



# Luncarty Primary School Newsletter

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*October 2025*

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## Head Teacher Message



I can hardly believe we have already reached the end of our first term. I extend a very warm welcome to all of our new children and families who have joined us across Nursery, School and Wraparound. Term 1 has been jam-packed with learning, team work and a range of opportunities for personal achievement. Across all classes, children have transitioned positively, building relationships with new classmates and teachers and are demonstrating high levels of motivation and enthusiasm for learning.

Throughout the term, a host of visitors have joined us for assemblies and for Health Week. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to these wider learning experiences. It has been heart warming to hear incredibly positive feedback from all of our visitors about the behaviour and attitudes of our learners.

I am holding a Brew and Blether session on Wednesday 5th November from 9-10am for Nursery and P1 families. We will be joined by Helen, our Family Learning Practitioner who will share with us the huge variety of family learning her team can signpost to, plans for Term 2 and a consultation opportunity for the following term. Further to this, we are introducing 'Leadership Lounge'. A termly opportunity open to all; to share ideas, ask questions and work together over a coffee. The first Leadership Lounge will take place on Tuesday 25th November at 9am.

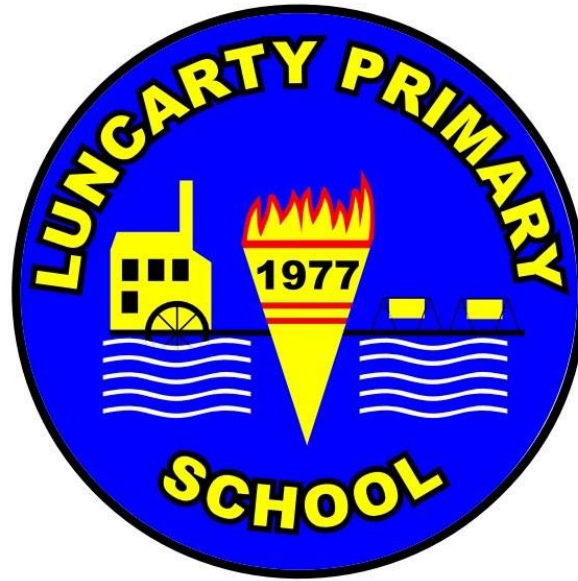
Wishing you all a wonderful October break!

Best wishes,

Emma Bendoris.

## School Improvement Priorities 2025-26

As part of the our school improvement cycle, a Quality Improvement Plan is developed annually for both school and nursery and sets out three priorities for our work across the academic year. This work is evaluated on an on-going basis and the impact measured to ensure progress is being made against each of the priorities. Please see below for the current priorities:



Within the school, the three improvement priorities for this session are:

- To develop a 'Luncarty Way' framework for Learning, Teaching and Assessment approaches which will ensure consistency and progression for all learners
- To develop relational approaches to supporting relationships and behaviour across the school and Nursery.
- To support transition and consistent assessment of Maths across LMG schools, to ensure consistency of understanding of progress and achievement of a level.

Within the Nursery, the three improvement priorities for this session are:

- Embedding effective practice in providing engaging Maths and Numeracy learning opportunities, across the nursery learning spaces, including outdoors.
- To develop relational approaches to supporting relationships and behaviour across the school and Nursery.
- Use of high quality interactions to support language development and engagement across the Nursery environment.

## Luncarty Learners

### Nursery

We have enjoyed lots of time outdoors this term. We have been in our garden, exploring the Quiet Area and taking part in nature walks in the woods trying to spot bears and squirrels. We didn't find any bears or squirrels but we did find a ladybird!

We have been learning to recognise numbers 1-5 and we are looking forward to exploring 0 after the holidays!

During Health Week we took part in a football session with Saints in the Community, were visited by Missy the Therapet dog and practised our listening skills during playground games with Bart from Active Schools.

