful to Mr Drybrough who ran it two years ago. If you would be interested in taking the training and then running the club, (I am willing to support from the sidelines so there will be no behaviour issues) then please let me know. The cycling would only be in the playground so there would be no risk out on the streets. Although there is no Cycling Proficiency Test as such, we would give certificates to those who took part and passed the Loreburn Playground Test!

The training is on Wednesday 22nd and 29th April from 16.00pm – 18.00pm at Noblehill Primary .

All participants should bring a bike and helmet as the course is practical. If you would like to take part please email me on the school office address during the holidays and I will try to get a place on the course.

Out of School Achievements

I am very pleased that we have more achievement forms coming in. We'll be able to put up quite a few new leaves on our Achievement Tree. If your child has an achievement from home and you would like them to have a "leaf" then please complete and return a leaf from their Wider Achievement Form which will be issued again at the start of term.

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House T Shirts

After the holidays we will be selling new Loreburn T shirts in House colours. They should be around £3.50 but we are waiting on confirmation of the price. They would be great for Sports Day and for P.E.kits.

We will be holding a **Loreburn School Sale** next term with bookbags, ties, T shirts and second hand uniform on Friday 8th May 2015.

Well done to:

Maya Zanna who competed in Lochhill Equestrian Centre Clear Round show jumping competition and won clear round rosettes in the Wobbly Wobbly and 50c.m. classes.

Rhiann Laird, Oscar Drybrough and Reily Martindale who took part in Nithsdale Athletics Club Winter Competition at the David Keswick Centre. Rhiann won gold, Oscar won silver and Reily won bronze.

I hope you all have a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 20th April and our Scarecrow helpers on Tuesday 21st!

Yours sincerely,