



# Laurieknowe Primary School

## November 2018 Newsletter

### Message from the Head Teacher:

The melodic sound of children carol singing; outside area dusted in sparkling frost; woolly hats and scarves; rosy pink cheeks and fur-lined boots. These can only mean one thing....winter is nigh!



Mrs McLellan

### Laurieknowe Christmas Concert

#### 'Christmas By Numbers'

Many of you have already taken up the opportunity of purchasing your two allocated tickets per family. Any unsold tickets will be available from the school office from Monday 3rd December from 9.00 am, until they are all sold.

A reminder of the dates and times:

**Monday 10th December @ 10.00 am - Dress rehearsal £1.00 per ticket**

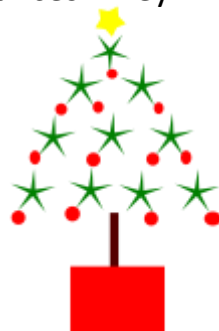
**Tuesday 11th December @ 1.30 pm - £2.00 per ticket**

**Wednesday 12th December @ 6.30 pm - £2.00 per ticket**

*Please can all children be in school between 6.00 and 6.15 pm for the evening show, to allow them time to get ready and for the first class to start promptly at 6.30 pm.*

*If you have to bring babies or small children, then they must sit on your knees. In the case of them becoming distressed or upset, then we respectfully request that they are taken outside the hall in order not to disturb the performances, as some of the children are only little themselves! Thank you in advance.*

There will be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets, to win a Christmas hamper at both the Tuesday and Wednesday performances. They will be £1 a strip and will be drawn at the end of each performance.



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## Scholastic Book Fair

As many of you will know, this event was previously run very successfully, by Mrs Halliday, but she is no longer based at this school. We were not therefore sure if we would be able to continue to run a fair, but with the help of a parent (Mrs Campbell) and office staff, we were pleased to be able to do so, albeit with a different format.

It was very successful once again, with books to the value of £801.74 being sold, providing us with 60% commission which is transferred into books. Some have already been purchased and are in the library, with the remainder being ordered shortly.

[Thank you for your continued support with this event.](#)

## Parent Council

The parent council have been working hard over the previous year. Our main aim is to be a voice for the parent body and liaise with school staff, hopefully for the benefit of all Laurieknowe school children. We can only raise discussions on topics we are aware of, so please feel free to come to us with any issues. Some of you may not be aware of who we are, but we do try to be present at events to raise our profile. We are having a drop in session on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 9-11am so feel free to pop in and meet some of us. Many thanks to a majority of you for completing consent forms at parents evening, this will mean that we are now able to share important information with you.

We have been working hard as a group over the last year trying to raise funds for the school, whilst also putting on events which pupils and parents alike can enjoy. The summer fayre was a huge success and raised over £800 for the school. We also organised a very popular back to school disco which received positive feedback from the children, and also raised over £100.

We hope you will join us at our Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 6-8pm, where we will have a variety of independent traders, home-baking, tombola, and Christmas crafts amongst other things. We are hoping to help the P7 house captains with their goal of raising funds for playground equipment.



Please feel free to get in touch if you would like any further information on the parent council. We are a friendly group and are always very grateful for any help, ideas, or suggestions.

**See you all at the Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 5th December @ 6.00 till 8.00 pm**

Parent Council contact details: [laurieknoweschoolparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:laurieknoweschoolparentcouncil@gmail.com)



## Recent achievements & successes!

Megs H (P7N) - won bronze in Karate British Championship  
Callum H (P5/6L) - took part in the sparring competition at same event  
Dominik C (P3M) - received a tennis medal & a 1st Aid certificate  
Olivia S (P3W) - 'ultimate cheerleading' certificate & now in older team

## 100 YEAR REMEMBRANCE WALL

With it being 100 years since the end of the 1st World War, the whole school have been studying this topic, trying to understand its importance via poetry, pictures and craft activities.



### War memorial visit

Our P7's, accompanied by Mrs Loughran, Mr Moore, Miss Morton & Mr Newlands visited the war memorial at Troqueer on Friday 9th November. They recited their own poems as well as 'In Flander's Field' and 'The Poppy'.

