Dear Parents,

A midweek update to keep you abreast of this week’s events. Next week will be the final postbag of this school year.

**P3 & P4 After School Athletics Club**
This club was a huge success, we even had a waiting list! Thank you to Ms McCulloch who came along to assist with these coaching sessions. We hope she will perhaps offer to coach a group next session.

**Swimming Sessions**
Next week our P5 pupils will have two sessions at the pool. The first one being their “Save a Life session” on **Tuesday 16th June** and on **Friday 19th June** they will have their final swimming lesson. Children should bring their swimming things on both days.

**SLC Track & Field Final - Friday 19th June**
Good luck to Alyth McInnes, Keira Higgins, Kyle Irvine, Naomi Fleming, Nathan Gardner and Philippa Craig who have won their way through to this event. Thank you also to Mrs Fleming and Mrs Deans our parent helpers who organise our running club throughout the year. Their talent and commitment allows our pupils to gain the skill and stamina to compete at this level.

**Tracksuits/Tee Shirts/Shorts**
Please return any outstanding tracksuits, football strips, shorts, tee shirts, socks etc to the school as soon as possible.

**Secondary School Transport Consultation Exercise**
This is a link to the South Lanarkshire Councils website which details transport information which is provided as part of the ongoing School Transport Consultation exercise.

http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200188/secondary_school_information/1513/school_transport_secondary_-_qualifying_addresses_and_walking_routes
Popinjay Cup 2015

There were four teams in the Popinjay Cup this year. Netherburn Primary, Dalserf Primary, Kirkfieldbank Primary and Underbank. Every team played each other twice and we only lost one of these six games.

We were therefore top of the group stage so we then went on to play Netherburn in the semi final. The score was 2 - 1 to Underbank which got us into the final. In the final we played against Dalserf. After the full time whistle, the score was 0-0 so it went to extra time. It was still 0-0 after extra time so it went to penalties. Unfortunately the final outcome was that Dalserf won on sudden death. We are all feeling pretty down but are determined to get training for next year!

Thank you to Mrs McKie and Mrs Fleming for supporting us from the sidelines and to Dale our fabulous coach and manager. Reporters Kyle Irvine and Nathan Gardner

Tennis Team

We all arrived at Scotstoun early to meet the other 8 teams. The teams we had to play against were Glasgow Academy, The High School of Glasgow, Clarkston Primary, Glenburn Primary, Hyndland Primary, Our Lady of the Missions Primary, Goldenhill Primary and Houston Primary.

We warmed up and then split into groups of 9. We had to play all of the players in our individual groups. After we had played all 8 games we gathered to find out the final results. Every point that we all scored was added together and our final score was 236 points.

In first place was Glasgow Academy and we were placed 6th. We did have a great time but were a little disappointed. However Mrs Millar and Miss Elkin were delighted for us and said that they were really proud of us all for reaching this stage, especially as we were the smallest school at the event.

Thank you to all of our parents who came along to support us! Reporters Juliet Boag, Maisie Junor, Jonathan Morgan and Luca Rossi

Junior Tennis Coaching - Lanark Tennis Club

Tennis lessons for different levels is available every Saturday.
- 9am - 10am: Beginners (preschool to P2)
- 10am - 11am: Improvers (P3 - P5)
- 11am - 12noon: Intermediate (P6 to S1)
- 12noon - 1pm: Advanced (S2 to S6)

Members are free, non members are £5 per session.
For more information contact Colin Thomson at lanarktennisclub@gmail.com

School of Rugby Project at LGS - Parent/Pupil Meeting

P7 pupils who have expressed an interest in this project are invited along to a meeting at Lanark Grammar on Monday 15th June at 7pm with their parents. At the meeting the key people organising this project will explain the project fully and answer any questions. Those attending will include Mr. Mark Sherry (Head Teacher), Calum Taylor (SRU Area Development Officer), Alex Edminstone (SRU School & Youth Development Manager Glasgow North), Fraser Stott (Rugby Development Officer South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture) and members of Lanark Rugby Club.

Room 3 Fairtrade Tesco Visit and Tuck Shop

On Friday 5th June, Tesco visited our class to talk about their Fairtrade products. We invited them by writing a letter to Tesco in Carluke to ask them to help us with our Enterprise project. Claire and Laura brought over 20 Fairtrade products with them and we even got to try some of them! