

**TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

9 th October	S1 & S2 Clydesdale Sports Cup (Rugby & Netball @ Biggar)	Mr Ross
9 th October	Senior Phase Drama Theatre Trip	Miss Kelly & Ms Clark
11 th October	Wear it Pink or Blue Cancer Awareness Fundraiser	Mr Robertson
11 th October	P7 Cross-Country event	Mr Ross

FORTHCOMING

14 th - 18 th October	School Holidays	B Lee
WB 21 st October	Year Group Assemblies	B Lee
23 rd October	Higher/AH Geography Trip	Mrs Muldoon-Ross & Miss Leckenby
24 th October	Parent/Carer Digital Platform Support Afternoon	Mrs Cimmino & Mrs Docherty

Pupil Notice

7th October 2024

P Support for Learning Parent/Carer Event

Thank you to all parents, carers and families who joined our Support for Learning team this week to find out more about the supports available. Please speak to Mrs Storry and Mrs Travis (Principal Teachers of Support for Learning) if you have any questions relating to Support for Learning.

B Lee

P House Assemblies

S1-S3 students have worked together to design and create House shields and choose mascots for Kerse, Logan and Milton Houses. The final designs are displayed in the Pupil Support corridor, on the House Points board. These boards will be updated throughout the year following inter-house competitions.

B Lee

P S1 Tracking Reports

S1 tracking reports were issued on 2nd October. If any parent/carers would prefer an electronic copy, please contact the school office.

B Lee

P Senior Phase Tracking Reports

Senior Phase tracking reports will be issued on Wednesday, 23rd October. Our first Senior Phase Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday, 6th November. There will be a further opportunity for parents/carers to meet with teachers to discuss progress in Senior Phase courses in February.

B Lee

P Clydesdale Sports Cup (S1/2 pupils)

The first round of the Clydesdale Sports Cup takes place on Wednesday, 9th October, when S1 and S2 pupils will represent our school in rugby and netball matches at Biggar. Please see Mr Ross and the PE Department for further information.

B Lee

P Drama Trip

Senior Phase Drama students have the opportunity to see 'Murder on the Orient Express' at the theatre on Wednesday, 9th October (pm). Please see Ms Kelly and Ms Clark for further information.

Miss Kelly & Miss Clark

- P Wear it Pink or Blue Day**
On Friday, 11th October, our Health and Wellbeing, Attainment and Achievement and Vice-Captains will be holding our annual Wear it Pink/Blue Day to raise funds and awareness of breast and testicular cancer.
B Lee
- P Winter Jacket Appeal**
Please help by donating any unused winter jackets/coats. All jackets will be freshly laundered before being redistributed in our community. Winter coats can be given to Miss Leckenby, Mrs McCallum or any member of the office staff. Deadline 24th October 2024.
Miss Leckenby
- P Primary Cross-Country Event**
We look forward to welcoming current P7 pupils in our associated primary schools to our Cross-Country event on Friday, 11th October, as part of our transitions programme. Thank you to the PE Department and our Sports Development class for organising this event.
Mr Ross
- P October Holiday**
School closes at 12.30 pm on Friday, 11th for the October holiday and re-opens on Monday, 21st October at 8.40 am. We hope everyone enjoys the October break. Keep safe and well.
B Lee
- P Parent/Carer Digital Platform Support Afternoon**
Thank you to all parents and carers who have signed up to ParentsPortal, Guardian Email through Google Classroom and ParentPay. If any parents/carers have questions or would like support regarding any of these resources, Mrs Cimmino, Mrs Docherty and other colleagues will be available in the afternoon of 24th October to offer advice. We are always happy to provide help in accessing any of these platforms at any point in the school year – please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding ParentsPortal, Guardian Email, ParentPay or any other digital platform.
B Lee
- P Home Economics**
All pupils are reminded to bring a container for Home Economics when cooking. Thank you!
Mr 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. Further information can be found in the Parent letter issued last session at:
<http://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Information-Letter-to-parents-and-carers.pdf> 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@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 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.

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