Nursery have introduced 'Kindness Jars' which links to our school values. These are to recognise the children using good manners, being kind, good listening, sharing and being a good friend. When spotted, the children add a pom pom to their group jar and at the end of the week, a treat is earned for the group with the fullest jar.











## Primary One

This term has focused on meaningful learning experiences that connect to the children's everyday lives and the wider world around them.

We've placed a strong emphasis on local community, helping children understand the people, places, and roles that make up their surroundings. This has fostered a sense of belonging and appreciation for where they live. Our farming topic has brought nature into the classroom, allowing children to explore where food comes from and the foods and other produce we grow in Scotland.

During Health Week, children learned about making healthy choices, the importance of physical activity, and caring for their mental wellbeing. These lessons were reinforced through fun, hands-on experiences that made health education accessible and memorable.

In literacy and numeracy, we've focused on recognising numbers and learning the sounds for letters, laying strong foundations for early reading and maths skills. The children have responded enthusiastically to phonics games, number hunts, and sensory activities that make learning both fun and effective.

Our exploration of fire safety taught children how to stay safe and what to do in emergencies and as you can see they thoroughly enjoyed a visit from the local fire services.

"My favourite bit was shooting the hose!" Jimmy.

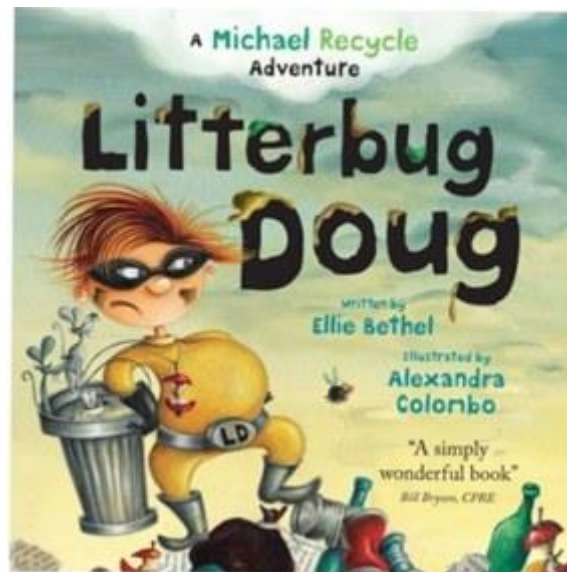
On her learning this term Niven says, "I have enjoyed learning the letter P and being kind and responsible."





## Primary 2/3

P2/3 went on a litter pick in the school grounds and the Langlands park after reading the story of Litterbug Doug.



We discovered that if every pupil in Luncarty Primary School dropped one piece of litter at break and one piece at lunchtime, that would mean that 212 pieces of litter would be dropped in our playground on one day. Over a 5 day week at school, that would be 1060 pieces of litter. Over the term, that would be 8480 pieces of litter! That amount of litter would have a damaging effect on our environment and the wildlife that live around us.

We also learned that our litter picking related to four of the Global Goals.





## Primary 3/4/5

This term, Primary 3/4/5 have enjoyed Farm to Fork context. We have been interested in tracking the phases of the moon, including spotting the incredible supermoon, and discovering how the sun and light create our 24-hour day and our seasons, while the changing phases of the moon create our months.

'I had no idea that the Earth moved round the sun and the moon orbits round the Earth'  
Logan.

'We made different phases of the moon using Oreos and our favourite is the crescent moon'  
Eloise.

We explored how these changes affect autumn and what crops can grow at this time of year. We especially enjoyed tasting a crop of the month and seeing some of our own produce from home brought in to share and discuss. A highlight of the term was a visit from the Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET), where pupils took part in exciting hands-on farming stations. They had a go at milking Daisy the cow, making tornado potatoes, having a shot on

a tractor and more! We learned about the horsepower of a tractor, the different crops grown in Scotland and the names of male/female sheep.

After our recent power cut, we're now excited to learn all about electricity next...







