**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Firstly an apology to **Zoe Hollywood** who was also a finalist in our Scots Poetry Recitations last week but the newsletter was printed before my error was noticed. Well done Zoe.

I must also bring a change of date to your attention. We had in the diary for an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 11th February but due to unforeseen commitment this will now be changed to **Wednesday** **25th February**. Everyone is welcome to visit their child’s class from 2:15 p.m. This time children will be learning about their current topic during your visit.

**Heather the Weather**

We have been very lucky to have had video conferencing between Heather the Weather, from the BBC, and Primary 7 over the last few weeks. She has been leading the learning in Science. The children, and Mrs Roxburgh, thoroughly enjoyed it and I’m pleased to say that Heather commented on what good learners and well behaved pupils we have in our school. It’s lovely to get a compliment.

**Dumfries Ladies Speechmaking Competition**

Well done to **Kieran Connor**, **Finlay Zanna** and **Catrin Ace** who gave very good speeches at last night’s competition. None of them were chosen for the final but we were justifiably proud of them.

**Loreburn Parent Council**

The first meeting of the year for the Parent Council is on Tuesday 10th February at 7 p.m. in the Staffroom. I am hoping that some of the parents who expressed an interest in joining will come along on Tuesday.

On the Agenda will be: Dumfries Learning Town and the Support for Learning Review.

**Miss Corner & P1/2**

Miss Corner’s class will be having P.E. at 9 a.m. for the next 5 weeks and it would be most helpful if children arrived with their P.E. kit on under their outer clothes.

**World Book Day**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March** and hope that all the children will get dressed up as their favourite book character. There is no cost for this event. Every child will get a token entitling him/her to £1 off a book at a variety of participating bookshops.

**Loreburn Fundraising Group**

At our meeting this week we thought we should give you plenty of notice of some forthcoming events in the Fundraising Diary. While we were very pleased with our Raffle this year, the profits are considerably down on last year.

The recent pantomime, the Hallowe’en discos, Film Nights, Easter Egg hunts and competition, dictionaries for P7 leavers, are some of the annual expenses which the Fundraising Group pay for. We really need your support.

The next **Film Night** is on **Thursday 27th February** when we will be showing Mr Peabody and Sherman.

We are having another **Race Night on Friday 24th of April** at 7 p.m. (just after the Easter holiday) It was a super night last year and I hope more of you will come along to it. The children who were there really enjoyed it too with their own competitions to join in.

The annual **BBQ** will be on **Friday** **12th May** from 6 – 8 p.m.

**100 Club Winners:**

January : Anthony McCluskey February: Lara Dunbar

**Out of School Achievements**

Well done to:

**Reeve Russell** won first in the P6 in the Dumfries Schools Badminton Competition and **Murray Fisher** was 2nd.

**Christopher Stewart** won first for P7s and **Catrin Ace** was 2nd.The event was organised by Active Schools.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Chambers

Head Teacher