



# Laurieknowe Primary School

## October 2018 Newsletter

### End of term message from our Head Teacher



It is the last day of term already. How did that happen? It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming our new Primary one children. They have settled into school life really well as have all our other pupils. A well earned break is now in order.

**Mrs McLellan**

### Fundraising

We have held two very successful events over the last few weeks: Jeans for Genes Day & MacMillan Coffee morning.

We raised £226.01 for Jeans for Genes. Thank you to all who showed their support on the day and made a donation.

We also raised £453.66 for Macmillan Cancer Research. A big thank you to Mrs Woodbyrne for arranging this very popular event for all the children, parents, carers and staff. P3M & P3W turned this event into an enterprise and sold cakes and biscuits to family and friends in the PE hall.



Fun at the cake sale.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

### Storm Ali

Thank you for everyone's patience and understanding when we were instructed by Dumfries & Galloway Council to ensure the safety of all pupils by insisting on all children being collected from school. If weather over the coming months means we have to do a similar closure, we will of course contact you with guidance. Please note that you only need to call us if you ARE UNABLE to work with the advised information, as the text to parents led to the phone lines going into meltdown! It will then mean that office staff can focus on the collection of pupils, so it is done as quickly and easily as possible, for everyone.

*Situations like this highlight why it is vital that we have more than one up to date contact phone number for all our pupils and current address.*



Contact: Tel: 01387 252604 Email: gw08officelaurieknow@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

## Curriculum swimming

P4's will begin 9 sessions of 1 hour each, over Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, starting Tuesday 20th November. A letter of consent will be going home the first week of the new term, but we wanted to give you



a bit of notice in case swimming costumes need to be purchased. Because of this, their individual and family photos with Tempest, will be taken on Friday 23rd November.

## Recent achievements & successes



- Kacie McC (P6G) : Young handler champion at recent Stewartry Show
- Lucy P (P3M) & Adam P (P5/6L) : both completed the 'Youth Tough Mudder'
- Dean L (P4R) : Taekwondo bronze medal for sparring

See page 3 for some great team results!

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## Active Sports October programme

There is a very full programme over the 2 week holiday, many of which are free and can be viewed via this link:

[www.dumgal.gov.uk/events](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/events)

You then need to click on the 'school holiday activities' bar, for full details.



## Data forms & contact telephone numbers

Further to copies of the annual data forms being resent home, we still have a few outstanding. Even if the information on the form is correct, can you please sign and return this urgently. On the back of 'Storm Ali' it highlighted that some children do not have current contact details, so it was very difficult to ensure that they were collected in a safe manner, as some telephone numbers were out of date. Thank you.



## Poppies

P7's will be selling poppies from  
Monday 5th November,  
on a 1st come, 1st served basis.



## P7 Operation Safety

On Thursday 4th October, both Primary 7 Classes attended the annual Operation Safety event for local primary schools. Input was given by Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Scottish Ambulance Service and Scottish Power and Energy Network. Pupils enjoyed learning about fire safety inside and outside of the home, particularly with Bonfire Night around the corner, how to help save lives, the dangers and correct procedures for electrical sub-stations and how to stay safe online. The pupils and adult helpers all had a fantastic day out and wish to say a massive thank you to those who helped.



## Scottish Schools' Football

On Tuesday 2nd October the P7 football team competed in the Dumfries and Galloway Qualifying Round of the Soccer Sevens (Primary Schools Scottish Cup). The team did fantastically well against tough opposition, winning 3 and losing 3 of their games which left them mid-table. Most important though is the progress the players have shown from last season.

Keep working hard and stay positive!

(back L to R: Morris, Stevie, Daniel & Loui)

(front L to R: Callan, Alfie & Calum)

(back L to R: Stevie, Jak, Blaine, Daniel & Harris)

(front L to R: Reece, Mitchell, Skye, Kyra & Jayden)



On Tuesday 9th October it was the turn of our P6 team to compete in the same competition. They won every one of their games and so have qualified for the next round, which will take place in the New Year. The players' attitude and desire to succeed were fantastic!

A super effort by all the team members, well done and good luck in the South-West finals!

## Tempest School Photos—Thursday 22nd & Fri 23rd November



The photographer will be with us for two days to take individual photos for all pupils including Nursery, as well as family groups for those in P1 - P7.

The company provide us with parental consent forms, but as the majority of families do want school photos, and there is no obligation to buy any, you only need to let us know if you DON'T want photos taken.

Please note that as the P4's will be swimming on the Thursday, we will arrange for their individual photos, as well as any family shots, to be taken on the Friday.

## Dates for the diary



**Remember school is closed from Monday 15th until Friday 26th October for the half term holidays.**

**Mon 29th Oct** - Return to school

**Tues 30th Oct - 3.00 till 4.00** Craft club starts for those who've had a confirmation letter.

**PLEASE BRING AN APRON**

**Fri 2nd Nov** - All 'Rag Bags' to be in by today please, as being collected by the company

**Weds 14th & Thurs 15th Nov** - Learning Conversations after school. More details to follow next term

**Weds 14th & Thurs 15th Nov** - Scholastic Book fair, running alongside the Learning Conversations, in school library. Leaflet in book bags with more information.

**Tues 20th Nov** - P7 Transition information @The Bridge 7.00 till 8.00 pm

**Tues 20th Nov** - P4's curriculum swimming: 3 week programme starts, Tues, Weds & Thurs. More details to follow next term

**Thurs 22nd Nov** - School photographer for school

**Thurs 22nd Nov** - P7 Transition information evening @The Bridge 5.30 till 6.30 pm

**Fri 23rd Nov** - School photographer for school & nursery children (both morning and afternoon sessions)

**Weds 28th Nov** - Flu vaccinations, morning only.

**Hope you have a very enjoyable October break  
and we look forward to seeing you all back on  
Monday 29th October.**

