

# Naidheachdan Lacasdail

## Laxdale News

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### GM3-4'S INTERGENERATIONAL VISIT TO LAXDALE HALL

On Thursday 30 April, GM3-4 visited the Senior Citizen group at Laxdale Hall. The pupils brought their project jotters and their 3D world landmark models to share which sparked many conversations and questions. An enjoyable time was had by all. This is what some of our pupils had to say...

"Chòrd a' mhadainn rinn gu mòr agus bha sinn ag ionnsachadh bho chèile. Bha mise bruidhinn ri boireanach agus dh'innis i dhomh gun robh a' mathair aon dha clann nighean an sgadain. Thuir i gun robh an obair cruaidh agus duilich agus gun robh i a' fighe geansaidh far an robh ròp anns a' phàtrain."  
Isla, GM3

"Bha boireanach ag ràdh gun tug uncail dhith na reilichean air falbh air fir mòr." Katie, GM3

"Bha a h-uile duine cho còir agus coibhneil." Sara, GM4

"Bha na daoine a' seinn còmhla rinn agus chòrd sin rinn." Ayla, GM4



## FILM G SHORTLIST SUCCESS

Congratulations to Miss Afrin and our GM5-7 pupils who found out this week that they have been shortlisted in the 'Heritage' category of this year's FilmG competition!



This is what Lachlan GM7 and Alfie GM6 had to say about the experience...

*"Last month, GM5-7 took part in the FilmG Competition. It was a brilliant experience and everyone had an amazing time!"*

*We went all over the island to film in different places like Lews Castle, Newmarket Playpark, the Council Offices, and the pier. We all learned so much and improved our skills in teamwork, our Gàidhlig speaking, and our acting. We also learned how much patience you need to film the same scene from different angles and how to project our voices clearly.*

*We really enjoyed going to An Lanntair for the showing. There was a photographer taking group photos and we got to see our FilmG entry on the big screen, as well as entries from other schools.*

*We are so thankful for this opportunity and we feel that doing this will really help us with our confidence and skills later in life. A big thank you to Duncan Norman for writing our script, and to Marisa, Sharon Reid, and Kaleigh for helping us out!"*

Le Lachlan & Alfie

**Mealaibh ur naidheachd Miss Afrin agus na sgoilearan gu lèir! 'S math a rinn sibh uile.**



## **GM1-3'S CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

An diugh, chur sinn fàilte air parantan agus teaghlachan sgoilearan GM1-3 gu an cruinn-còmhla sonraichte mu dheireadh den bhliadhna. This morning, we welcomed the parents/carers and families of all our GM1-3 pupils to the last of our Celebration Assemblies of the session. Over the last few weeks, Mrs Maciver and the pupils have been working hard to prepare to showcase their learning around the theme, 'Nach Mìorbhaileach an Saoghal'. Each child spoke clearly and with confidence demonstrating their developing Gàidhlig skills. They performed a Gaelic version of Louis Armstrong's, 'What a Wonderful World' which they sung beautifully. 'S math a rinn a h-uile duin' agaibh! Mìorbhaileach!



## **SPORTS WEEK**

Next week, we have a packed week of sporting activities planned for the whole school with lots of learning and opportunities for physical activity. To kickstart our week, all pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite Sports Personality or dress in sporty clothes. With a spotlight on sportsmanship and fairness, we look forward to bringing the school community together for a fun filled active learning week. Please support and visit our *Sports Swap Shop* on Wednesday (Sports Day) where you can send in pre-loved sports clothes/footwear and pick up 'new to you' items. A Groupcall with more information has been issued.

