

# Lawthorn Primary School

## & Early Years Class

### Newsletter

## November/December 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,



With the festive season approaching, our school community has been busier than ever! From special events to amazing achievements, we are proud to share updates about the last few months of the year.

### RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

#### Children in Need

Thank you for your generosity! We raised an impressive **£296** for Children in Need. The children had a fantastic time dressing in spots and participating in fun activities across the school.

#### Be Bright Be Seen Day

Our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) organised a fun and educational

day to raise awareness about road safety. The children came to school in their brightest outfits, and it was a wonderfully colourful event!

### **Spotlight on Anti-Bullying**

We continue to work with **Brian Donnelly**, a respected advocate for anti-bullying. Brian has been engaging with staff, children, and parents to:

- **Raise awareness** of bullying behaviours.
- **Promote our school values** of kindness, honesty, respect, and responsibility.

As part of this work, we will be revising our **Relationships and Anti-Bullying Policy** in consultation with our school community. This collaborative approach ensures our policies reflect shared values and provide clear guidance for maintaining a safe and supportive environment for all.

In collaboration with our Parent Council, Brian has arranged to provide an information session for all Parents and Carers on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 6pm – 7pm.**

Thank you for supporting us in fostering a culture where every child feels valued and respected.

### **P7 Football Team**

Our Primary 7 football team participated in the first round of the Irvine Cluster Football League. The children were a credit to our school! A huge thank you to our fabulous parent helpers who lead the training.



## Parents' Evening

Thank you to the 98% of parents and carers who attended our recent Parents' Evening. It was a pleasure to share your child's progress and celebrate their hard work this term.

## Shoebox Appeal



Our P7 pupils have been hard at work creating shoeboxes for Blythswood Care. Thank you for your generous donations - your kindness will bring joy to families this Christmas.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Christmas Fayre

🎄 **Date:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

🎄 **Time:** 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Classes are busy creating wonderful products to sell at their stalls. We hope to see you there for some festive fun, and we're excited to welcome a **special visit from Santa Claus!**




## Pantomime Trip

 **Date:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

P1 – P7 pupils are looking forward to seeing Goldilocks and The Three Bears at Kilmarnock this year. I'm sure all children will enjoy a magical day!


## Early Years trip to The McDougalls' Fairytale Christmas Show


 **Date:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Our youngest learners are looking forward to a fun-filled performance by The McDougalls - guaranteed to bring smiles and laughter!

Thanks to the Parent Council for their generous donation of £1,200 towards the school and Early Years trips!

## Nativity

 **Dates:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

 **Time:** 1:30 PM

 **For:** P1-P3 Families

We are delighted to invite you to this year's Nativity performance, where the children will share the story of Christmas through song and drama.



## Christmas Lunch and Festive Dress Day

**Date:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Every year, our kitchen staff organise an amazing Christmas Lunch for children and staff and music and decorations fill our dining hall. If you want your child to have a school lunch on this date, please ensure you have completed the return slip previously issued. Children are invited to dress festive on this date. Please note that there is no requirement for parents to purchase a Christmas jumper – a piece of tinsel will do the job!



## Christmas Parties



### Monday, December 16th:

P3 at 11:00 AM

P1 & P2 at 1:30 PM

Early Years (Parents invited to our Christmas sing-along at 2pm)

### Tuesday, December 17th:

P4 at 11:00 AM

P5 at 1:30 PM



### Wednesday, December 18th:

P6 at 11:00 AM

P7 at 1:30 PM

Pupils may come to school dressed for their party on the day, however please ensure that your child has a warm jacket and appropriate footwear for playtimes.

## Parent Council News!

Thank you to Parents & Carers who have supported our Parent Council Fundraising. We continue to work hard to support school improvement. Here are a few of the initiatives we have been working on this term...

We made an amazing £498 at our Halloween Disco and we have had a successful Participatory Budget bid for £1000 to support road safety. We also received a very kind donation of £100 from Aqua Sharks.

We are delighted to support the Cost of the School Day by contributing £1100 towards the Pantomime and £100 towards the Early Years trip to McDougalls.

This term we have managed to reduce the cost of our Primary 7 Hoodies by contributing £10 towards each one. We have also supported our P7 pupils with further fundraising towards these at the Christmas Fayre.

We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions on other ways we can support the school and if you would like to contribute, please contact us via our Facebook page or the Parent Council email address: [lawthornpc@gmail.com](mailto:lawthornpc@gmail.com)

Thank you!

Lawthorn Primary School & EYC Parent Council



## REMINDERS

### Christmas Closure



The school will close on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm (the Early Years Class will operate their normal opening hours on this day) and we will reopen on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.



DECEMBER	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 – P3 Nativity
	10 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 & P2 Stay and Play
	11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
	11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre
	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
JANUARY	15 <sup>th</sup> January	P3 Stay and Play
	20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Early Years Care Plan and Target Setting Meetings

### Thank you

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support from our school community. Whether it's attending events, volunteering, or contributing to fundraising efforts, your involvement makes a huge difference.

I hope that you and your family have a safe and peaceful Christmas break.

Best Wishes,  
Miss Grossart  
Head Teacher



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**Honesty**

**Respect**

**Responsibility**