They spent time reflecting on the importance of the memorial, why it was erected as well as looking at some of the names of the fallen soldiers.

During the previous week the P7'S did the poppy collection and raised £86.59.

**Thank you to everyone for their donations.**

Here are a couple of very thought provoking poems that are up on the display board:

### Mummy is he ever coming back?



Mummy Mummy is he ever coming back?  
Hopefully my angel now hurry it's time to pack,  
Is he dead? I can't bear to not see him Mummy,  
I know but he's fighting for

our country.

I need to see him, I want to see him, I want him back,

Come now darling grab your sack,

Hurry! Be quick before they attack!

Bang, Bang goes the gun!

Mummy, Mummy, he yelled and started to run,

Help, please! Someone help!

The little boy heard a yelp,

It was a lady scared to death.

As bombs and grenades dropped from the sky,

A herd of people came rushing by.

The little boy was sad and scared,

As he got trampled on by the huge herd,

He ran away and grabbed his sack,

Everything was silent as he walked back,

Mummy, Mummy, is he ever coming back?

**Josie P7N**

### The cold trenches

Heart broken families, tank's rushing.  
My hand was warm it was the sun.  
Bombs being dropped.  
I was only 18  
Blood on the ground  
Bang that was a gun the trenches  
smelled like human flesh from all the  
bodies stacked up  
Guns seized left on the floor getting  
wet  
Can't see my feet in the mud and rain  
I feel sick waiting for my platoon to go  
over and push the enemy trenches.

**Marley P7M**



### Reading shed

We take great delight in receiving our fantastic new shed which will be used as a reading shed, by the whole school. This was as a result of an ex-pupil, Evie Coltart, suggesting that this would be a good idea. The wood was kindly purchased by our parent council and then built by the

'Community Payback Scheme' so there a lot of people, we

have to thank. We are in the final stages of getting this ready, which is why it is not yet fully open. We are very grateful for all those involved and are sure that pupils of all ages and their teachers will enjoy using this fun, new learning environment.



The children across the school have been involved in a variety of Scottish activities:

### Feis Rois - P5R & P5/6L

Since September Darcy Da Silva & Emily Smith from the Gaelic music organisation 'Feis Rois' have been coming in once a week to work with these classes. They have taught the children a range of Scots and Gaelic songs and Mr Laidlaw's class have learnt to play the ukulele. They've also learn about Scottish traditions and the history behind the songs. Both Darcy and Emily are singers and musicians based in Dumfriesshire and have enjoyed their time at Laurieknowe.



Photos show class P5R learning some new skills from our two Feis Rois visitors.

### Curling - P6's

The P6's recently had the opportunity to participate in a taster session of curling.



### Jigs & Reels

The P3'S have had 2 sessions with Mrs Riddet, from Active Schools, to learn about 'The Circassian Circle' and the 'Flying Scotsman'.

Picture are some of the children with Mrs Woodbyrne, who also joined in the fun with Mr Milligan.





**Friday 14th December** is the date this year for children to come to school wearing their most colourful, or Christmas inspired jumper to school. It is to raise funds for 'Save the Children' so we do ask all children who do participate, to please bring in a small voluntary contribution, to support this very worthwhile charity. As always however, this is Optional. Normal school uniform must be worn if your child chooses not to take part.



### School uniform



We will be placing another order towards the end of January. We will remind you all in the New Year. If you wish to place an order, then you will need to contact the office for an order form.



### Dates for the diary

**Weds 5th Dec** - Parent Council Christmas Fayre 6.00 - 8.00 pm. ALL WELCOME

**Tues 11th Dec** - 1.30 pm Christmas Show

**Weds 12th Dec** - 6.30 pm Christmas Show

**Fri 14th Dec** - Christmas Jumper Day (Optional)

**Thurs 20th Dec** - School Christmas Dinners. Further information to come from kitchen.

**Fri 21st Dec** - 9.30 am Christmas Service @ Max West Church

**Mon 14th & Tues 15th Jan** - P1 enrolments

**Mon 21st Jan** - Parent Council Drop-in 9.00 - 11.00 am

**Friday 21st December** is the last day of term and the start of the Christmas Holidays.

**Monday 7th January 2019** is the first day of the new term. We look forward to seeing you after this festive break.