 <p><b>SPORTS WEEK 2026</b></p> <p>Healthy Snack Week</p> <p>WOW Walk/Cycle to School Week</p> <p>Daily 'Wake and Shake/Shakedown'</p>	<b>Monday</b>	Commonwealth Games Day Dress up as your favourite Sports Personality Orienteering Activities
	<b>Tuesday</b>	World Cup Day Football Tournament P3-7 Tug of War – House competition Deadline for items for Sports Swap Shop
	<b>Wednesday</b>	Sports Day at Laxdale School Pitch P4-7 – 10:00-12:30pm      P1-3 – 1:30-3:00pm Sports Swap Shop in the gym – all day
	<b>Thursday</b>	Fun 4s Football competition – Primary 1/2 pupils Mini Marathon – Bethesda Fundraiser
	<b>Friday</b>	Inter-House Competition P1-3 and P4-7 – Boccia, Basketball, Football, Tchoukball Swimming Gala – P4-7      Sports Equipment Activities– P1-3

### **P6/7 FIELD EVENTS AT THE RUNNING TRACK**

On Thursday 7 May, all P6 and 7 pupils completed Long Jump, Shot Put and Distance Races at the Running Track at The Nicolson Institute ahead of our Sports Day next Wednesday. Pupils enjoyed the morning and performed very well across the different events. All scores have been recorded and will be added to the scores on Sports Day. Well done to all the pupils and to staff who accompanied them on the day.



## WHATSAPP

Please remember that the minimum age for **WhatsApp** is **13 years old**. As a school, we strongly advise against primary-aged pupils using the app. Group chats can often lead to **misunderstandings and conflicts** that spill over into the classroom, impacting pupils' wellbeing and focus.



Further to this, the school has received recent reports that there are currently *Whatsapp* groups consisting of hundreds of members (both adults and children) that Laxdale pupils have been added to and are part of. It is important for parents to be aware of this. We would strongly encourage parents to take steps towards safeguarding your child/ren against involvement in such groups. It has been reported that pupils are being added to groups without consent and are then open to seeing messages, content and images which may be unsuitable.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community positive and safe.

## P7 GAME CHANGERS

Our P7s are pictured below with the certificates they received from The Shed following their participation in the *Game Changers* sessions over the last few weeks. *Game Changers* provides a supportive learning environment where pupils learn essential life skills and make a seamless transition to secondary school with the support of The Shed Youth Team. Thanks to Sophie, Lydia and Tom for supporting our pupils.



## **PARENT COUNCIL DUCK RACE FUNDRAISING EVENT**

The Parent Council Duck Race took place this morning at Laxdale River. There was great excitement leading up to the 500 ducks being released into the river.

First Prize went to Calum Angus, GM3

Second Prize to Caidon, GL7

Third Prize to Lexi, GL4

The Best Named Duck was **Swim Shady**, who was named by Luke, GL4

A big thank you to the Parent Council for organising such a fun event. Over £500 was raised. Thank you to those who helped at the river. Thank you to everyone who bought ducks.



## **RSHP LESSONS**

Thank you to all those who completed the RSHP consent form. **The deadline for completing forms will be extended to Mon 11 May so please ensure you have completed the Microsoft Form before this date.** If a form has not been submitted for a pupil, class teachers will assume consent has been given and the pupil will participate in the lessons which are due to take place week beginning 18 May.

## **DATES FOR TERM 4**

Monday 11 – Friday 15 May	Sports Week (P.E. kit/sports clothes every day)
Wednesday 13 May	Sports Day P4-7 (10:00-12:30pm) P1-3 (1:30-3:00pm)
Week beginning 18 May	Teaching of RSHP Lessons <b>(reminder to parents/carers to complete Microsoft Form by Mon 11 May)</b>
Friday 22 May	P6/7 Girls' Netball Festival
Thursday 28 May	GL5-6 Intergenerational Visit to Laxdale Hall
Monday 1 June	Pre-Mod Concert at 6:30pm in Laxdale School
Monday 1 June – Friday 5 June	Local Mod competitions
Wednesday 10 June and Thursday 11 June	Induction Days Primary 1- 9:00-12:00 (Laxdale School) Primary 7 - full days (The Nicolson Institute)
Friday 12 June	P6/7 Wiiga Athletics Competition
Friday 19 June	P7 Leavers' Lunch
Monday 22 June	Beach Day
Wednesday 24 June	End of Year Assembly with Tommy MacNeil (morning) Prizegiving Ceremony (afternoon)
Thursday 25 June	P7 Party 7:00-10:00pm
Friday 26 June	School closes for Summer

I would like to wish all pupils, parents, carers and families a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Macleod, Acting Head of School