

# Lawthorn Primary School & Early Years Class Newsletter

## October 2026



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Welcome to our October newsletter! This month is 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!

### Staffing

This week we say a fond farewell to Mrs Barbour, one of our Pupil Support Assistants, as she leaves us to begin a new job after 10 years at Lawthorn. Throughout this time, she has supported children across the school with kindness and genuine care. We thank her for all she has contributed to our school community and wish her every success and happiness in her new role. She will be greatly missed by children and staff alike.

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our school team. Ms. Fullerton joins us as a Pupil Support Assistant, working on Thursdays and Fridays, and Mrs. Thomson joins us as our Education Business Assistant, working in the school office from Tuesday to Friday. We look forward to getting to know them both and wish them a happy start at our school.



**Miss Fullerton**  
Pupil Support Assistant



**Mrs Thomson**  
Education Business  
Assistant

## P1 – P3 Stay & Play

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for our P1–P3 Stay and Play events. It was lovely to welcome you into our classrooms, and we hope you enjoyed playing alongside your children and sharing in their learning.

## P3 trip to see Little Auk

At the beginning of September, our P3 children enjoyed a visit to see Scotland's National Orchestra perform *Yoyo and The Little Auk*. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and staff were delighted with their excellent behaviour throughout. They were a credit to our school!

## JRSO Event

Two of our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) attended the JRSO Seminar in Kilwinning in September. They had the opportunity to meet other JRSOs from local primary schools and took part in a range of activities. They were also given lots of useful information and resources to share with pupils at Lawthorn.

Here's what the girls said they enjoyed most about the event:

"I liked making the posters."

"I liked watching the old adverts about being safe on the road."



## Maths Week Scotland

We were delighted to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Maths Week Scotland in September at Lawthorn. Classes were busy doing a range of maths activities and demonstrating why maths matters.

We were fortunate to have three parents volunteer to come in to school and speak to the children about why maths matters in their occupations.

The children in our upper school loved learning about how data is used by Vodafone/Three as Mr McBreen spoke about how data is used in regard to sales of the new iPhone. Mrs Risk spoke to children across the middle and

upper school about how maths is used within her job. The children loved the opportunity to weigh out objects and measure as well as the interesting PowerPoint that accompanied the activities. The Primary 1s and 2/1s were really interested in the ways that maths plays a role in Mrs Dempsey's job.

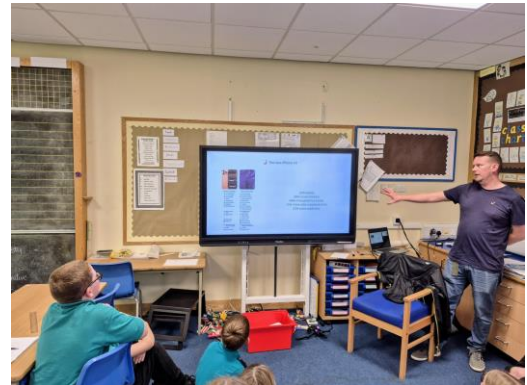
We are very grateful for the support and commitment that these parents showed and how they were able to demonstrate the role maths plays in their jobs and why maths matters to inspire our learners.

### What would you make?

You have 1Kg of clay

What combination of things would you make?

| Item           | Clay needed |
|----------------|-------------|
| bowl           | 200g        |
| small vase     | 350g        |
| big vase       | 750g        |
| trinket dish   | 50g         |
| Christmas Tree | 250g        |
| mug            | 300g        |



### Harvest Service

Our Primary 4 & 5 pupils presented their Harvest Service on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, and we were extremely proud of their performance. A huge thank you to the class teachers for their time and commitment to organising this.

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



## P7/6 Project Showcase

A reminder that our P7/6 Project Showcase will take place on Thursday 8th October, from 2–3pm. We invite one parent or carer per child to join us and see the children's learning. We look forward to welcoming you!

## Halloween



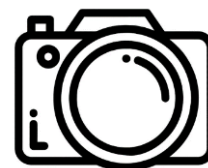
Children will take part in Halloween activities within their own class on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. School uniform should be worn on this day, however children are welcome to dress up at the Parent Council Halloween Disco on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

## EY Halloween Stay and Play



Our Early Years Class Halloween Stay and Play will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Early Years children are invited to dress up on this day if they wish, however we ask that no accessories are brought into nursery e.g. broomstick/ weapons etc. We invite one parent or carer per child to join us from 1pm – 3pm to participate in a range of Halloween activities with your child.

