

- P Tesco Bag Packing and Tombola Fundraiser – Saturday, 21st March – Volunteers needed!**
Do you have some time to spare on Saturday, 21st March? Our Parent Council has arranged a bag packing fundraising event at Tesco on Saturday, 21st March, from 10 am – 2 pm. If you are aged 16+ and could give an hour or two of your time to help with bag packing or selling raffle/ tombola tickets, please contact Mrs Jill Pate, Chair of our Parent Council, and she will add you to the rota: jillavonside@aol.com.
There will also be a tombola stall and raffle to raise funds to support additional opportunities and experiences for students. Any donations for the tombola/raffle would be gratefully received.
Thank you for your continued support!
- Parent Council**
- P DofE Awards Ceremony**
Congratulations to Charlie Bauld, Chloe Bell, Tyler Biggar, Aaron Cameron, Christopher Chalmers, Jessica Dundas, Laura Gardiner, Callum Falconer, Elsa Graham, Freya Lumsden, Eve Manson, Jennifer Pate and Marcus Spiers, who were presented with their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards on Tuesday evening at Hamilton Town House. The team also prepared some video clips about their DofE experience, which were shared with the audience. Well done and congratulations to all involved! Thank you to Mr Rivans, Miss Ferguson, Miss Forbes and all who have supported the students on their DofE journey so far. We look forward to hearing about the expedition plans and working completed in the other sections as students work towards their Bronze and Silver Awards!
- B Lee**
- P SLC Big Band Concert**
Very well done to our School Captain, Nathan Blackmore and all involved in South Lanarkshire Schools' Big Band Concert, which took place at Rutherglen Town Hall on Thursday, 5th March. The band performed an amazing 21 pieces to the highest standard, and were delighted to welcome two guest soloists and Newton Farm Primary Choir for the evening. Excellent performances by all involved! Thank you to Mr Murray, Mr Michael and Mrs Duffy at South Lanarkshire Instrumental Music Service and all involved in supporting the students.
- B Lee**
- P World Book Day**
We hope everyone has enjoyed reading during Tutor time this week as part of our 'Drop Everything and Read' events to mark World Book Day. Please continue to enjoy reading for pleasure in the weeks and months ahead. Your school and local library have lots of new books and if there are titles you'd like to recommend for our next book order, please let us know!
Happy reading!
- B Lee**
- P Year Group Assemblies**
Year Group Assemblies take place in week beginning 9th March – S1 – Monday, S2 – Tuesday, S3 – Wednesday, S4 – Thursday, S5/6 - Friday. Classes should register in the Street area at Tutor Time on the appropriate day.
- B Lee**
- P SQA Assessments**
Good luck to all Senior Phase students completing coursework, performances, folios and assessments over the next few weeks. Keep studying and follow your teachers' advice.
- B Lee**
- P SLLC Dance Competition**
Good luck to our Dance troupe who have been rehearsing their routines and are looking forward to performing at Hamilton Town House on Tuesday evening. Thank you to Miss McGuire and all who have supported the students over the past few weeks.
- N McGuire**

- P Feedback Requested from Parents and Carers on Skills Development Scotland's (SDS) career service**
Skills Development Scotland would like feedback from parents and carers on their career service. Please take part in this [short survey](#). Parents and carers are key influencers over young people's career ambitions and choices.
All responses are confidential and anonymous, and the results will be used to inform SDS services.
The survey should only take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Please respond by 31st May.
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 Easyfundraising – Lesmahagow High School Parent Council**
Thank you to all members of our school community who support our students through 'easyfundraising', in partnership with Lesmahagow High School Parent Council. Once registered, over 8,000 easyfundraising partners donate part of what you spend to Lesmahagow High School Parent Council. It doesn't cost you any extra – the cost is covered by the brand. To find out more or to sign-up, please follow this link:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=225689&invite=K6SZUA&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_medium=email&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=referral-2025&utm_term=PRO83&utm_content=socialshare&fbclid=IwVERTSANL4E1leHRuA2FibQIxMAABHII0CYum4LI2x_3OXqYOBqQYjpr6DsAJ_OQEfpuxKXID9PA5_VwjX89-Y_qb_aem_Yj_d_USx5PWGbXcpR2IijQ
B Lee
- P Scripture Union**
Scripture Union Club meets on Wednesdays at lunchtime in Mr Anderson's room, B101. It was lovely to see everyone who joined us last week and brilliant to welcome new members. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday! All welcome, please bring your lunch!
B Lee
- P Chess Club**
Chess Club has started again in Mrs Mullen's room (B102) on a Monday lunchtime. All are welcome. We plan to play both Lanark GS and Carluke HS in a feisty tournament later in the autumn. We must win our trophy back!
B Lee
- P S1 and S2 Board Game Club**
A reminder that the board game club is on at lunch-time on Wednesdays, in the Virtual Classroom in Social Subjects. Miss Barnett looks forward to seeing you there!
B Lee
- P S1 Gaming Club**
S1 Gaming Club runs on Thursday at lunchtime in the Contemplation Room. Thank you to all who have already signed up. If you are interested in attending but did not sign up, please come on Thursday to add your name to the list!
E Gardiner
- P Emergency Exits**
A reminder that fire doors must only be used during emergency evacuations. This change has been implemented by South Lanarkshire Council, across all schools and other Council buildings, for health and safety reasons, to improve security and also due to maintenance issues. All pupils must enter and leave the school building using the main entrance/exit.
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 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, 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@southlanarkshire.co.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 completed on 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