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**Important Dates**

P7 Burns Night -  
2.2.17

Parents' Evening -  
8.2.17

In-service Day  
10.2.17

February Weekend  
School closed -  
13.2.17 & 14.2.17

Valentine Disco  
16.2.17

**Dear Parents/ Carers,**

**Parents' Evening - Wednesday 8 February**

Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday 8 February. As normal, there will be two sessions, session 1: 3.30pm - 5.30pm and session 2: 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Children will be given the appointment letter on Tuesday of next week. Please contact the school if your appointment time does not suit.

**Social Media**

Social media has fantastic benefits, for example, information can be shared quickly. However, if you have a query about anything to do with Auchenlodment please phone the school and have a chat with Mr Carlton or Mrs Nicol or pop in to meet with us face to face. We would prefer to answer your questions rather than conversations being started on social media and perhaps false information being given out. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Homework**

What are your opinions on homework? There have been many debates recently over the benefits of homework. As it stands, Auchenlodment will continue to distribute homework to our pupils as we think it allows parents to see the progress their child is making and it also reinforces learning taught in school. We would like to hear what your views are and would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the short survey attached to the newsletter. Please be honest with your answers and consult your children as I'm sure they'll tell you what they really think about homework. Please return it to the school next week and we will display the results (anonymously) at Parents' Night. If we think that the results should affect change then we will do so with careful consideration and consultation.

**Families Learning Together**

We were delighted to be awarded £10000 from the Renfrewshire Innovation Fund. This money will go towards raising attainment in literacy and numeracy. Part of the money will help run the new Families Learning Together sessions. These will take place on a Monday after school, 3pm - 5.45pm. We have already spoken to some families about this and have some signed up to take part. The sessions will provide workshops for parents, physical activity for children, time for parents and children to do homework together with the support of a teacher and then to finish it off everyone will eat dinner together (with some of the families cooking it during the session). Numbers are restricted, however, we do still have places available. If you and your child/ children would like to attend please complete the reply slip below. If you sign up for the sessions, you must attend the block of three; these will take place over the months of February and March. If you would like to know more about the sessions before signing up, please contact the school or pop in for a chat.

Thank you

*Gerry Carlton*  
Head Teacher

# Pupil of the Week

**P1**

**Leo Devine**

For being positive and encouraging to others and showing enthusiasm in all areas.

**P2E**

**Derren Murphy**

For making really good choices this week.

**P2S**

**Owen Inglis**

For always showing fairness to others and being trustworthy.

**P3**

**Faith McCallum**

For great contribution to our Willie Wastles Wife Big Writing.

**P4**

**Kyle Perry**

For continually giving his best in all curricular areas and being a good friend to others.

**P5**

**Matej Horky**

For working hard in numeracy and literacy this week.

**P6**

**Jasmine Minto**

For excellent communication skills at the Genius Bar Session.

**P7**

**Carys Jones**

For maintaining a mature attitude in all work undertaken.

## Families Learning Together Sessions – Reply Slip

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in my child and I taking part in the Families Learning Together sessions

### Block 1 dates

Monday 20 February (3pm – 5.45pm)

Monday 27 February (3pm – 5.45pm)

Monday 6 March (3pm – 5.45pm)

### Block 2 dates

Monday 13 March (3pm – 5.45pm)

Monday 20 March (3pm – 5.45pm)

Monday 27 March (3pm – 5.45pm)

We would prefer to attend block \_\_\_\_\_ dates. (1 or 2)

Parent/ carer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_