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Dear Parent/Carer

P6 OUTDOOR EDUCATION ACTIVITY WEEK AT PALACERIGG COUNTRY PARK

I wrote to you in January 2026 to inform you of the planned week-long outdoor education experience for our P6 pupils. I am sending this reminder so that you have all of the information you need. I am also sending it to give everyone a gentle nudge in terms of payment for the trip.

Twelve children have been given new permission forms on Monday 27th April. Please return these as soon as possible. If you do not wish your child to participate, please contact us to let us know.

North Lanarkshire are offering our P6 children the chance to participate in an Outdoor Education Week which will take place within Palacerigg Country Park during the week **26th – 29th May 2026**

- ✓ The total cost of the week is £90 per child, which includes a £10 subsidy per child.
- ✓ ***Please do not let cost be a reason to not allow your child to participate in this opportunity. I can provide some support if needed. Please contact me at any point to discuss this.***

During their time at Palacerigg Country Park the children will have the opportunity to take part in various activities such as mountain biking, orienteering, soft archery, bushcraft, team challenges, highland games event and lots more!



Important Information:

- ✓ Pupils are required to bring a packed lunch for lunch time and a snack and drink for morning break. Lunch will be provided for those in receipt of a Free School Meal.
- ✓ No valuable items such as phones should come to the park. There is no safe place to store them. If a pupil does bring a valuable item, such as a phone, it is at their own risk.
- ✓ The pupils will be outdoors most of the time at the park so should come dressed appropriately according to the weather – see equipment checklist (Please check weather forecast each day).
- ✓ Cycling – If your child is a non-cyclist or not confident, we will work with them to increase their confidence throughout the week. **We supply the bikes & helmets. However, your child can bring their own helmet if they prefer.**
- ✓ Transport – Pupils are picked up by a bus at 9am from the school and returned to the school for 3pm.

Kit List (Depending on season) – some of this will be provided as indicated below.

- Spare socks
- Waterproofs – Jacket & Trousers (We have spares if the pupil does not own these)
- Full change of clothes
- Plenty of water
- Packed Lunch (school lunch provided to those entitled to Free School Meals)
- Healthy snacks for morning break
- Warm clothing (season dependant!)
- Suncream (season dependant!)
- Own helmet if they wish & cycling gloves if they have these
- Change of shoes/wellies (We have spare wellies if pupil does not own these)
- Hand towel

Items on the above list will be required **EACH DAY**.

If you have any questions regarding the programme before the visit, please contact me at the school, or you can contact the team directly on the details below:

Outdoor Education Team

Email: EFOE@northlan.gov.uk

If you would like to discuss the opportunity more, or if you would like any support, please contact me at the school.

With renewed good wishes,

Kris Thomas
Head Teacher