



Laurieknowe Primary School

October 2019 Newsletter

Not sure where this term has gone! One minute it seemed we were welcoming in the new school year and now we are about to say 'Adieu' to the term as the October holidays are almost upon us. Halloween is around the corner and who knows what will happen re Brexit? That's another conversation.....



Mrs McLellan

BUBBLY MATHS

P6R recently attended a fun maths session at 'The Bridge' as part of maths week. All were amazed at the size and shape of many of the bubbles created.....



P7 Operation Safety

On Thursday, all the P7's went over to the old hospital site to take part in 'Operation Safety'. 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, how to help save lives; the dangers and correct procedures for electrical substations 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.



Commencing Tues 8th Oct - P4 Curriculum swimming - the nine sessions started this week. They continue the **first two weeks back**, on the Tues, Weds & Thurs mornings.

Fri 11th Oct 9.30 am - Harvest service at Maxwelltown Church. All are welcome, with food donations for the 'Harvest Festival' being provided to the local foodbank.

Mon 4th & Tues 5th Nov: School photographs.

Week commencing Mon 4th Nov: 'Childsmile' team in all week for fluoride varnish application.



PARENT WORKSHOPS

It has been good to see so many of you attending our workshops where you can share in the work of your child's class. To date P7M, P3/4H, P1P & P5/4C have shared their learning.



More photos are available on our blog.....

SCHOOL MOBILE APP FOR PARENTS - 'CONNECT US'

In line with many other schools, not only in Dumfries and Galloway, but across Scotland, we are changing to an app for staff and parents early next term.



Thank you to the Parent Council who have kindly subsidised the cost of installing the new app. This will enable us to update you regularly on class and school events; lunch menus; school information and even the newsletter and blog feeds can be viewed once the app is uploaded onto a smartphone. Further information will follow early next term.

JAMES AVENUE PARKING

Can those of you who use this road to park when dropping off and collecting, please be mindful of the local residents. We have received complaints that some resident's drive-ways are being blocked, whilst others simply leave their cars in the middle of the road. The



safety of all of us is paramount, so we hope you can work with us, to ensure such situations do not re-occur. **Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.**

MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

A reminder that any medication required in school **MUST** be discussed with Mrs Muir initially, who can be contacted via the school office, prior to forms being completed if needed. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MEDICATION, PRESCRIBED OR OTHERWISE, INTO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD UNTIL MRS MUIR HAS MET WITH YOU.**



IMPORTANT ACTION NEEDED BY YOU

We have a number of 'Asthma Action Plans' which are still outstanding, as well as **annual data forms.**

It is vital that we know who to contact during the school day, should the need arise, as sadly many contact details are no longer valid.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY - Thursday 10th October

#HELLO YELLOW

Children and staff are asked to wear either something yellow, or a yellow accessory; flower; tie; ribbon; jewellery to show support for this great cause. As always, there is no requirement to do so and any donations would be gratefully received, but again there is no expectation.



McMillan Cancer Coffee Morning - staff raised approximately £76.00 for this national annual fundraising event.



Finally, we say thank you and farewell to Mrs Cowan, who is leaving us to take up a full time post elsewhere. We wish her all the very best in her new position and will miss her cheery disposition in the school office.



Have an enjoyable October break and see you all ready for the new term on
Monday 28th October, at 8.55 am