

Lawthorn Primary School

& Early Years Class

Newsletter

May 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made it into our final term of this session and despite only having 7 ½ weeks of school left, we have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term before our children make their transition into the next school year.

Staffing

We are very excited to announce that Miss Rugg welcomed baby Evie into her family on Sunday 30th April. Both mum and baby are doing well and we cannot wait to meet her!

We welcome Miss Lewis to Primary 6 as class teacher from Monday - Wednesday. Miss Lewis is covering Miss Rugg's maternity leave and may already be a familiar face to our families whose children also attended Lawthorn Early Years. She is a welcome addition to our team.

We are sorry say goodbye to Mrs Smallwood in our Early Years Class this month. She has brought a high level of expertise to our team and it has been a real pleasure to work with her.

I appreciate that our nursery has had a number of staffing changes over the last few months, however we continue to endeavor to provide the highest quality care and learning for our children. I have detailed below the expected staffing until the end of this session:

AM	PM
Miss McGuire Mrs Berrie Miss Lindsay Miss McCourt	Miss McGuire Mrs Berrie Miss McCourt

Mrs. Turnbull, our Early Years Teacher, is currently supporting in Mrs. Linton's absence and Mrs. Linton will return in a part time basis before the end of the year.

Congratulations to Mrs. Laura Anderson who was the successful candidate for the Education Business Administrator post within our school office. Mrs. Anderson already worked 2 days per week at Lawthorn and comes with lots of experience and a good knowledge of our school and children.

We said goodbye to Miss Canavan, one of our Classroom Assistants on 21st April. Miss Canavan has been successful in another position and we wish her the very best of luck. We have interviewed for this post and will welcome Mrs Ferguson to the role in the coming weeks.

Finally, due to a reduction in our school role next session, our management team will reduce to one Depute Head Teacher, and, unfortunately we will say goodbye to Miss Buchert at the end of the school year. Miss Buchert has been such a brilliant addition to our team and we will be truly sorry to see her go. However, she will take up post as permanent DHT at Dalry Primary School in August; we wish her every success in her new job.

Transition

Our Primary 7 pupils have taken part in a World of Work (WOW) workshop and had visits from Greenwood Academy Guidance Staff and Area Inclusion Worker. The Greenwood staff thoroughly enjoyed their visit and were extremely complimentary of our children's good manners. Primary 7 pupils will have further transition visits to Greenwood on 7th & 8th June. For those children who will be attending Stewarton Academy, transition visits will take place on 23rd & 24th May.

Our pre-school pupils have been taking part in visits to Primary 1 as part of their transition. External pupils will also be involved in these visits from 8th May and a

P1 Parent Induction Visit will take place on Friday 12th May. The children will also have opportunities to experience playtime and will soon get to meet their P7 buddies.

Our school bump up day will take place on Wednesday 14th June. I aim to confirm classes and staffing as soon as I have confirmation of this from NAC.

Digital Leaders Event



Vira and Lewis, two of our digital leaders attended the event at Blacklands Primary School on Tuesday 25th April. We are on our way to achieving our Digital Leader's Award!

GSK Competition

Well done to Ryllan who was shortlisted for the GSK Logo Competition and Logan who was shortlisted for the Wind Turbine Naming Competition. Mrs. Kerr took a group of P7s along to the GSK site where the children had the opportunity to learn more about energy conversions.



Champions for Change



Our P5 pupils have been participating in a Champions for Change programme, focusing on substance misuse. The children are really enjoying the sessions and have learned lots!





Primary Engineering Challenge

Congratulations to all our children who entered in the Primary Engineering Challenge this year. We are delighted to announce that we have four pupils who have been shortlisted with distinction. Well done to Alba, Ruby, Lewis and Aimee!



King Charles III Coronation

Children and staff across the school had a great day celebrating the King's Coronation on Friday 5th May. We made our own crowns, enjoyed the infant's Crown Parade and had a ball at the Coronation Concert in the afternoon. Thank you to Mrs. Storrar and her staff in the kitchen for providing a delicious Coronation picnic.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 12 th May:	New Primary 1 Parents Information Meeting
Monday 15 th May:	P7B Arran Trip
Tuesday 16 th May:	Parents' Evening
Thursday 18 th May:	Parents Evening
Monday 22 nd May:	P7A Arran Trip
Thursday 25 th May:	EYC & P1 Community Litter Pick
Monday 29 th May:	School Closure – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30 th May:	School Closure – Inservice Day
Wednesday 31 st May:	P7 Class Photographs
Friday 2 nd June:	Lawthorn Parent Council Summer Fayre
WB 5 th June:	Health Week (Parent programme will be issued)
7 th June:	P7 Greenwood Transition Visit
8 th June:	P7 Greenwood Transition Visit
9 th June:	Sports Day (Weather permitting)
14 th June:	Bump Up Day
15 th June:	EY Induction Visits
19 th June:	EY Graduation
21 st June:	Prizegiving
28 th June:	School closes at 1pm



Best Wishes,
Miss Grossart
Head Teacher



Kindness

Honesty

Respect

Responsibility