

Naidheachdan Lacasdail

Laxdale News

5 December 2025



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all our GM3-4 and GM5-7 pupils who presented at our second Celebration Assembly of the year this morning. It was so encouraging to see the children responding so positively to a real audience. It was also fantastic to see such a high number of parents and families in the hall who came along to support the children. Thanks to all for coming to join us.

GM3-4 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

GM3-4

GM3-4 began our Assembly this morning with a presentation on **Seudan Falaichte na h-Alba/Scotland's Hidden Gem**. Pupils shared the message of how large quantities of iron railings in Scotland were removed for re-use during the war but how Stornoway was unaffected by this making it unique in still have iron railings. They also shared all their learning connected to the Herring Girls - clothing worn when travelling, different types of stitches and knitting patterns each of the Herring Girls had from their own local area. They also shared the artwork they've produced throughout the project. The class then entertained everyone by performing a song they had learned, *Rionnag as an Oidhche Fhrasaich*. It was fantastic to see all the rich learning the pupils have engaged in connected to our local culture and heritage. Pupils are to be commended for their courage in standing on stage and delivering their presentation to such a large audience. Well done Mrs Maciver and GM3-4!



GM5-7 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

GM5-7

GM5-7 followed on with a varied Assembly presentation connected to the Titanic project they have been studying. Pupils shared lots of facts about the Titanic demonstrating a good knowledge of the events of the time with some pupils sharing individual stories of key people who were on board in a very creative and entertaining way! Pupils also engaged in a novel study related to the Titanic through *Kasper: The Prince of Cats* by Michael Morpurgo and some of the pupils performed a short play to share the story with the audience which was very engaging. Pupils concluded their presentation with a whole class performance of *Teann Null Fuirich Thall*. What a lovely way to finish! It is fantastic to see the children confidently performing in front of such a large audience, sharing their learning in both Gaelic and English. Well done Miss Afrin and GM5-7!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2025

Big, big, huge thanks to Treena and all the cafeteria staff for cooking us a wonderful Christmas Lunch yesterday afternoon. All pupils and staff enjoyed a fun and festive time together with Christmas music and fun in the cafeteria. Thanks to all staff and pupils for working together to ensure that all ran smoothly. See our Facebook page for more photos #teamwork #schoolvalues



CLASS TRIPS TO MUSEUM & TASGLANN NAN EILEAN

Last week, our GL5-6, GM5-7 and GL6-7 classes enjoyed a trip to see the new ***Cianalas 's Dòchas (Homesickness and Hope) Stories of Hebridean Emigration*** exhibition at Museum & Tasglann nan Eilean at Lews Castle. Feedback from pupils was very positive about the visits where they learned about stories of individuals and families that emigrated from the Hebrides and the impact of that. We are thankful for these opportunities to teach our pupils about emigration, keeping stories alive for future generations.



INTERGENERATIONAL VISIT TO LAXDALE HALL

On Thursday 27 November, it was GL1-2's turn to spend time with the Senior Citizen Group at Laxdale Hall as part of our intergenerational work. Pupils brought along jigsaws, games and activities to work on together. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit and would love to go back again! Next month, it will be GL3's turn to visit. Please see photos:



LAXDALE'S CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP SHOP

Parents/carers are invited to send in their children's pre-loved, good-condition Christmas jumpers, and choose a different "new-to-you" festive jumper for the season. It's a way to re-use items and reduce waste. Even if you don't have a pre-loved jumper to send in, please come to the main door where you can browse what's available outside the School Office. All items are free to take.



NON-UNIFORM DATES FOR SESSION 2025-26

Friday 30 January 2026

Friday 27 February 2026

Friday 27 March 2025

Friday 24 April 2026

Friday 29 May 2026

Friday 26 June 2026









LAXDALE'S DAILY MILE SANTA DASH



On Friday 5 December, the whole school took part in the national Daily Mile Santa Dash. First of all, P1-3 pupils completed six laps round the school with the older children cheering them on and encouraging them to keep going as they got tired. P4-7 pupils then completed ten laps round the school which was an achievement at the end of a busy week! Congratulations to all our pupils who took part in this new initiative with enthusiasm. It was great to see how pupils supported and encouraged one another to do their best. Each class will receive a class certificate for taking part. Well done to the Sports Council for starting the race. Well done everyone!



DATES FOR DECEMBER

Date	Event		
Tues 9 December	Christmas Quiz – P7 Fundraiser Event – 6:30-8:00pm		
Wed 10 December	Human Rights Day		
Thur 11 December	Save the Children – Wear a Christmas Jumper Day (bring a donation, if you wish)		Wear Christmas jumpers/ accessories
Mon 15 December	P3-4 Christmas Party – 1:35pm		Pupils are invited to wear Christmas jumpers any/every day of the last week, if they wish
Tues 16 December	P5-7 Christmas Party – 1:35pm		
Wed 17 December	<u>Carol Service Event</u> 1:30-2:00 – GL1-2, GL3, GM1-3, GM3-4 2:00-2:15 – Infant classes parent group – tea/coffee/mince pies 2:15-2:45 – GL4-5, GL5-6, GM5-7, GL6-7 2:45-3:00 – Upper classes parent group – tea/coffee/mince pies		
Thur 18 December	 Christmas Assembly with Rev. Brian Macleod, Martin's Memorial - 9:30am P1-2 Christmas Party – 1:35pm		
Fri 19 December	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS!		



I wish all pupils, staff and families a restful weekend.

Mrs J Macleod, Acting Head of School