



# Laurieknowe Primary School

## February 2019 Newsletter



It's only five or six weeks until the clocks change so spring is in the air. We have had a busy few weeks after the start of 2019 and wish to thank everyone for their hard work and continued support. We say farewell to Miss Maggs who was with us covering Mrs Duff's maternity leave and we welcome Mrs Duff back on Monday.

**Mrs McLellan**

**Below is a taste of what we have been doing over the past few weeks.**

### **Girls' football—Sands Centre 5-a-side Tournament**

On Saturday the 2nd of February, our Girls football team travelled south of the border to Carlisle to compete in the annual News and Star Carlisle Sands Centre Football Tournament. The Girls adapted to the game of Futsal very well and went on to win their group which included teams from Longtown, Wigton and Appleby. This meant that the girls qualified for the final of the afternoon section which again, they went on to win!! After a long wait, the girls took part in the Grand Final. This was played between 3 teams. The girls won one and lost one meaning that they finished runners– up, out of the 30 competing teams, a truly fantastic achievement! All of the girls were a credit to

themselves and the school and competed with a great attitude and will to win.

A special mention must go to Skye in P7N who was voted as Player of the Tournament (out of around 200 players).

Well done girls!



## P7 Enterprise events

The first fund-raising event, the cake bake sale, took place last Wednesday, 6th February. The cakes were on sale to all the staff and pupils and was a very popular event! A fantastic £450.00 was raised from this event, with further activities planned. This would not have been possible without the help and support from all the parents and carers, so all the P7 pupils would like to say a very big **THANK YOU !**



## After school Netball

This has proved to be a very successful after school club for all girls and boys in P6 & P7. They are being coached by Andrea who is supported by a different member of staff each week. They have been fortunate to be gifted two full sets of bibs and a set of netballs by Senga from Active Schools, so a very big thank you to her. The group have recently entered three teams into the Primary Netball League which starts later this month, so we wish them all lots of good luck.



## General Sports

We have also acquired some other general sports equipment for the whole school to use, including: foam javelins, dodge balls, as well as a variety of sponge balls.

## Queen of the South

We are delighted to announce that Kyra (P7N) will be one of this year attendants to the Queen of the South, as part of the Guid Nychburriss calendar of events this year. This will culminate in the Guid Nychburriss Day on Saturday 15th June in the centre of Dumfries. We hope she enjoys the whole experience of being involved in these very historic events.

## School uniform ordering

We will be placing our main uniform order after the Easter holidays, ready for the school year 2019/2020. Please note that we have already been advised by the supplier there are price increases for new stock. In the meantime if you require items, we do carry a small stock, at the previously advised prices. **Forms are available from the office on request.**



## Medicine in school

Recently there have been instances of children having medication in bags or coats. As you will appreciate this is not recommended. If children require medication during the school day, all parents and carers must speak to Mrs Muir in the first instance.



**Christmas Jumper Day** We raised £270.92 for Children in Need, which we know will be gratefully received by them, to help other children in a variety of ways. **Thank you to everyone who supported this fun day.**

## Christmas Church service

The collection after the lovely service on 21st December was £148.70 and donated to the 'First Base Foodbank' in town. A further £44 was given by the staff, to bring the total donation to £192.70. Thank you to all who contributed.



## World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

There will be a week of activities, to support this popular annual event. More details will follow in due course.



## Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

We will be having a non uniform, '**WEAR RED**' day on 15th, and will be collecting donations for this very worth-while charity event. Other activities will be planned for during the day.

### REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL ARRIVAL

**Start of day:** The school day starts promptly at 8.55 am, with a warning bell sounding 5 minutes before. Pupils need to be on the playground at this time, so that they can then be in class, registered and ready to start their school day. Children should not generally be arriving via the front office. The cold and wet weather seems to be increasing our number of late arrivals, so you may need to leave home a little earlier to avoid being late. We have some children who are regularly late, which is not acceptable and unfair to them as they arrive late to class, which has already started.

Good time keeping is a skill for life and work. Good habits are formed early in a child's life .

### Assembly

P3W shared their Science Learning at an assembly.

Parents and carers were invited to hear about 'Forces and Magnets' and were entertained and educated in equal measure.

Well done to all.



### Dates for the diary

**Wed 27th February** - P4's orienteering trip

**Mon 18th till Tues 19th March (Group 1) & Thurs 21st till Fri 22nd March (Group 2)** - Carlingwark residential trips for P5 students. More details to follow.

**Mon 25th March** - week long activities to support 'World of Work Week'.

**Mon 25th March till Fri 5th April** - 'Big Pedal': more details to follow.

**Mon 1st till Fri 5th April** - P7's Dukeshouse Wood residential trip.

