

Naidheachdan Lacasdail

Laxdale News

6 March 2026



CHARLIE NICOLSON COMPETITION 2026

Last Friday we took part in the Charlie Nicolson football competition. Laxdale had 4 teams - Aces, Bridge, Legends, and Ladies. Each team had 8 players from Primary 6 and 7. To prepare for this we went to football lunch clubs in the gym run by our teachers - Miss Macaskill, Miss Afrin, and Mr Campbell.

"Going to a school football competition was quite different for me, but I had fun and I am glad I went. I would encourage other people to go to these festivals and competitions even if it is not their number one sport. My team had my dad as a parent helper which was good." Lily (GL7)

"It was good and for me it was also quite different. I don't play football outside of school that much, but I enjoy going to tournaments and playing for Laxdale. I might play football when I go to the Nicolson because I know a lot of other people who were playing in the Charlie Nicolson and they might be playing football in Secondary as well." Heidi (GM7)

"The Janitor, Miss Macaskill and I all agree that the pupils were excellent. They played well for each other and worked as a team throughout the day. When other Laxdale teams were playing on different pitches our pupils would go and cheer for one another. Even when the Aces team lost on penalties the instant reaction from everyone was to make sure nobody felt too down about it. Great to see such kindness at competitive events. Well done to all 32 pupils, and thanks to parent helpers Scott, Paul and Amy for assisting on the day." Mr Campbell



TECHFEST MOBILE PLANETARIUM VISIT

On Thursday 5 March, Primary 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed a visit from Techfest's Mobile Planetarium. The Mobile Planetarium is an inflatable dome that uses projection to show and teach pupils about space and the constellations.



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"It was actually very fun. I liked it a lot. We learned about the planets and stars and the constellations" – Mezu (GL3)

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND MY WORLD OF WORK WORKSHOPS

On Friday 6 March, Primary 5-7 pupils attended Lego Renewables workshops run by Skills Development Scotland. Using LEGO Renewables kit, pupils were challenged to build their own wind turbine. Using creativity and collaboration, groups designed and built a turbine before assessing its functionality to see how much energy it could produce. The pupils learned how technology is changing our world and career opportunities related to this.

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TOAST TUESDAY

On Tuesday 10 March, Primary 7 pupils will be running their next Toast Tuesday fundraiser with proceeds going towards their P7 Trip next month. Please support our P7s with this and remember to bring some pennies for toast on Tuesday!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES – GL4-5 and GL3

This week, invitations went home to families and friends of our GL4-5 and GL3 classes inviting them come along to their Celebration Assembly next Friday, 13 March, at 9:45am. Please join with us to support the children as they share their learning from the term with you. The pupils have been busy preparing and we are looking forward to two very different presentations – one being Viking themed and the other. We look forward to welcoming you!



MINI SPORTS COUNCIL ELECTION 2026

This morning, our new Mini Sports Council members were announced at Assembly. Following an application and selection process which the Sports Council were involved in, a new council was formed. The standard of application was high and it was great to see so many pupils applying for a leadership role! Well done to all who applied and congratulations to the new Mini Sports Council on their success!



WOW BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION 2026

Over the last few weeks, pupils across all classes have been busy designing badges for the WOW Badge Design Competition.

Following a very difficult selection process due to the standard being so high, 3 top designs per class were picked and announced at Assembly this morning.

From this group, three overall winning designs for Laxdale were selected. The winning designs below belong to Agozie (GL7), Derry, (GL4) and Daisy (GL4). Well done to these pupils! Their designs have now been submitted to the main competition with pupils from over 2000 schools taking part. Best of luck!

Congratulations to everyone for entering. You should be very proud of your designs!



Daisy GL4



Agozie GL7



Derry GL4

DATES FOR TERM 3

Tuesday 10 March	Toast Tuesday
Friday 13 March	Celebration Assembly - GL3 and GL4-5
Tuesday 17 March	P6/7 Tchoukball Festival at Sports Centre
Wednesday 18 March	Euroquiz at Stornoway Primary
Friday 20 March	Easter Assembly with Father William, Our Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Thursday 26 March	GM1-3 Intergenerational Visit to Laxdale Hall
Friday 27 March	School closes for Easter

SCIENCE FAIR 2026

This Saturday, there will be a Science Fair held in The Nicolson Institute. Admission is free and there will be a range of exciting things to see and experience. Worth a visit!

SCIENCE FAIR

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2026
6-15 March

All Welcome at the Science Fair on
Saturday 7th March 2026
In the Main Hall
Nicolson Institute
Doors open 11am-3pm.

All children to be accompanied by an adult.

Admission Free!

Activities on offer include.....

- Come and visit the **Planetarium** and discover how we get different constellations. **TECHFEST** EXPLORE YOUR IMAGINATION
- Discover cyanotype camera –less photography and create your own prints! **Lantra**
- Take a big look at the nano-world with ReallySmallScience! We'll explore nanopolymer bouncy balls, nanosoot and wobbly nanojelly. **University of Strathclyde Glasgow** **really small science**
- Explore chemistry through a series of fun, hands-on activities that show how science works in everyday life. **University of Glasgow**
- Come and find out how your voice is made! **NHS Eileanan Siar Western Isles**
- Come and see a Welding VR Simulator and build your own torch. **CHI OUTER HEBRIDES INNSE GALL**
- Skills Development Scotland**
- Camyball Co Lego** will have lego sets for stories, characters and tablets for stopmotion animation.
- Find out how to make a mini hovercraft!

I wish all pupils and families a relaxing weekend.

Mrs J Macleod, Acting Head of School