



November 2025

Together we will shine!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an excellent return to school after the October break and it has been great to see so many children participating and engaging in their learning and Christmas Show rehearsals so enthusiastically. This is an extremely busy term and, as always, we appreciate your support.

Hallowe'en Fun Day

We had a fantastic 'Hallowe'en Fun Day' supported by the Parent Council and there was a fun atmosphere across the building. A thank you to our Parent Council, the class teachers and our children and families for making it such a successful celebration of Scottish culture.

Primary 6 - Outdoor Education NLC

We are excited to announce that this year, North Lanarkshire Council has offered our Primary 6 children the opportunity to attend their outdoor education programme at Palacerigg Country Park. This week-long memorable experience will replace our camping trip and will take place 2nd March 2026. Communication has recently been issued to P6 parents/carers.

Cross Country

Our Primary 7 Cross Country team, supported by Mrs Mills, had a very successful morning at the Greenfaulds Cluster Cross Country. Each of the six Greenfaulds associated cluster primary schools had the opportunity to participate. I am delighted to announce that all runners finished top 10 in their races and our boys and girls teams both won their team events coming first in the cluster. This is our most successful cross country team ever! A massive well done to each and every one of our competing athletes!

Celebrating Success and Promoting Positive Behaviour

I am delighted to announce our new whole school individual SHINE points reward system. All children will have the opportunity to work through a sequence of Bronze, Silver and Gold awards which will recognise our SHINE values of Successful, Happy, Included, Nurtured, Engaged. Children will receive certificates at celebrating success assemblies which will be sent home to parents/carers and all achievements will be displayed within the school.

Social Enterprise - Children in Need

From Monday 10th until Friday 14th November, children are encouraged to bring in monetary donations to take part in a variety of Pudsey related fund-raising activities. Thank you to Primary Five for organising this fun social enterprise.

Parents Consultations

Parents consultations will be held on Thursday 20th November with appointment times issued on Friday 14th November. In response to feedback from previous consultations, if you choose to bring your own child(ren) with you they are your responsibility. In the interests of safety and respect for others, children must remain within your allocated waiting area beside you at all times. Children should not be running around the school and disturbing the parents consultations taking place.

Special diets

We aim to support all pupils to access school meals. Special diets are managed and implemented by NLC nutrition team who work closely with schools and catering staff and allied health professionals. If your child requires a medically prescribed diet to manage conditions such as allergies and food intolerance, you can request this by accessing Special Diets within North Lanarkshire Council's website and completing the 'PURPLE: Special Diet and Allergen', which includes the following conditions:

- Food Allergy - Single Allergens
- Food Allergy - Double Allergens
- Nut - Double Allergens
- Food Allergy and Lifestyle
- Food Allergy and Religious

- Food Intolerances
- Food Intolerance and Religious
- Food Intolerance and Lifestyle
- Restrictive Diet

Parent/carers will also be required to submit proof of condition to specialdiet@northlan.gov.uk

Please note - if supporting evidence is not provided, the request will NOT be processed.

If your child requires a medically prescribed diet to manage more complex conditions, as listed below, you can request this by completing a 'RED: Medically Prescribed Diet Form':

- Diabetes
- Diabetes and Coeliac
- Coeliac
- PKU
- Multiple Food Allergies
- Oral Textured Diets
- Blended Diets for PEG feeds
- Restrictive diets and other conditions such as food allergies

This form must be completed and signed by a health professional and sent to specialdiet@northlan.gov.uk

Special diets such as vegan, ethnic or religious diets, can be requested by completing the 'YELLOW: Religious and Lifestyle Diet'.

Further information on the medical and special diet process can be found in the 'Special Diets Procedure' document contained within the website.

