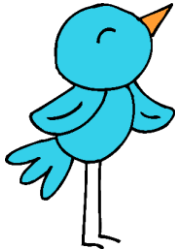


# Lawthorn Primary School

## & Early Years Class

### Newsletter

March 2023



### Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see the sun shine this month and there are signs of spring starting to appear around us. Our children have been incredibly busy in their classes and taking part in a number of exciting learning opportunities and events. We are really proud of their achievements and how well they represent Lawthorn Primary, both in school and in our local community. We thank our parents and carers for encouraging children to follow our school values of **KINDNESS, HONESTY, RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY**.

### Staffing

We say a fond farewell to Mrs. Littlejohn in our school office. She has been a much loved member of our team and we will truly miss her knowledge, skill, and her great sense of humour.



### Primary 6 Burns Supper

Our Primary 6 pupils did a wonderful job of organising our annual Burns Supper. We were treated to brilliant poetry recitals, witty speeches, wonderful dancing, fantastic singing and instrumentals from our very talented musicians. Thank you to our parents and carers who joined us to celebrate the children's work.



## Ayrshire Burns Competition

We are extremely proud of Abby Lawson who won the P1 – P3 verse speaking competition at the Ayrshire Association of Burns Club event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March.



## World Book Day

It was lovely to see so many of our children take part in our World Book Day activities. We hope that by recognising World Book Day, we motivate and inspire our children to read for enjoyment.



## Litter Picking

We are extremely proud of all children across the school who have been involved in supporting our community litter pick. We have worked alongside the Irvine Clean Up Crew who do a brilliant job of helping children to understand the importance of taking care of our local community. This is a valuable experience for our children and links into our curriculum to enable children to understand the environmental impact of human activity and identify ways in which we can live in a more environmentally responsible way. The feedback from children who have taken part has been extremely positive and we are grateful to our parents and carers who have supported this.



## Sports

Our boys' football team are competing in the Irvine Primary Football League and The McWilliam Cup and our girls' football team have also played in their first tournament at Greenwood Academy. Both teams have played fantastically well and have demonstrated great team spirit.



## Lawthorn Leaders

This year we have a variety of leadership opportunities for our pupils...

Our Sports Leaders are running a variety of lunch time clubs for all stages of the school throughout the week. They are ensuring all games are played



fairly and have also discussed the types of sporting afterschool clubs they would like at Lawthorn.



Eliana Rankin (P7), Neve Campbell (P6), Emily Lewis (P6), Leo Roddie (P6), Tyler Allan (P6), Sky McGoran (P7), Emma Rodden (P7), Flora Hunter (P7), Milo Anderson (P7), Tilly Rankin-Smith (P7 Absent at the time of photo)

Our newly formed Digital Leaders will be ensuring that all laptops and Ipads are ready to use each day. They will promote and encourage a whole school approach to the use of digital technology as we begin our journey to receive 'The Digital Schools Award.'



Vira Bogachova (P6), Abbie Hunter (P6), Ava Purdie (P7), Lewis Williams (P6), Aidan Gilsean (P7), Harry Lauder (P6), Holly Abercrombie (P6), Ciaran Roger (P6 absent at the time of photo), Lucas Allan (P7 absent at the time of photo)

Our Rights Respecting Ambassadors are continuing to lead the school on our Right Respecting Journey. We received our Silver Rights Aware award before lockdown. Our Ambassadors will lead various activities to help embed children's rights into school life.



Emily Andrews (P7), Anastasia Suddick (P7), Lana Swanson (P5), Callum Carless (P5), Lyla McBreen (P4), Beaux Anderson (P5), Emily Paterson (P4)

## Primary 7 Aladdin Performance

Our Primary 7 pupils have been working really hard on their performance of Aladdin. We invite parents and carers to join us for the final performances on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 1.45pm. You are in for a treat!

The children were really fortunate to have the opportunity to perform at The Scottish Opera on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and they did a brilliant job.



## Rotary Quiz

Four of our P7 pupils will represent Lawthorn Primary School at the annual Rotary Quiz on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. We wish them the very best of luck!



## Euro Quiz

Some of our P6 pupils attended the Rotary Quiz with Mr. Flanagan on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023. Mr. Flanagan was extremely proud of the children who quizzed brilliantly.



## Mental Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors

Vicki Andrew and the NA Bee You Ambassadors have been training some of our P6 pupils to become our school's Junior Bee You Ambassadors. Vicki is North Ayrshire Project Delivery Officer for Mental Health and Wellbeing. The six Bee You sessions will equip our pupils with the skills and knowledge to support children across the school.

## Mobile Phones in School

We have increasing numbers of children bringing mobile phones and smart watches into school and whilst we understand the reasons for this, we ask, if possible, that these are kept at home. Inappropriate use of messaging, photographs and recording will be treated as a breach of the school's code of conduct. To prevent inappropriate use and damage to mobile phones, these will be kept in the school office during the school day. Children should turn mobile phones off as soon as they enter the school gates each morning. In order to ensure the safety and privacy of our children and staff, we ask for your support in reinforcing the seriousness of inappropriate mobile phone and smart watch use with your child.

## Carpark



We encourage all children to walk to school as much as possible, however if parents and carers need to use the school carpark, we ask you to adhere to the following rules:

- Cars must not stop on any non-parking areas such as zig zag lines, pavements or zebra crossings
- Cars must travel at less than 5mph within the carpark
- Cars must not park in disabled spaces unless displaying a disabled badge and leaving the car
- Cars must not park in our 'drop and go' zone at morning drop off
- Drivers must not use their mobile phones when travelling

Staff will endeavour to monitor and support carpark usage at the beginning and end of the school day, and I respectfully request that,

should you be asked to move your vehicle, staff are not treated with frustration or aggression - we are only trying to keep the children of Lawthorn safe.

## Easter Holiday



Our school will close on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30pm and reopen on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. I wish everyone a wonderful Easter holiday.

Best Wishes,  
*Miss Grossart*  
Head Teacher



**Kindness**

**Honesty**

**Respect**

**Responsibility**