



#### TESOL Students

We welcomed four Chinese “Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages” this month. They were so impressed with our school and remarked how polite and hardworking our pupils were.

P1 had fun when their parents stayed and played for a while after drop-off and their trip to the Library was enjoyed by all.

P7 led a beautiful tribute to those who died and fought in the wars, during our annual Remembrance Assembly.

Many P7s have shown interest in applying for Lasswade High School’s schools of football and rugby. A representative introduced the concept during a talk from High School Staff.

Well done to our Basketball Team from P6 and P7, who secured 2nd place out of 8 schools in Midlothian- quite a victory!

Gail Currie (Parental & Learner Liaison Officer) facilitated a meeting with 10 pupils from P4-7. She wanted to capture the views of these children about what is working well in education and what can be improved.

She commented *“They were a credit to their parents and represented the school brilliantly.”*

You may know there is a National Discussion currently taking place about the future of Scottish Education.

If you would like to add any comments to the debate, please do so on

<https://consult.gov.scot/national-discussion-scottish-education>

#### Nursery

Nursery continued their intergenerational project by welcoming residents from Pine Villa, to make Christmas decorations with the Nursery children.

We have restarted our blocks of Forest School. This has been going really well and the floor book documenting the children's learning is available for parents to look through.

Thank you to all parents who came along to our wellbeing meetings and for our Learning Journal feedback.

We will be visiting Pentland Plants in small groups week beginning 5th December.

Pre-school vision screening will take place on 13th December.

**St Margaret’s** celebratory closing Mass was well attended by ex-pupils and staff. We displayed old photographs and memorabilia. Lots of funny stories and memories were shared over tea and cake afterwards. Two Friendship benches have been installed in the playground to remember the St. Margaret’s community.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the school Fair on 2nd December. We really appreciate your generosity.

Dunedin Consort entertained us with classical music, composed and performed by our P4 and P6 pupils. The wonderful music was fabulous to listen to.

### **Digital and Technologies**

Last session we provided each child with a set of headphones to use with chromebooks. We are aware however, they aren't the best quality. I've noticed pupils have started to bring in their own headphones and this is totally acceptable. If you wish your child to bring their own headphones, please be aware they must **not** be wireless.

### **Parent Council**

*The Parent Council would like to thank all the families for all the support donating fantastic items for the school Christmas fair. Our next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of December, from 6:30pm, meeting starting at 7pm, come in through the reception of the school. We would like to thank Loanhead Parish Church for the generous donation of £200.00 to support the fruit bowls and thank the parents who have contributed to keep it full. The fruit has been a great success and the special request of carrots have been enjoyed by all. The gardening group has now reached P5, look out for your flowers coming home. The Parent Council has donated money to nursery up to p7 to support festive arts and crafts in the classroom. If you have any suggestions or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the parent council or your class rep. Have a great December!*

*From Poppy Kyles, Treasurer of the Parent Council*

### **Dates for your diary**

- 2.12.22 Christmas Fair 12.30-2 pm
- 5.12.22 P1&P7 Dental Inspections
- 8.12.22 Christmas jumper day  
Christmas School Lunch  
Last day for P7 Galadad participation acceptance letters
- 12.12.22 P1 and P2 Nativity 2pm
- 13.12.22 Pre school vision screening
- 14.12.22 Nursery and P1-4 Gary Copeland Fun Box  
P5-P7 Pantomime at Brunton Hall  
P7 Party in the afternoon
- 15.12.22 Nursery singalong  
Christmas concert for P3-7 -afternoon 2pm
- 16.12.22 Nursery, P1 and P2 parties  
P4+P6 Children's Messiah concert at Queen's Hall, leave school at 3pm
- 19.12.22 P3-P6 parties  
House Sing-Off  
P7 to Paradykes to watch LHS panto.
- 20.12.22 Church visit  
School closes 12.25pm for holidays