

# Lawthorn Primary School & Early Years Class Newsletter

## October 2024



### Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our October newsletter! This month has been a busy and exciting time for our school community. We have lots of updates to share with you, so please read on to find out more about what's been happening and what's coming up!

### Harvest Service



Our Primary 4 & 5 pupils presented a wonderful Harvest Service this year and I hope that parents and carers who were able to attend enjoyed the performance. A huge thank you to the class teachers for their time and commitment in organising this.

Thank you also to our whole school community for the generous harvest donations. These were donated to our local foodbank and I am sure will make a huge difference to families in need.



## Recycling Events

Our Eco Committee would like to take the opportunity to thank parents and carers for their very kind donations to our Halloween Costume Recycling event. We hope those children who purchase costumes will enjoy wearing them at Halloween.

## Halloween

Children will take part in Halloween activities within their own class on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. School uniform should be worn on this day, however children are welcome to dress up at the Parent Council Halloween Disco on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October.



## EY Halloween Party

Our Early Years Class Halloween party will take place on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Early Years children are invited to dress up on this day if they wish.

## School Photos - Say Cheese!

Don't forget, **School Photos** will take place on **Wednesday, 30th October**. This is a great opportunity for individual and family photos, so make sure everyone comes in their school uniform and with their best smiles! More information about ordering photos will be provided after the photo day.

## Anti-Bullying Workshops - Working Together

We are dedicated to creating a safe and supportive environment for all our pupils. As part of this commitment, we are working with Brian Donnelly, who has served as the strategic lead for Scotland as Director of Respect Me for 10 years, until 2017. Brian's expertise is in anti-bullying and he previously supported us to write our anti-bullying policy in 2018. Over the next few months, Brian will be delivering **Anti-Bullying**

**Workshops** for P4 – P7 pupils, consultations for parents, and training for staff. The aim is to educate and empower our community to stand against bullying and build a positive school culture. Dates for the parent workshops are still being finalised, and we will share them with you as soon as possible.

### **JRSO: Be Bright, Be Seen**

Our JRSO will be encouraging our school community to Be Bright, Be Seen on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. Children are invited to dress up in bright clothing on this day to promote road safety.



### **Pupil Leadership**

We are thrilled to tell you about our Pupil Parliament, where children are given the chance to take on leadership roles and make a difference in our school community! The pupils have been hard at work planning their annual roles and events. From organising school-wide activities to leading special projects, our young leaders are already showing great initiative and responsibility.

Here are our Lawthorn Leaders:

### **HOUSE CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS**



**Lana, Penny, Jude, Olivia, Hayley, Nathan, Beaux, Ella-Rose**

## **AMBASSADORS**



**Lana, Harvie, Harry, Ava, Grace, Lucie, Madeline, Ronica, Emily, Heidi, Myla, Danielle, Skylar, Alex, Blake**

## **DIGITAL LEADERS**



**Leo, Liam, Callum, Adam, Carson, Sam, Emma, Lyla, Sophie, Neve, Chloe, Liam, Kai**

## **JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS**



**Beaux, Lucie, Sophie, Ollie, Erin, Bethany**

## PUPIL COUNCIL



**Carlo, Sophie, Ivan, Albii** (absent at time of photo), **Lola, Emma, Carson, Veronika**

## RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS



**Mirren, Blake** (absent at time of photo), **Oliver, Cailean, Heidi, Neve, Heidi, Lana**

## ECO COMMITTEE



**Jude, Allana, Iona, Matthew, Sophie, Caitlyn** (absent at time of photo), **Myla, Thomas**

## DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY SCHOOLS



Isla, Alex, Ariya, Thea, Brodie, Katie, India-Rose, Lexi, Myla

## SPORTS LEADERS



Morgan, Fearne (absent at time of photo), Lucy, Caitlyn (absent at time of photo), Macy, Heidi, Emily, Liam, Jacob, Evie, Noah

## PLAY MAKERS



Rebecca (absent at time of photo), Oakley, Eva, Connie, Adam, Abbi, India-Rose, Bethany, Lexi, Aimee, Cole, Charlie, Veronika, Myla, Scarlett, Richard, Sophie

## BE YOU AMBASSADORS



Jacob, Macy, Evie, James, Hasan, Kalven

## JUNIOR LIBRARIANS



Tyler, Aflie, Aila, Scarlett, Alexander, Finlay, Adam, Delilah, Lucy, Anna, Noah, Oakley, Eva, Lucie, Sienna, Grace, Viviana

We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have throughout the year!