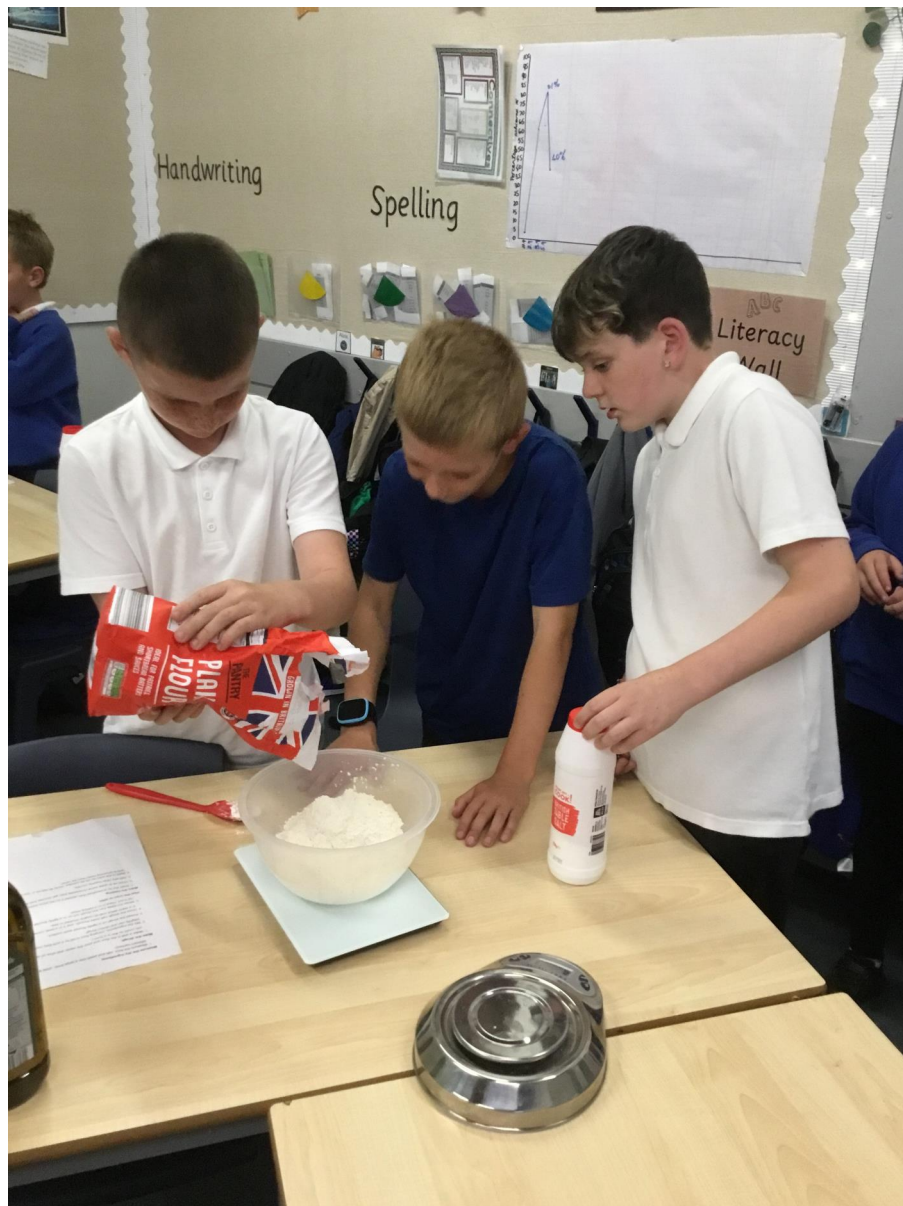
## Primary 6/7 B

What a fantastic start to academic year 2025/2026. P6/7B have embraced coming together as a new class, taken part in various challenges and really built up their teamwork and cooperation.

