

**TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS  
THIS WEEK**

5 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Phase Assessments	B Lee
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Samye Ling Centre - Senior Phase RMPS Trip	E Gardiner
17 <sup>th</sup> December	S1 Christmas Party (P6/7)	N McGuire
18 <sup>th</sup> December	S1/2 Merit Trip – Crazy Golf at Braehead	S Kelly
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Phase Snow Ball 7-9 pm	D Robertson
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Assemblies	B Lee
19 <sup>th</sup> December	S2/3 Merit Trip – Crazy Golf at Braehead	S Kelly
20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes at 12.30 pm for the Christmas Holidays	B Lee

**FORTHCOMING**

6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School Reopens	B Lee
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**Pupil Notice**

16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**P Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Freyah Black, 3L, who has been selected to join the Scottish Schools Under 15 Football Team for this season! Very well done, Freyah!

**B Lee**

**P Senior Phase Assessments**

The Senior Phase Assessment period ends on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to all students for all their hard work and conduct throughout the exam diet. We look forward to seeing all students back in classes on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**B Lee**

**P RMPS Trip – Samye Ling Centre**

Senior Phase RMPS students have the opportunity to visit the Samye Ling Centre on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please speak to Mr Gardiner and Mrs Smith for further information.

**B Lee**

**P S1 Christmas Party**

Our S1 Christmas Party takes place on Tuesday afternoon (Periods 6 and 7) in the Games Hall. The PE Changing Rooms will be open during lunch-time for anyone who wishes to get changed for the party. Registers will be taken by class teachers in the Games Hall at the start of Period 6. There will be a tuck shop, selling party bags for £1.50. To purchase a party bag from the tuck shop, please obtain a token from the PE Department or Miss Leckenby (Social Subjects).

**B Lee**

**P Merit Events**

Merit Events take place on Wednesday and Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December, when students will travel to Braehead to enjoy 'Crazy Golf'. Well done to all students taking part in this event. For further information, please speak to Miss Kelly or Mr Robertson. Thank you to the Merit Committee for organising these events.

**B Lee**

**P Christmas Jumper/ Festive Accessory Day**

Our Christmas Jumper/ Festive Accessory Day takes place on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. All students are invited to wear something festive alongside their uniform!

**B Lee**

**P S6 Festive Lunch**

Our S6 Festive Lunch will take place on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, at 12.30 pm. S6 students should check their Google Classroom to place their lunch order.

**B Lee**

**P Senior Phase Snow Ball**

Our Senior Phase Snow Ball Takes place from 7-9 pm on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December in the Street Area. Please see Miss Gordon or Mr Gardiner for tickets (£3) or if you have any questions.

**B Lee**

**P Christmas Assemblies**

Our Christmas Assemblies will take place on Thursday morning, 19<sup>th</sup> December, in the Street area at the following times:

- 8.40 – 9.10 am – S2 and S3 pupils. All pupils in S2 and S3 should register in the Street area at Tutor time. Those going on the Merit trip will leave from the Street area at the end of Assembly.
- 9.20 – 9.50 am – S1 and S4 pupils.
- 10.00 – 10.30 am – S5 and S6 pupils.

Rev. Morag Garrett, Minister of Coalburn and Lesmahagow Parish Church, our Scripture Union Group and Senior Phase pupils will lead the assemblies. Our School Choir, talented soloists and musicians are also taking part in the service. Thank you to all members of the Chaplaincy Team and Music Department who have planned the assemblies.

Alternative arrangements are in place for those not participating in the Christmas Assembly – please see Pupil Support.

**B Lee**

**P Last Day of Term: Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December**

The last day of term will be a non-uniform day. (No football colours permitted.) No donation is required.

There will be one interval for all pupils, at the time of the BGE interval. This will be an extended interval, from 11.10 – 11.40 am. School closes at 12.30 pm on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December and re-opens at 8.40 am on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January. We hope everyone has a restful and relaxing holiday.

**B Lee**

**P Home Economics**

All pupils are reminded to bring a container for Home Economics when cooking. Thank you!

