



Largoward Primary School

Friday 10th January 2025



‘Being Ourselves, Together!’

Our Values: Safety, Kindness, Happiness, Respect, Learning

What's Happening Next Week?

Monday 13/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P4 National Standardised Assessments will take place over next 2 weeks. Please follow this link to find out more: Parents and Carers• PE day – please make sure your child has their PE kit
Tuesday 14/01	
Wednesday 15/01	
Thursday 16/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PE day – please make sure your child has their PE kit• After school rugby with Dylan
Friday 17/01	

Please call 01334 659425 or email largowardps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk if you need to contact the school.

Website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/largowardps/>

P1-7 SWAY – Each week we will update with posts relating to our learning and experiences in school. We hope you enjoy finding out more about our week. Here is our new SWAY for 2024-2025!

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/UXgUZVKNjAgwWuq2?ref=Link>

Term 3 – Some Dates For Your Diary!

- Monday 13th January – Term 3 learning overviews will be shared
- Monday 20th January – Term 3 homework grids will be shared
- Tuesday 21st January – Inspection report will be published
- Monday 27th January – Next Parent Council meeting
- Tuesday 28th January – Burns Society visiting school for poetry judging – see information below
- Friday 31st January – 2-3pm – Open Afternoon
- Wednesday 12th February – Inset Day – School closed to pupils
- Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February – Holidays
- Tuesday 11th March – 5-7pm – Parents Night
- Friday 4th April – Easter Assembly and end of term 3



BSL Signs of the Week:

Focus For Term 3:

This term the children will be revising colours – [LEARN BSL: BSL Colours. Learn the signs for different colours in British Sign Language.](#)

They will also be learning how to finger spell the alphabet. [BSL Basics: How to Sign the Alphabet and Your Name in British Sign Language](#)

Finally, we will be revising basic greetings, introductions and how to respond appropriately. [LEARN BSL: Introduce yourself in BSL! Get to know Deaf people using British Sign Language!](#)

The children will also be learning the same in French!

Our BSL song for Term 3 is 'The Best Day of My Life' - [Best Day of My Life - American Authors- SignSing BSL SSE](#)

Scottish Poetry:

This week in school all pupils are being supported to select a Scottish poem to learn. They will be given a copy of the poem to take home and will be supported in class to learn and understand their poem. Parental support and encouragement to help their children to practise their poem at home is appreciated. This will also be a homework challenge for this term and pupils can earn house points and raffle ticket for trying their best to learn as much of their poem as they can.

The Burns Society will be in school to listen to pupils perform their poems on Tuesday 28th January. The competitive aspect of the Scottish poems is optional but all pupils are encouraged to try their best. The Burns Society will be presenting prizes and certificates.

Smartphones and Children : Information Evening

Hosted by Lawhead Parent Council

In June 2024, Lawhead Parent Council carried out a parent survey on smartphones and children.

- * 82% of respondents were concerned about children being exposed to inappropriate material through a smartphone.
- * Parents worried about bullying and recording/filming without consent.
- * 60% of parents said they would be interested in workshops providing more information on the topic.
- * 64% said they would like the opportunity to make a voluntary pledge delaying smartphone ownership and 22% were unsure and wanted to find out more.

Since the start of this school session we have shared our findings with other schools in St Andrews, our MSP, our MP and the Rector of Madras College. The survey has already been discussed by the parent councils of Greyfriars and Canongate, Mr Rennie's office, Ms Chamberlain's office and Ms Gilruth, Education Secretary have all replied.

On **Monday, January 20, 2025** we would like to invite interested parents to share information and discuss this matter informally. We will present information on the advantages and disadvantages of this technology for children, alternatives to smartphones for children, and local and national developments

Monday, January 20, 2025. 6-7PM at Lawhead Primary School, St Andrews

We plan to discuss:

- + Concerns expressed in our recent parent survey
- + The advantages and disadvantages of children having their own smartphone
- + Local, national and international developments
- + Some alternatives to smartphones, including tracking options

Online resources:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

<https://delaysmartphones.org.uk/alternatives/>

We have the support of Lawhead School leadership and all local parents are welcome, not just Lawhead families. Please join us 😊

Apply for your child's place in primary one today

All parents/carers of any child eligible to start primary one in August 2025 should submit an enrolment application online at fife.gov.uk/applyforaschoolplace

This straightforward system allows parents/carers to use the step-by-step form from a smart phone, computer or tablet at any time of the day.

You will also be able to upload verification documents too.

These documents include:

- birth certificate of child
- council tax notification letter
- evidence of current address e.g. gas or electric bill, driving licence or benefits letter.

