

Lawthorn Primary School

& Early Years Class

Newsletter

February 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are already well into 2025, and February has been a busy and exciting month for our school community! Here are some highlights from the past few weeks and some important upcoming events.

HIGHLIGHTS

Burns Supper

Our Primary 6 pupils held their Burns Supper on 12th February, and it was a wonderful success. Thank you to Mr. Gallacher for piping in our haggis. We were also delighted to welcome our honoured guests, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Murdoch from Irvine Burns Club, who thoroughly enjoyed the performances and celebrations. Well done to all the pupils who took part!



P7 Transition

Our Primary 7 pupils had their first transition morning at Greenwood Academy. Staff at Greenwood were very impressed by how polite and respectful our pupils were, and our children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. This visit was a great opportunity to start preparing for their next chapter in education.

Football Tournament

Our football team took part in a North Ayrshire tournament on 5th February at The Circuit in Irvine. The team played brilliantly and we are incredibly proud of their teamwork and sportsmanship—well done!

SFA Football Training

Our Early Years children have been enjoying football training sessions with the Scottish Football Association (SFA). A special thank you to Paul Todman and Ross Mackay for providing this fantastic opportunity for our youngest learners.



Early Years Ceilidh

We welcome our Early Years parents to join us on Friday 14th February for our Early Years Ceilidh. We look forward to see celebrating Scotland by participating in traditional Scottish songs and dances. We are sure that a great time will be had by all!

Primary Engineering Challenge

Pupils from P4 to P7 have been working hard on their Primary Engineering Challenge. We have been fortunate to welcome local engineers to speak to each of our classes, inspiring our young minds. A big thank you to Scott Russell from Ardagh Glass, Kyle Robertson from GSK Irvine and Allan Hill, Jenny Stilton from Chemring and Teigan Robertson from North Ayrshire Energy Office, for delivering such engaging presentations—our pupils have loved learning from you!



Scottish Poetry Competition

To celebrate our culture and heritage, each class has been practising a Scottish poem. Pupils recited their poems in class, and our overall winners performed at our Scottish Assembly. Congratulations to our finalists, Hallie Collings, Neve Ritchie and Nathan Todd who represented our school at Irvine Burns Club on Thursday 13th February. All class winners have the opportunity to participate in the Ayrshire Association Burns Competition at Belmont Academy. Good luck—we know you'll do us proud!



Class winners: Neve, Harriet, Jax, Albi, Holly, Aila, Lola, Noah, Nathan, Heidi
(absent at time of photo, Jack Walker and Emma Gilliland)

Right Respecting Schools

Our Rights Respecting School leaders meet regularly to discuss how they can promote Children's Rights within the school. They have decided to share and discuss articles at Assemblies. For the month of February they have been sharing Article 1: [Everyone under 18 has these rights](#) and Article 2: [All children have these rights](#).

In March they will be focusing on Article 28: [I have the right to an education](#).

REMINDERS

Carpark

Our Parent Council is working alongside our Junior Road Safety Officers to promote car park safety. We respectfully ask that parents and carers follow these guidelines when entering our car park:

- Do not park on zebra crossings, zig-zag lines, or double yellow lines.
- The drop-off zone should only be used for quick drop-offs to keep traffic flowing smoothly (not for parents who wish to leave their car)

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe!

School lunches

Please remember to support your child to pre-order their school lunch each day. Thank you!

Sickness Absence

Please remember to either call the school office or report sickness absence using our Safer Schools App.

February Holiday

Our school will be closed for pupils on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February.



Dates for your diary

MARCH	3 rd March	P1 & P2 Stay and Play
	6 th March	World Book Day
	18 th 19 th & 20 th March	P7 School Show
	24 th – 27 th March	P7A to Arran Outdoors
	26 th March	Early Years Stay and Play (Squares & Triangles)
	27 th March	Early Years Stay and Play (Circles & Rectangles)
	31 st March – 3 rd April	P7B to Arran Outdoors
APRIL	4 th April	Close 2.30pm
	7 th April – 21 st April	School Holiday
	23 rd April	P3 Stay and Play

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a great February break!

Best Wishes,
Miss Grossart
Head Teacher



Kindness

Honesty

Respect

Responsibility