

Langbank Primary School

Parental Newsletter

May 2023



Our summer term is now well underway and our children are enjoying the little pockets of sunshine that have been appearing from time to time. This is a term full of fun with many engaging learning experiences on offer each day. It is a very special time for our Primary 7 children as they come to the end of their Primary education however before they leave us we will enjoy making more memories together.

Staffing Update

Siobhan Green was successful at interview for our Additional Support Needs Assistant post. Ms Green's work pattern will be Monday - Thursday 9.30am – 1.30pm.

Mrs Lamont who has been working in Primary 5 every Friday will be leaving us on Friday 19th May for a full-time position within another school. I know you will join me in wishing Mrs Lamont every success in her new post. Mrs Reid will be working with our Primary 5 children every Friday until the end of June.

Whole School Trip

Our school trip this year will be to 'Heds of Ayr Farm Park' on Tuesday 13th June. From Tuesday 9th May your child's consent form will be available via parent pay for completion. We will be leaving school at 9.15am and arrive approximately 10.30am at the Farm Park. We will depart the farm park at 3pm and return to school approximately at 4.15pm. Your child's class teacher will provide further details nearer the time.

Primary 7 Hoodies

Our Primary 7 children can wear their Leaver's hoodies as often as they would like from Monday 15th May. The hoodies should be worn over formal school uniform.

Primary 7 Residential Trip

Primary 7 will soon be going on their residential trip to Lockerbie Manor House. They will be departing on Monday 19th June and returning on Friday 23rd June. Mrs Festorazzi will be supporting the children from Monday to Friday, I will be supporting the first part of the week (Mon – Wed) and Mrs Rodger will be supporting the end of the week (Wed – Fri). More detailed information will be provided for our Primary 7 parents via Seesaw.

Primary 7 Induction Days for Park Mains High School

Park Mains transition programme is as follows.

9 th May	9.30am – 2.15pm	P7 children will visit a variety of subject departments throughout the day. They should wear full school uniform and bring their snack and lunch.
23 rd May	1.15pm – 2.30pm	P7 children will change into PE kit before leaving primary school to participate in PE activities at PMHS.
15 th June	8.50 – 3.40pm	P7 children to attend a two-day experience. All children will follow S1 timetable on both days. Transport arrangements for induction days are the same as you have arranged for August e.g. children who stay in Dargavel should travel on the school bus from Dargavel. On these days children should bring their snack and lunch, PE Kit, bottle of water, pen and pencil.
16 th June	8.50 – 2.50pm	

I know the children are really looking forward to these days, please be reassured that they will receive lots of support as they take this next step in their learning journey.

Primary 1 Transition

We look forward to welcoming our new primary 1 children for their transition events, please look out for a letter which has been posted to you detailing all the events we have planned.

Our formal Induction Days will be on 15th and 16th June at 1.30pm at the school. During these visits the children will be with their class teacher becoming familiar with their learning environment and starting to build friendships. For our parents you will be provided with information to support your child starting school, the learning your child will undertake, you will hear from our partnership agencies and also from some of our senior pupils who will tell you about their experience of being a Langbank pupil.

Ms Steven's will be our primary 1 teacher next session and I know she is very much looking forward to supporting the children through this very important transition period.

School Improvement

During the Summer holiday the current Primary 5 classroom floor will be upgraded along with new storage for classroom resources.

Also, during the summer holidays 'Street Connect' a local Charity have offered to paint our school fence as it is very much needing a coat of paint. The fence will be painted green.

Thank you to Langbank Parent Partnership who have been successful in their bid for funding from the Community Climate fund. I know from our recent survey, improvement of our school grounds is something you would like to see and I am pleased we will be able to use this funding for improvement. The money will be used for playground markings which our children have chosen, it will also be used to improve the quiet area at the front of the school building, we intend to make this a sensory garden. Please keep an eye over the next few months to see the improvements.

Looking ahead to Next Year 2023-24

When we return after the summer holiday, I would like to request that you provide your child with a pair of indoor shoes that they can change into when they enter the school building. The reason behind this is that, in as much as we are fortunate to have such lovely school grounds, when the children are outside playing and re-enter the school the classroom floors can get muddy. I am conscious that our children often use the floor during learning experiences, so I would prefer to keep the floors as clean as possible. If you can provide your child with a pair of outdoor school shoes and a pair of indoor trainers/sandshoes, they will be kept in a gym bag on their peg and will also be used during PE times.

I appreciate your support with this.

Community Support

Sadly, our wheelbarrow has come to the end of its life but before I purchase one for the school I was wondering if anyone had one they were no longer using that could be donated to the school. Our gardening club use the wheelbarrow to transport their gardening material around our school grounds, it is also used to restock the bark in our trim trail. If you are able to help out, please contact the school office on 0300 300 0165. Thank you

Summer Volunteers

As we approach our summer holidays, I am looking for helpers from Langbank community to assist with the maintenance of our school grounds and planters. Our janitorial staff work very hard to stay on top of all our areas, but any further support would be greatly appreciated. Ideally a few volunteers to check on our planters and to do a little bit of weeding over the holiday. If you think you can help us out please contact the school office 😊

Glasgow City Mission

Our final collection for Glasgow City Mission this school year will be on Thursday 25th May.
We are delighted to maintain this partnership with the church and thank you to Mrs Gilmour for collecting our donations to take the Mission.
All food donations are welcome.

Additional Information

BASK - Before and After Schoolcare are taking applications for next school term, if you are interested please contact them via email bask730936@gmail.com for further information.

Diary Dates

May

1 st May		School closed
2 nd – 5 th May		Health Week
5 th May		Right2Dance Community Performance
8 th May		School closed
9 th May	9.30 – 2.15pm	P7's to Park Mains High School (Induction Day 1) Grass cutting today
15 th May		Walk to School Week
16 th May		P6 Swimming
18 th May	12pm	P6 to Safe Kids
23 rd May		P7's to Park Mains HS (Ind day 2) P6 Swimming Grass cutting today
24 th May		Reports to Parents
25 th May		Sports Day
26 th May		School Closed
29 th May		School Closed
30 th May		In-service Day

Looking ahead to June

5 th – 9 th June	P1 Induction visits across the week
6 th June	P6 Swimming Grass Cutting Today
13 th June	Whole school trip - Heads of Ayr Farm Park

15 th & 16 th June	P7's to Park Mains HS (Ind Day 3 & 4)
15 th June	P7 Parents Night at Park Mains HS
15 th & 16 th June	P1 Induction afternoons
19 th – 23 rd June	P7 Residential Trip
26 th June	End of year Service
27 th June	Last day, close at 1pm