**N Ross**

**P Uniform Items and School Bags**

If you have any pre-loved uniform items or school bags that are no longer needed, we would be delighted if these could be handed into the school office so that we can add them to our uniform and school supplies for next session. Please help us to look after our environment – remember the importance of reducing, repairing, reusing and recycling!

**B Lee**

**P Lost Property**

A number of lost property items (including expensive outdoor jackets) remain unclaimed in the lost property store. Please check with Joan and Lynn if you have misplaced any items within the school.

**B Lee**

**P Community**

A reminder of the importance of placing litter in the bins provided. It is important that we look after the local environment and show respect for our community.

**B Lee**

**P ParentsPortal**

Thank you to all parents and carers who have signed up to ParentsPortal, our new digital communication service. ParentsPortal enables parents to update contact information, complete consent forms, view canteen menus and attendance information, link to ParentPay and other functions. From this session, school reports will also be available through ParentsPortal.

Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

**B Lee**

**P 'Too good to go'**

Unsold sandwiches/wraps/baguettes left over from lunch-time can be collected from a fridge in the Pupil Support corridor at the end of the school day or by arrangement with PTs Pupil

Support/SMT/PTs Equity. Please speak to SMT, PTs Pupil Support or PTs Equity for further information.

Please also remember that a supply of toiletries are available in Mr Mallaghan's Pupil Support Office. There are also some porridge pots if anyone has missed breakfast.

**B Lee**

**P Uniform**

Our school uniform is:

- White shirt/blouse;
- School tie (red and black/ senior/ international);
- Plain black V-neck jumper or cardigan without logos;
- Black trousers/black skirt;
- School blazer, with option of braiding for S6;
- Plain black footwear (including laces); and
- P.E. kit (white, red or black t-shirt, black shorts).

Please speak to Mrs McCallum, your Pupil Support Teacher, Miss Leckenby, Mrs Miller or any member of SMT if you need any uniform items. Alternatively, you can request uniform items at the links below:

School uniform <https://forms.gle/AWcqcQ7seyd5c91i9>

We would welcome any donations of any pre-loved items of school uniform, particularly school blazers to add these to the supplies available to pupils. Please pass any donations to the School Office. Thank you.

**B Lee**

**P Windfarm Connect2 Renewables Employability Fund – S4-S6 pupils**

The following information about the Windfarm Connect 2 Renewables Employability Fund has been shared with S4-S6 pupils and posted in S4-S6 Google Classrooms:

Due to your proximity to the Kype Muir and Middle Muir windfarms, if you plan on leaving at the end of this school year, you could be entitled to up to £500 (if going to college/university) or £200 if going into employment/apprenticeship. This is a grant payment that does not need to be paid back. The only real requirement is that you live within the required postcode areas.

I would encourage you all to apply if eligible - it is free money that could be really useful as you start your post-school journey.

To apply, you really just need to complete a form - but you won't receive the money until you start college/university as they will need to see your student card. You can make enquiries now though by contacting: [connect2renewables@southernlarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:connect2renewables@southernlarkshire.gov.uk) or telephone 0800 9520 070.

**J Mallaghan**

**P Homework**

Homework will be shared using Google Classroom. Please make sure you are a member of all your Google Classrooms, including your Year Group Google Classroom.

**LA Cimmino**

**P Young Scot Card and Free Bus Travel**

If you need a new Young Scot Card, or still have to renew your card to access free bus travel, your Tutor teacher can give you a form to complete, which will allow us to apply for your card on your behalf. Completed forms should be returned to Miss Fletcher or the School Office. Please see Miss Fletcher if you have any questions about accessing free bus travel.

**B Lee**

**P EMA – S5/6**

EMA application forms can be downloaded from the South Lanarkshire Council website. On the Council website, click on 'Education and Learning', then 'Secondary School Information', then 'Education Maintenance Allowance'. If you need any help with this, please see Mr Robertson or your Pupil Support Teacher. It is your responsibility to complete and send the application form.

When you receive an award letter with your EMA number on it, bring this to Mr Robertson who will then issue a copy of the Learning Agreement to be signed by your teachers and Parent/Carer. You should then return the completed Learning Agreement to Mr Robertson and the school office will then process your EMA.

Only when you have completed all of the above will the payment process begin. Please see Mr Robertson if you have any questions about EMA.

**D Robertson**