## School Photos - Say Cheese!



Don't forget, **P1 – P7 School Photos** will take place on **Wednesday, 21<sup>ST</sup> October** and our **Early Years Photos** will take place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. **Please note that if you have not completed the photo consent form for this session, your child's photo will not be taken on the day.**

## Personal Toys

A gentle reminder that personal toys are not permitted in school. A few children have recently been bringing toys into class, which can distract them and others from their learning. Please ensure these items are left at home. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

## Pantomime

We are delighted to confirm the following arrangements for our Christmas Pantomime...

- Our Early Years – P3 children will have the opportunity to watch Hopscotch Theatre Company's production of Hansel and Gretel within our school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- Our P4 – P7 pupils will have the opportunity to go to The Galleon in Kilmarnock to see Beauty and The Beastie on the following dates:

|                      |                                    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| All Primary 4 pupils | Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December  |
| All Primary 5 pupils | Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December |
| Primary 6            | Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December |
| Primary 7/6          | Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December |
| Primary 7            | Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December  |

## Parent Council News

Our Parent Council are holding the Annual Halloween Disco on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October** at the following times:

P1 – P3: 6pm – 7pm

P4 – P7: 7.15pm – 8.15pm

They are also planning a spooktacular Witches Trail on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. This will take place during school hours, and all children will have the opportunity to participate for a suggested £1 donation.

Date for your diary: The Parent Council are running a Jumble Sale on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November** from 11am – 1pm at Girdle Toll Church. They have a fantastic collection of new and used toys as well as a pop up café for everyone to enjoy.

Weather permitting, the Parent Council tuck shop will take place on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October** from 3pm. This is always a popular event at the end of a busy week!

## 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!

## Upcoming dates

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



|          |                                              |                                                                              |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OCTOBER  | 7 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER                      | HARVEST SERVICE (P4/5 - 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct)                                 |
|          | 8 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER                      | P7/6 PROJECT SHOWCASE FOR PARENTS: 2PM – 3PM                                 |
|          | 8 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER                      | EARLY YEARS CLASS TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY                                        |
|          | 12 <sup>TH</sup> – 16 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  | SCHOOL HOLIDAY (PUPILS RETURN 19 <sup>TH</sup> OCT)                          |
|          | 21 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER                     | P1 – P7 TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY                                                  |
|          | 28 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER                     | PARENT COUNCIL HALLOWEEN DISCO<br>6PM – 7PM: P1 – P3<br>7.15 – 8.15: P4 – P7 |
|          | 30 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER                     | HOUSE ASSEMBLY – WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS (WEAR HOUSE COLOURS)                     |
|          | 30 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER                     | HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES & PARENT COUNCIL WITCHES TRAIL                          |
|          | 30 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER                     | EY HALLOWEEN STAY & PLAY                                                     |
|          | 30 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER                     | PARENT COUNCIL PLAYGROUND TUCKSHOP (3PM)                                     |
| NOVEMBER | 4 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER                     | P6 PROJECT SHOWCASE FOR PARENTS: 2PM – 3PM                                   |
|          | 4 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER                     | P7 PROJECT SHOWCASE FOR PARENTS: 2PM – 3PM                                   |
|          | 4 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER                     | P4 PROJECT SHOWCASE FOR PARENTS: 11AM – 11.45                                |
|          | 4 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER                     | P5 PROJECT SHOWCASE FOR PARENTS: 11.45 – 12.30                               |
|          | 4 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER                     | P5/4 PROJECT SHOWCASE FOR PARENTS: 1.45 – 2.30                               |
|          | 12 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER                    | PARENTS' MEETINGS (3.30 – 6PM)                                               |
|          | 13 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER                    | CHILDREN IN NEED                                                             |
|          | 17 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER                    | PARENTS' MEETINGS (3.30 – 6PM)                                               |
|          | 19 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER                    | FLU IMMUNISATION                                                             |
|          | 19 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER                    | BE BRIGHT BE SEEN                                                            |
|          | 20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER | SCHOOL HOLIDAY (PUPILS RETURN 25 <sup>TH</sup> NOV)                          |
|          | 27 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER                    | HOUSE ASSEMBLY – WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS (WEAR HOUSE COLOURS)                     |
|          | 27 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER                    | PARENT COUNCIL PLAYGROUND TUCKSHOP (3PM)                                     |
|          | WB 30 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER                 | PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE IN PLAYGROUND                         |

Best Wishes,  
Miss Grossart  
Head Teacher



Kindness

Honesty

Respect

Responsibility