



School Newsletter March 2024

Head Teacher Message

Spring has sprung and we will hopefully enjoy some better weather over the Easter holidays. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parent Contact evenings and hope that you enjoyed hearing about the fabulous learning your children have been engaged in this term.



Staffing News

We are delighted to let you know that Miss Carruthers will continue in P3/4 after the Easter holidays. Any further information about staffing will be shared in due course.



Attendance

Every pupil at our school must have an attendance of 96% in order for them to comply with Perth & Kinross Council regulation. When a child's attendance falls below this figure, it has a dramatic impact on their learning. The table below shows very clearly the effect absence has on your child's learning. We will continue to monitor attendance at Luncarty Primary School so that we can work together to ensure that our children do not miss out on the education they deserve.

Reminder

A polite reminder that we have several children in school with nut allergies, so we request that nut products or foods are not brought into school in packed lunches or snacks.

No absence 	4-7 days absence in one school year	8-19 days absence in one school year	20-30 days' absence in one school year	More than half a term missed in one school year
100%	96%-99%	90%-95%	85%-90%	Below 85%
EXCELLENT! Very best chance of success	GOOD ATTENDANCE! with a high chance of success	WATCH OUT! There will be gaps in learning!	DANGER! it will be difficult to keep up in class	TAKE ACTION! It will be almost impossible to catch up.

Wrap Around Club (W.A.C.)

Luncarty Wraparound Care will be open for the Easter holidays and in-service day 15th April. Open 8am – 6pm. Closed only Good Friday and Easter Monday.

We have a full program of activities planned including Easter arts & Crafts, face painting, exciting challenges, science & outdoor activities (full program can be viewed online).

Booking and registration can be done online at PKC Kids Club.

Costs: 5 hour session £19.00

7 hour session £21.00

Full Day session £23.50



Dunkeld & Birnam Traditional Youth Music Group

We were delighted to welcome DB Trad Group to Luncarty Primary School on Friday 1st March. They are a traditional youth music group for young persons aged P5 - S6 who live in Dunkeld & Birnam and surrounding areas. They run on funding and donations so can provide free tuition in Scottish traditional music.

They provide instruments for those who would like to attend their small group classes for fiddle and piano-accordion. They also run mixed instrument bands for those who can already play, at least a little, with the opportunity to perform live music.

They offer:- ½ hour group lessons - Mondays 4-6pm

Junior trad band (P5-S2) - Mondays 6:30-7:30pm

Senior trad band (S3-S6) - Mondays 7:30-8:30pm

Classes and band groups are free and run during term-time at Birnam Arts.

For more info, or to join our group,
please get in touch.

www.facebook.com/dbtradgroup

dbtradgroup@gmail.com

07958324766



Trying out the
instruments.





Our opportunities to be active have continued this term!



Cross Country

The Cross Country Team have been selected and we wish them all the very best of luck at the Cross Country Event at Scone Palace on Tuesday 26th March.



House News

Cargill were the winning House, accumulating the most House points so far. The House and Vice Captains arranged a variety of playground games for their House to enjoy.



Capture the Flag!

Cricket

It has been the turn of P4/5 to take part in cricket sessions with Richard Rennie from Live Active.



Obstacle Course

Rugby

P5/6 including all P5 from the P4/5 class have enjoyed the opportunity to take part in rugby sessions with Holly from Live Active.



Salmon in the Classroom

P5/6 got some Atlantic Salmon eggs 3-4 weeks ago. We looked after them and watched them grow from eggs to Alvin. They are very amusing. Danielle from Perthshire Wildlife took us to the Shochie Burn to release the Alvin into the water. We will be visiting the Salmon Hatchery at Almondbank to look at the salmon. In June, we will go electro fishing. An electric signal will be sent through the water and stun the fish. It won't do them any harm.

By Daniel Melloy.



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CLIMATE ACTION



Luncarty Litter Picking Group

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LIFE ON LAND



We are very proud of our Luncarty Litter Picking Group who have proved themselves to be proactive Global Citizens. They have been very diligent in ensuring our school grounds are litter-free this term. The group started out with just 3 members and is growing weekly.

They hope to encourage more pupils to join them in looking after our small part of the planet and to think about the impact litter has on our environment and the animals too.



Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who bought a book from the Book Fair. Our total sales were £797.90 which earned commission for the school of £319.16. This will be used to buy more books for the school library.

School Meal Increase

The cost of a school meal will increase to £2.25 from April 2024 – the first increase since 2018. This will affect P6/7 only as school meals are free up to P5.

Indoor / Gym Shoes

It is that time of year when many of our pupils' gym shoes have reached the stage where they are past their best and/or no longer fit growing feet. The holidays are a good opportunity to check the condition of your child's shoes. Some pupils will bring their indoor shoes home on the last day of term to be checked.

Please remember to bring a pair of indoor shoes to school on the first day of the summer term.



Nursery

The nursery children enjoyed learning about different cultures this term, starting with Chinese New Year. This sparked an interest in exploring food using their senses. Nursery are enjoying tasting a variety of food and are cooking and baking their own food with a focus on health and hygiene in the kitchen. They even visited the school kitchen to see first-hand what happens in our kitchen.

live active



WILL YOUR YOUNG CHAMPIONS BE #InspiredToTry SOMETHING NEW THIS EASTER?



29th March - 14th April

EASTER 2024
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

EASTER DANCE CAMP

sportscotland
activeschools
PERTH & KINROSS



FOR P5-P7

April 10th-12th
North Inch Community Campus
1pm - 4pm

Red Nose Day
15th March
2024

Red Nose Day

A huge thank you to all who donated through ParentPay to Red Nose Day. Everyone enjoyed 'dressing down' for the day and Luncarty Primary School raised an amazing...

£113.00

Well done everyone!

Perth Museum Opening

As part of Perth Museum opening on March 30th there are a variety of wonderful events taking place in various venues across Perth suitable for families. The events will start on the 30th March and will carry on during the Easter holidays with a mixture of free drop in events and ticketed events. For a full programme of the events plus information about the Museum opening please check the Perth Museum website at [Perth Museum - The new home of the Stone of Destiny](#). The website will also give you information about how you can book free tickets for the Stone of Destiny Experience, and 'Unicorn' which is the vibrant opening exhibition and free to under 10s (with a paid-for adult).



SCHOOL DIARY

SESSION 2023-24

New information will be added in **BOLD** each month.

MARCH 2024

Tues 26 th	Cross Country Event at Scone Palace
Wed 27 th	School photos (Shaun Ward)
Fri 29 th -Fri 12 th	Easter holidays

APRIL 2024

Mon 15 th	Inservice day 5
Tues 16 th	School starts
Wed 24 th	Dalguise Meeting for P7 parents & pupils

MAY 2024

Mon 6 th	Holiday
Thurs 9 th	Parent Council meeting 6pm (all welcome)
Mon 27 th	Dalguise Residential Trip for P7

JUNE 2024

Tues 4 th	Sports Day
Fri 14 th	Reports out to parents
Thurs 27 th	School finishes 12 noon

Questions or queries? Then please get in touch...

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