Apply before 9am on
17th March 2025

We look forward to seeing you!

Application forms and additional information on your options are available from any Fife Council primary school or nursery or can be found online at:

www.fife.gov.uk/applyforaschoolplace



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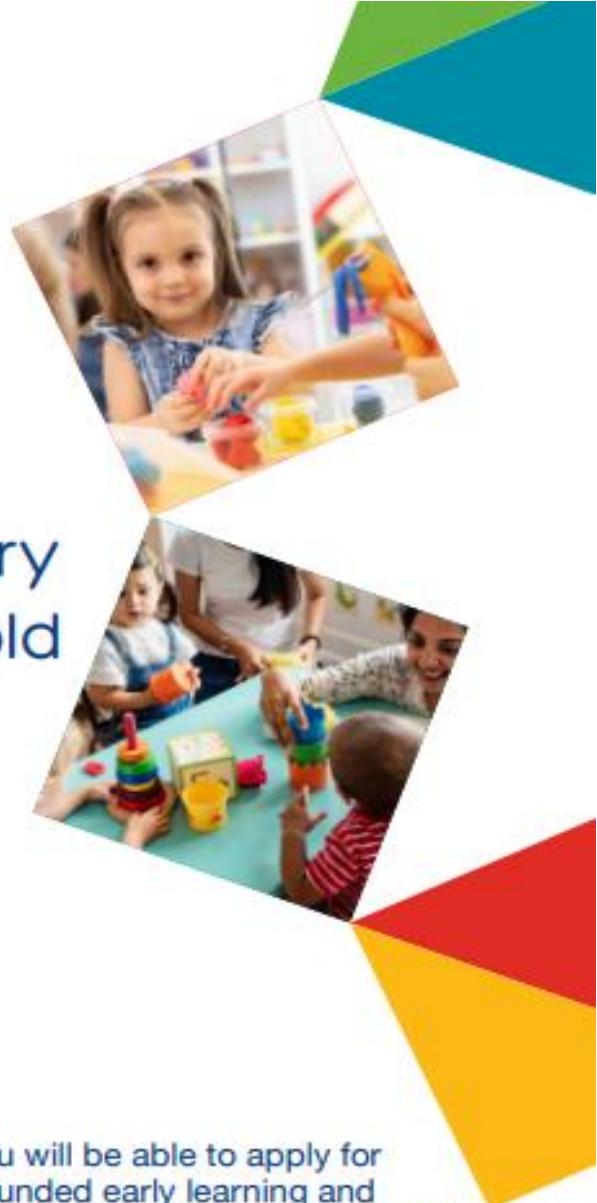




Early Years in Fife

**Important information
for parents and carers**

**Applying for an nursery
place for 3 & 4 years old
children in 2025/26**



**Was your child born between
1st March 2022 and 28th February 2023?**

**Do you want your child to attend a
Fife Council Nursery between
August 2025 and July 2026?**

- If your child does not currently attend nursery (academic year 2024-25) or
- if your child has a 2-year-old placement or
- if you are looking to change your child's current placement type you must complete an application form online at www.fife.gov.uk/elcplaces between 6th – 31st January 2025.

You will be able to apply for a funded early learning and childcare place at your preferred private nursery, playgroup or childminder, if they are in partnership with Fife Council. Applications should be made directly to these individual establishments and services.

Application forms and additional information on your options are available from any Fife Council early learning and childcare facility (nursery/school) or can be found online at:

www.fife.gov.uk/elcplaces



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Forgan's Charity Event:

CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA

*We are raising money for Love Oliver –
a Scottish children's cancer charity*

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SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY | 12PM - 4PM

AFTERNOON TEA AND ARRIVAL FIZZ

£35 PER ADULT | £20 PER CHILD

£5 from every ticket goes directly to charity
PLUS donation price match from Forgans!

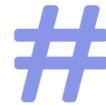
*We will be hosting a charity raffle with
all funds going to Love Oliver*

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For a online study, Parents wanted!

Who am I?

My name is Aleksandar Rex, I'm a 4th year BSc Psychology student currently conducting my final year dissertation.



What is the study?

I'm interesting in investigating the link between social skills in children and their academic success in school. If a connection can be found, further support, interventions and research can be conducted. And hopefully we can work towards a more social and academic future.



What will you do?

All that I need from yourselves is a few minutes of your time to complete a questionnaire. This will ask questions about your child's academic success and social skills. It will in total only take about 15 minutes.

Where to go from here

Along with this poster, you should have received a link to a Microsoft Form. This is the questionnaire itself, and all you need to do is click on the link and follow the directions! Alternatively, just scan the QR code here:



MS Form Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/40TJj9uH9Q>