For further information on the medical and special diets please contact specialdiet@northlan.gov.uk

Pupil Profiles

Our new 'Pupil Profiles' will be introduced throughout the school over the coming weeks. You will see that your child has been added to a new Microsoft Team which will include the new "Pupil Profile." The profile is owned by the child and will capture a much broader range of information than our current Snapshot jotters and traditional reports which the new profile will replace. It will incorporate digital examples of "latest and best" classwork in Literacy, Numeracy, Health & Wellbeing and Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL), Metaskills, personal and wider achievements, attendance and "What Matters to Me." It will also contain agreed educational targets in line with Curriculum for Excellence and termly comments from their class teacher(s). A section for parents/carers to comment will also be available termly. We hope that parents/carers will find this new digital profile helpful in celebrating your child's successes and supporting future educational targets.

Choir

Our Primary 7 Choir led by Mrs Mills and Miss Wilson will be visiting Craigmarnock Tesco on the 15th of December to bring some festive cheer to shoppers. Tesco will be collecting on the day for Spina Bifida. As a thank you and follow-up to their fund-raising success, the children will have the opportunity to attend a presentation and tea party in January.

Photographs

It was lovely to see all of our children turned out so smartly for their photographs this week. As part of our new HABIT (Homework, Attendance, Behaviour, In school, on Time) awards in school, we are encouraging daily wear of our school uniform and classes can gain points and rewards for these. Please note, we have an abundance of pre-loved and new uniform in our clothing bank and welcome all parents/carers to access it for supplies. We will open it for parents/carers to access during our upcoming parents consultation. Should you wish your child to access the uniform bank during the school day please advise the class teacher, office or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Showcase of Learning

Thank you to all who attended our recent 'Made in Scotland' Showcase of Learning event. This event was very well attended and feedback from staff, pupils and parents was extremely positive.

Edina Trust

Congratulations to Ms Quinn who was successful in her application for a grant from the Edina Trust. These funds will be used to purchase science resources and will support us in teaching STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) subjects by providing opportunities for learning beyond the classroom.

Attendance

In line with both national and NLC priorities, we continue to focus on improving attendance. North Lanarkshire Council's "Attendance Matters" policy includes a target of 95% attendance for all children and should your child(ren's) attendance fall below this monthly target communication in line with the policy will be issued to parents/carers. We are here to help and should you require support with this at any stage, please get in touch.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council are hosting several fundraising events over the coming weeks. The Christmas Discos will be on Tuesday 16th December (P1: 6.00-7.00pm and P4 / P5: 7.30-8.30pm) and Wednesday 17th December (P2 / P3: 6.00-7.00pm and P6 / P7: 7.30-8.30pm). The Christmas Fayre will be on 20th of November within the gym halls during the upcoming Parents Consultation.

Nut Free School

A reminder that we are a nut free school. Could all parents and carers please continue to ensure that any snacks or food given to their children in school are nut free, for example, Dubai chocolate, Nutella, Reece's Pieces and anything containing praline.

School Christmas Shows

We will be hosting our Christmas Show, "Superstar". There will be four ticketed concerts which parents/carers (and other supporting adults) can attend: Monday 8th December, 1.15pm to 2.45pm; Tuesday 9th December, 1.15pm to 2.45pm; Tuesday 9th December, 6.30pm to 8pm; and Wednesday 10th December, 10am to 11.30am. Please let us know by Friday 14th November if your child(ren) will not be attending the Tuesday Evening Show as adaptations to their class performance will need to be made to accommodate their absence. This is a great opportunity for our children to showcase their talents and a

wonderful community event and we would encourage as many children as possible to be involved.

Christmas Hampers and Christmas Jumpers

If they wish, children can come to school in their Christmas Jumpers each day during December in exchange for a donation to their year groups "Themed Hampers." We would be grateful for donations of items based on the following colours:

P1 - Red; P2 - Orange; P3 - Yellow; P4 - Green; P5 - Blue; P6 - Purple; P7 - Pink.

Raffle Tickets will go on sale in December and winners will be announced prior to the end of term. Thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served on Tuesday 16th of December. Further details on how to order and pay for this will be issued closer to the time.

I look forward to welcoming everyone into school for our upcoming events over the coming weeks.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Lesley McPhee

Head Teacher