



Laurieknowe Primary School

September 2019 Newsletter



Welcome to the first school newsletter of the year. To our new staff, children and families, the school newsletter is sent out twice per term and we try to give you a flavour of what we have been doing in school; important information and the celebration of children's achievements. We are all amazed at how quickly our classes have settled in and already our youngest children in Primary one look as if they have been here for ages.

Mrs McLellan

There are a number of other ways that we share the work of the school:

First of all you will receive a newsletter like this, twice each term. We also send out letters/leaflets etc. with information about trips/visits, celebration days, school activities and sharing the learning events.

Secondly, you can follow us on Twitter - [@laurieknowePS](https://twitter.com/laurieknowePS). This is where we send out quick information or reminders e.g. telephones aren't working, reminder that P# assembly is on today. We also share helpful information about local and national organisations.

Thirdly, we have a school website/blog. You should be able to find it via internet search, however, as it is relatively new, it may not come up straight away. In this case use: blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/laurieknoweprimary

There is an easy to use link on our Twitter page. On our blog you will find school information, updates on recent events, photographs and information about children's learning. The children themselves will also blog/post about what they have been doing.

P6 Curling

Our P6 pupils have had the opportunity to have a curling session at the ice bowl and are looking forward to a bonspiel later in the session.



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIARIES:

Fri 27th Sept Rag Bag collection

Fri 11th Oct Harvest service: more details to follow



CLASSES THIS YEAR:

P1P Mrs Penman

P2M Mr Milligan

P3/4H Mrs Harvey

P5/4C Mrs Crosbie

P6/5W Mr West

P7M Miss Morton

P2/1M Mrs McFegan

P3D Miss Dougan

P4G Mrs Galligan

P5J Mrs Jasinska

P6R Miss Robertson

P7N Mr Newlands

A very warm Laurieknowe welcome to our new staff Mr West and Miss Dougan.

Congratulations to Mr Milligan and his family as they have just been joined by a new baby boy, named Reuben.

LETTERS NEEDING TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED PLEASE:

Annual audit data - if not already checked, signed and returned, please do so as soon as possible as it is vital we hold correct information and contact details for your child.

Children's flu immunisation - this is another urgent document. We are obliged to distribute and collate the return of these forms for our colleagues in the NHS as soon as possible, **EVEN IF YOU DO NOT WISH IT TO BE GIVEN TO YOUR CHILD/REN.**

The office staff would very much appreciate your help in dealing with the urgent return of both these documents.



Please can both be returned by MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER.

NSPCC leaflet and letter - Please take the time to read this very important information.

Please note that this has only just been received, despite the April date!

EMAILS:

In an effort to reduce our paper usage, we are moving to being paperless, by using emails to distribute information. If you have not yet notified us of yours, please can you send a note into school or email the office on:

gw08officelaurieknow@ea.dumgal.sch.uk



PARENT EVENTS

It was good to see so many of you at our recent 'meet the teacher' and we are delighted to see families joining in with the P2 'Fun Science' after school sessions. Yesterday children and their families made lava lamps.



Our thanks go to the Family Learning Co-ordinator Susan Graham, for organising this.

P7 SCIENCE AT 'THE BRIDGE'

They have carried out two experiments to do with taste and the most tasty ice cream was created by them — perhaps they have tested on you at home?



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

As always we like to celebrate pupil achievements outwith school and our Friday assemblies are proving very popular, with our amazing children who get to share such achievements with the wider school community.



And finally just a gentle reminder that if your child is unwell or absent for any reason, it is imperative that the school office is notified as quickly as possible. Messages can be left on the answer phone outwith office hours if this is easier.

In common with most schools we do have a few latecomers and the table below will give an indication of why good time-keeping and attendance does matter.

Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.



At school.....EVERY DAY COUNTS!

If you want your child to be successful at school then, **YES**, attendance does matter

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but.....

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of school that is....
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just.....	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of school that is.....
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 mins per day	1 hr 40 mins per week	Over 2½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years.