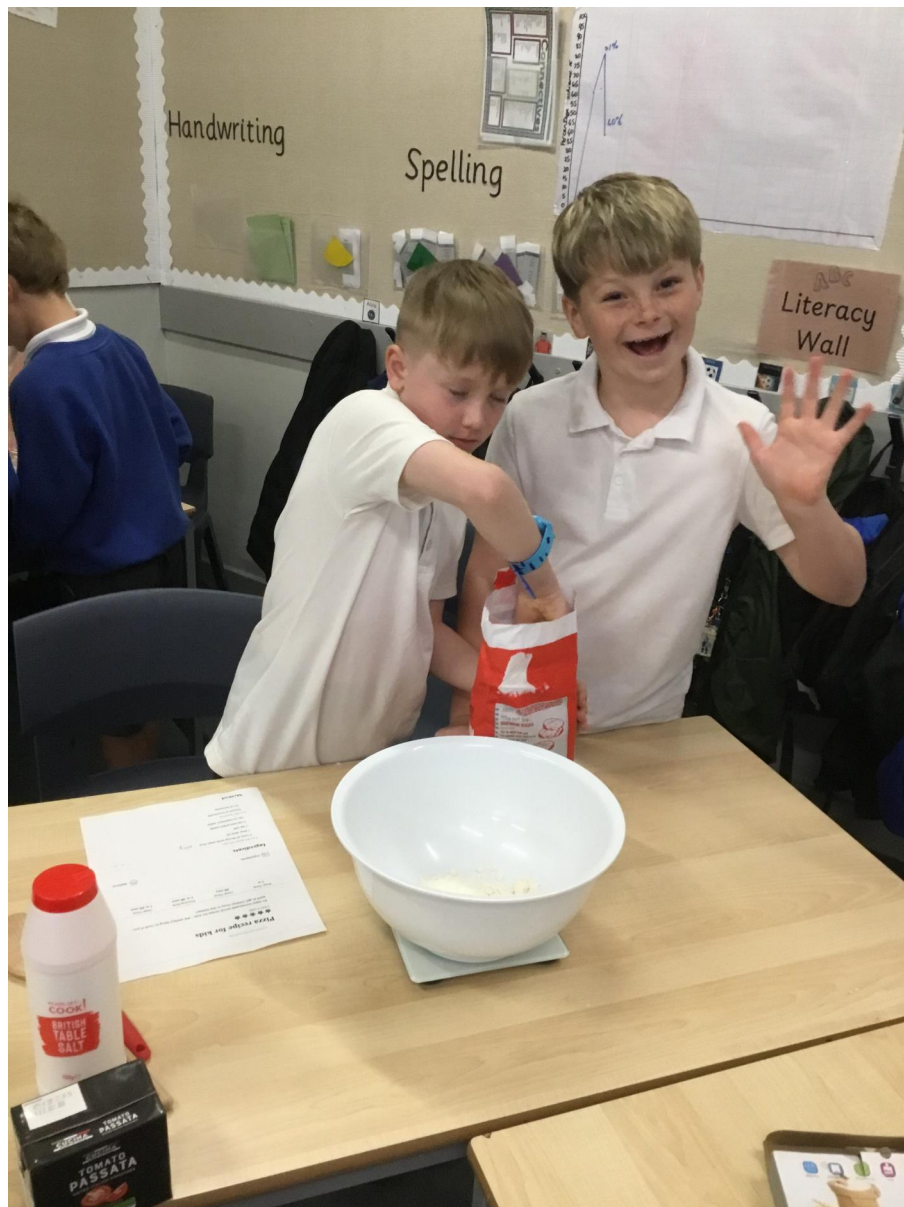
We have looked at using a wide range of connectives in our writing and got more familiar with the place value of numbers from 1000 - million, as well as using various strategies to help us add.

We started our topic of 'Around the World' where we have visited Italy and Japan so far. We have been learning about transport, cultures, traditions and even trying to create some of the foods. We will continue this topic next term with a closer look at climate, culture and traditions.

We ended the term engaging in a fantastic health week with the opportunity to try various sports. We even won the kindness bingo! Go P6/7B! A fantastic start to the year! Enjoy your holiday and see you after the October holidays.









