



# Lawthorn Primary School



## & Early Years Class

### Newsletter

February 2023



#### Dear Parents/Carers,

January has passed in a flash and it is lovely to see the lighter nights creeping in. As always our children continue to work extremely hard and are excellent role models for Lawthorn Primary School, demonstrating our values of **KINDNESS, HONESTY, RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY**. Thank you for continuing to support and encourage these values. Your children are a credit to you!

#### Staffing Update

This term we say goodbye to some of our wonderful staff members.

Miss Thomson in our Early Years Class will be leaving at the end of February to start a new post and new adventure. Miss Thomson has been at Lawthorn Primary School for 12 years and is highly respected within our whole school community. We will miss her knowledge, expertise, kindness and friendship.

Miss Walsh will not be returning from her maternity leave as she has been successful in gaining a new post within North Ayrshire. We will be really sorry to see her go, but wish her every success in her new post.

Miss Rugg will commence her maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish her good luck with baby no. 3 and we cannot wait to meet the new arrival!

Mrs. Littlejohn in our office will also be leaving after making the decision to take early retirement at the end of the term. Mrs. Littlejohn is a much loved member of our team and has been a brilliant support to our staff, children and parents. We will miss her hard work ethic, expertise and her brilliant sense of humour. We wish her every happiness in her retirement.

### Maths Open Afternoon

Thank you for joining us for our Maths Open Afternoon on 25<sup>th</sup> January. 31% of parents attended and feedback from parents, children and staff was positive.



### Scottish Poetry Competition

Thank you for taking the time to support your child with their class poem. The standard of entries into our school competition was extremely high and we would like to extend an enormous well done to all children who took part. This year we can only have 2 winners who will represent the school at the annual Irvine Burns Club competition. Well done girls!



## Early Years Class Ceilidh

It was lovely to have so many parents and grandparents join us for our annual Early Years Class Ceilidh. The children performed their songs and poems beautifully and it was great to see our children and adults join in with the dancing. A special thank you to Mr.

Arcaro, one of our grandparents, who treated us to a special performance on his mouth organ.



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## PEEP

Mrs Linton, our Senior Early Years Practitioner delivers a weekly PEEP programme every Thursday for parents across our school and community. If you have a child aged 2-5 years old and would be interested in attending, please contact the school on 01294 224548 to register your interest.

Sessions will run from 9.15 – 10.15 or 2pm – 3pm.

Baby PEEP will also be available for those families with under 2 year olds. If you would like to find out more, please contact the school office.

## Pupil Council

Miss Buchert will be leading our Pupil Council this session. Pupils across the school who wished to take part delivered a speech to their classes and the following children were selected to represent the school.



## Seesaw

Our Seesaw subscription has ended and will no longer be used within our school, although our Early Years Class will continue to use the free version. Mish Buchert has provided an update regarding communication and further information on how homework will be shared will be issued next week. We hope to continue to share learning with parents and carers through our open afternoons and via Twitter. You can log on to see what is happening at our school Twitter address:

[@Lawthorn\\_PS](https://twitter.com/Lawthorn_PS)

## Primary 7 Transition Visits

Our Primary 7 pupils will have their first visit to Greenwood Academy on the following dates:

**P7A: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

**P7B: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Buses have been organised and the children will return to Lawthorn for lunch.

## Operation Play Outdoors

Operation Play Outdoors will be back in our school on WB 20<sup>th</sup> February. This month the focus will be on conservation and the children will have opportunities to see fire making and create charcoal sticks. Please note that the classes will be outdoors no matter what the weather and therefore please ensure children have appropriate outdoor clothing for their outdoor day. The timetable for outdoors will be as follows:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>P2B P4A P7B</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>P2A P6B P7A</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>P3A P6A P3B PM EYC</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>P1A P5B P5A</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>P1B P4B AM EYC</b>



### February Holiday

Our school will be closed for pupils from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. We will return on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February: P6 Trip to Wellwood

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February: School Closure

WB 20<sup>th</sup> February: Operation Play Outdoors

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: P6 Burns Supper

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: P7 Aladdin Performance to Parents (1.45pm)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March: P7 Aladdin Performance to Parents (1.45pm)

Best Wishes,  
*Miss Grossart*  
Head Teacher



**Kindness**

**Honesty**

**Respect**

**Responsibility**