### School Carpark

We'd like to remind all parents and carers to use the car park safely during drop-off and pick-up times. Please remember our **Drop and Go** system: park briefly to drop off your child, then move along quickly to make space for other families. This ensures a smooth flow of traffic and, most importantly, keeps our pupils safe. If you plan to leave your car, please use a parking bay instead of the drop and go zone. Thank you for your cooperation!



**Children in Need 2024**

This year, Children in Need will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. On this day, pupils are invited to wear spots and bring in a donation for the charity (suggested £1 per family). The event is being planned by our House and Vice Captains who will run an art competition on the day.



## Parents Evening: Save the Date

Parents' Evening is just around the corner! We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress on **Wednesday, 20th November, and Thursday, 21st November**. More information about booking your time slot will be sent out soon. Please save the date!

### Parent Council News!

Our AGM took place in September 2024. The following committee members were appointed:

Parent Council Chairs: Mrs. Gillian Leitch & Mrs. Emma McQueen

Treasurer: Mrs Natalie Henderson

Secretary: Mrs Jennifer Risk

Minutes of the meeting can be accessed on the school website.

### Halloween Disco:

The spooky season is here, and we are excited to invite you to our annual **Parent Council Halloween Disco** on **Wednesday, 30th October**. It's a fun-filled evening where pupils can show off their costumes, dance, and enjoy some Halloween treats! The P1 – P3 disco will take place from 6.30 – 7.30 and the P4 – P7 disco will take place from 7.45 – 8.45. We hope to see kids there for a spooktacular night!

### Parents' Evening

We plan to be in the school hall during the upcoming Parents' Evening to share some of the work we have been doing as a Parent Council.

### P7 Leavers' Hoodies

We have been working on the organisation of Primary 7 leavers hoodies and have committed to contributing towards these to support the Cost of the School Day. Hoodies will be delivered to pupils after the Christmas holiday.

Finally, as a result of a very successful Summer Fayre, we aim to support all parents by making a contribution of £1100 towards the school Pantomime.



## November Weekend

The school and EYC will be closed on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## Upcoming dates

To enable you to plan ahead, please find below, a list of events in November & December for your information.

NOVEMBER	6 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations
	6 <sup>th</sup> November	P3 Stay and Play (2.00 – 2.45)
	13 <sup>th</sup> November	P4 Parent Open Afternoon (1.30 – 2.30)
	13 <sup>th</sup> November	P7 Open Afternoon (2.00 – 2.45)
	13 <sup>th</sup> November	Early Years Stay and Play (Squares & Rectangles)
	14 <sup>th</sup> November	Early Years Stay and Play (Circles & Triangles)
	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
	19 <sup>th</sup> November	P5 (2.00 – 2.45), P6/5 (11.30 – 12.15) & P6 (9.45 – 10.30) Parent Open Day
	20 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening
	21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parents Evening
	25 <sup>th</sup> November	School Holiday
	26 <sup>th</sup> November	Inservice Day
	DECEMBER	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> December
10 <sup>th</sup> December		P1 & P2 Stay and Play (9.15 – 10.30)
11 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Lunch
11 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Fayre (3.30 – 5pm)
13 <sup>th</sup> December		P1 – P7 to Panto at The Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock
16 <sup>th</sup> December		Early Years Christmas Party & Sing-a-long
16 <sup>th</sup> December		P1 & P2 Christmas Party
16 <sup>th</sup> December		P3 Christmas Party
17 <sup>th</sup> December		P4 Christmas Party
17 <sup>th</sup> December		P5 Christmas Party
18 <sup>th</sup> December		P6 Christmas Party
18 <sup>th</sup> December		P7 Christmas Party
20 <sup>th</sup> December		Close 2.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School Holiday	

Best Wishes,  
*Miss Grossart*  
Head Teacher

No act of kindness,  
no matter how small,  
is ever wasted.

—AESOP

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Kindness

Honesty

Respect

Responsibility