## Primary 6/7 G

This term, P6/7G have been on a journey around part of the world – exploring different continents and discovering the incredible diversity of each. We have compared the cultures, landscapes animals and food of these countries to those of Scotland. To bring our learning to life we became international chefs, making our own pizza from Italy and sushi from Japan. It was a delicious way to experience different cuisine!

Within maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value to a million, practising addition and subtraction and learning how to collect and interpret data. The class have enjoyed applying their number skills to real life problems and working together to find solutions.

Teamwork has also been a major focus this term. We have taken part in a variety of team building activities designed to build trust, cooperation, and communication. A highlight for many was our four-week outdoor adventure programme where pupils had the chance to try canoeing, rock climbing, gorge walking and cave exploring. These sessions were challenging, exciting and full of laughter.

This term everyone in P6/7 has worked hard, shown resilience and demonstrated fantastic teamwork. I am so proud of everything they have achieved and cannot wait to see what adventures await us next term.



## Wraparound

Our Wraparound service runs from 8am-9am and 3pm-6pm, during term time and from 8am-6pm in the holidays. The children enjoy a wide range of activities and healthy breakfast/ snack during each session.

This term Fire Scotland visited and the children all had a turn of sitting in the fire engine, using the hose and learning about the job of a firefighter. They used their fire safety skills and knowledge to safely light a fire pit and cook marshmallows.





## Family Learning

Hello everyone,

My name is Helen Nicholls and I am the Early Years Family Learning Practitioner for Luncarty Primary School. My role is to support families with any aspect of their children's learning and development. I offer a range of universal and targeted support for families with a child in nursery or Primary One. This can be through a range of groups at school, 1:1 support or in the home environment. Some of the groups I offer include Peep, Bookbug, Play on Pedals, Eat Well Play Well and Incredible Years. I can also support with topics such as sleep, toilet training and fussy eating. I am at school on a Wednesday, so if you see me at nursery or in the playground please come over and say hello I would love to have a chat and tell you more about my role or answer any questions you may have. My contact details are [helennicholls@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:helennicholls@pkc.gov.uk) or 07557935295.



## Bookbug Sessions Poster

**Bookbug**

# Bookbug is back!



| Wednesday...              | Session Theme        |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | Space                |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> November | Movers and Shakers   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November | Exploring Emotions   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> November | Counting and Numbers |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> December  | Colour Crazy         |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December | Story Safari         |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas            |

Join Bookbug and Helen for songs and stories in Luncarty PS library 14.15-15.00. We hope to see you there 😊

## Luncarty Houses

We have four Houses at Luncarty; Inver, Kinnaird, Taymount and Cargill. Each of the children has been allocated to one of them.

Throughout the year all children earn points for their Houses through demonstrating the Luncarty School Values and participate in House events. This term the House with the most house points earned is Kinnaird who will enjoy a reward at the beginning of next term.

A pupil consultation activity last session supported the identification of new mascots for each of the Houses. The soft toys were purchased by Parent Council and are on display in our main foyer. The House and Vice Captains have worked to create poster prototypes which were used in posters for our Gym/ Lunch Hall.

*Cargill*



*Inver*



*Kinnaird*





## Assemblies

On a Friday morning, we hold a weekly assembly where we talk, listen, sing and celebrate!

This term we have welcomed visitors from Perth Gospel Hall, Fire Scotland, Walk Wheel Cycle Trust and Missy the Therapet.

Our assemblies are based around our Luncarty Values of kindness, responsibility, trust, teamwork and respect. Each week a pupil from each class is chosen to receive a Values Certificate based on the value we are focussing on. A Learning Certificate is also awarded each week. In assembly we take the opportunity to share success and celebrate achievements whilst we are all together.

The children (and grown ups) are encouraged to share their personal achievements from outside of school. Some children choose to stand up in front of the whole school to talk about their achievement whilst others prefer a lower-key approach. This term we have had football, judo, gymnastics and even an HNC qualification. Our wall display is filling up nicely with photos of our achievers! Please continue to send in details of these, including any certificates, medals etc so that we can celebrate these in school and pop a photo up on our Personal Achievements wall.

## Parent Council

Our Parent Council AGM took place on 1st October where we heard about the huge amount of support and fundraising undertaken last session and plans were discussed for this session.

There is a vacancy for a Secretary within the Parent Council. Should you be interested in finding out more, please do get in touch.

The next Parent Council event is a Halloween Disco on 1st November. More information will follow.

Parent Council Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th November at 6pm.

## St Johnstone - Ticket Offer

*Dear Luncarty Primary School,*

*Pupil, staff, and their families are cordially invited to attend the William Hill Championship match between St Johnstone FC and Airdrieonians FC at McDiarmid Park on Saturday, 1st November – kick-off 3pm.*

- To claim your free tickets for the Ormond Stand for this match please scan the QR code (or click the link at the bottom), click on the ticket tile to open the seating plan, choose your seats in the Ormond Stand (maximum of 6 complimentary) and select the school appropriate tickets from the dropdown before adding them to your basket.*
- Additional tickets can be purchased for £10 (aged 13 & over) and a maximum of 2 x U13 can be added to a £10 ticket free of charge (only available at point of purchase).*
- Entry is through turnstiles 18-21 only.*
- Our kiosks will be open on the day selling a wide range of hot and cold drinks and snacks – cash/card/contactless payments accepted.*
- Match programmes will be on sale within the stand - £3.50 each (cash payments only).*
- Should any ticket recipients have any queries around additional support needs or mobility issues please contact our ticket office on 01738 459090 option 1 or email [dao@perthsaints.co.uk](mailto:dao@perthsaints.co.uk) quoting your school in the subject field. We will do our best to advise and assist.*
- General parking is available on a first come, first served basis and is £5 – cash to the attendant on the day. Entry to the car park is via the A85/Crieff Road gate.*
- All children aged under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.*

- ***Everyone entering the stadium must have a ticket.***

*Should any family/staff members have any queries at all please contact our ticket office.*

*We look forward to welcoming the pupils, families, and staff members of Luncaty to McDiarmid Park for this fixture!*

*Best wishes,*

*St Johnstone FC*

Click this link or Scan QR code

<https://www.perthstjohnstonefc.co.uk/ormond-ticket-sales/>



## Preparing for Term 2

Children should have the following with them each day:

- A coat and any other weather appropriate clothing (eg. wellies, gloves)
- A school bag containing:
  - A healthy snack
  - Packed lunch (if required)

- A water bottle
- Homework Diary

### Things to Keep in School...

- One pencil case
- Indoor shoes

A pencil case should contain:

- writing pencils
- a sharpener
- a white eraser
- a white glue stick

Please top up pencil cases ahead of the new term starting.

Please ensure all school uniform and personal possessions are labelled clearly with your child's name. Indoor shoes will be essential in the new term. Wetter weather = more mud!

### Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans)

Ally joined us for a Health Week assembly where he shared some of the projects coming up for Luncarty Primary and gifted us a set of scooters and helmets for our iBike Crew Pupil Leadership group to plan activities with for pupil clubs.

We look forward to the following activities next term:

- 31st October- P6/7 Bike Checks- Please bring bikes and helmets to school
- 4th and 18th November- P6/7 Bike Skills Session- bring bikes and helmets to school
- 25th November, 2nd and 9th December- Learn to Ride Sessions - P3-5

If your child does not have a bike or has little bike riding experience, please get in touch and let us know so we can help with this.

# PIRRIE PERFORMING ARTS

There's a performer in everyone!

Musical Theatre  
Street Dance  
Stage School  
Ballet  
Tap  
Jazz  
Lyrical  
Hip Hop  
Acro  
Glee  
Minis

SHORE ROAD, PERTH

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