



Livingston Village Primary School

Newsletter

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Open Door Policy

Communication with Staff.

In the first instance please contact your Class Teacher who will endeavor to respond to your concern and/or pass on to the HT or PT.

If you need to email a member of staff please use the office email above.

Inveralmond High School

A reminder that as part of our P7 transition events, parents are invited to attend an Open Evening on Thursday 25th October from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at ICHS

School Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We have had a busy and enjoyable first few weeks back at school. The P1's have settled in well and our P5's have just returned from a successful school camp at Low Port. We do thank Mrs Taylor, Mrs Smith and Mrs Hill for giving up their personal time to give our P5's this valuable experience. The Primary 5's represented the school well and the staff reported it was a pleasure to work with them.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Parent Consultations and we would like to use this opportunity to ask for your views as well as feedback about our Homework questionnaire. We had a high level of response so thank you. Look out for myself and Mr McCallum-McKay in the entrance foyer as you arrive or leave and take time to answer some questions. It would be greatly appreciated.

You will have an opportunity once more to purchase books at our Book Fair which will run during both evenings. Children will have the opportunity during school time to visit this fair and if they wish, select a book. Their selection will be noted down for you. Please do not feel you have to purchase these books.

Some may have noticed that we have closed one of the school gates and everyone is coming in and going out of one gate. This is simply a temporary added security measure to ensure the playground staff can see who is going out and in as the younger children learn the school safety rules.

We thank you for your support and contributions for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was a well supported event and we raised £625.34. Special thanks to Patterson Arran for their generous shortbread donation. We do appreciate your ongoing efforts to work with the school in raising funds, supporting charities and collaborating in the learning experiences for all our children.

Warm regards

Mrs Mill



Health & Safety



To ensure everyone's safety, the picking up and setting down of children in our school car park is not permitted **between 7:30am and 5:30pm**. Please use the drop off bay or park in one of the nearby streets or car parks.

Sporting News

We are delighted to share with you the exciting news that we are one of a very few schools in Scotland to be awarded the treble Gold School Sports Award. This is quite an achievement and our thanks go once again to Mr Stewart and Mrs Gallagher and all the others who have worked hard to make this happen. We hope to have a special award celebration in the near future and invite a SportsScotland representative along. More details to follow shortly!

The Inveralmond Cluster Sports Festivals have already started and our P7s did very well reaching the semi finals of the Tennis Festival and our P5s have already attended one of the two Handball sessions. Still to come:

P7 Sportshall Athletics at Craigswood SC— 4th December

P3 Multisport at Craigswood SC— 24th January

P4 Badminton Challenge at Craigswood SC— 21st February

P6 Basketball at ICHS— 14th/21st March

P7 Rugby at Livingston Rugby Club—26th April



Harvest Church Service

Our end of term service for P1–P3 pupils will be held on Thursday 11th October at 2.00 p.m. in Livingston Village Church. We look forward to seeing as many of you there. We are still accepting donations.



Goodbye

We recently said a fond farewell to Mrs Jones in the Early Learning Centre. She has decided after working in Livingston Village for more than 16 years, that it is time to retire. We wish her all the best and hope she comes back to visit us from time to time.

Halloween Disco

The Halloween Disco will be held on Thursday 1st of November:

ELC-P3: 18:00-19:15pm (A parent must remain with ELC & P1 pupils)
NO MASKS please

P4-7 : 19:30-20:45

Cost: £2.00 entry



Parent Consultations

Consultations will take place on Wednesday 10th October from 5.30–8.00 p.m. and Thursday 11th October from 4.00–6.30 p.m.

Hopefully everyone will have already booked their appointments on line. Any problem see Mrs Young in the school office.

October Break

School closes on **Friday 12th** October at 12.05 and pupils return on **Tuesday 23th October**. Staff resume on 22nd October. We hope you have an enjoyable break.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that Breakfast Club starts at **8:00** a.m. and therefore the school doors will not be answered before this. Staff involved require the time before to set up the hall in preparation for the children arriving.

Milk Money

Milk money is now due for next term, October until December—cost is £8.80. This can be paid electronically on ipay impact or at the school office.



Community Wing



The Community wing have acquired a Defibrillator and it is now in situ in the medical room should it be needed.

The Management Committee have also purchased a lovely shield which will be awarded to a young person for outstanding work in service to the community.



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Scottish National Standardised Assessments

It will soon be time again for our Primary 7 pupils to sit the Scottish Government's standardised assessments. The assessments will be completed online in school. These assessments will be age and stage appropriate and cover aspects of reading, writing and working with numbers. This information will be used alongside information gained from other assessments and teacher's professional judgement when considering children's progress and planning and next steps in learning. It is the view of WL Council that P7 children be assessed early in the year to best support them as they prepare for transition to High School. P4s will be assessed in April and P1s possibly in May.

P7 parents will have received a photo copy of "Assessing Children's Progress: A guide for parents and carers". P1 and P4 parents and carers will get a copy in the Spring. Should you wish to have your own copy you can download it at

<https://www.education.gov.scot/parentzone/Documents/parent-leaflet-assessing-progress.pdf>

Our children are familiar with online assessments so should cope very well. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

All for the children for all of the children !

COMMENTS SLIP

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Pupil's name and class: _____

Please feel free to comment on any item in the newsletter or anything else regarding school. We always value your feedback on how we can continue to improve.

Comments:-
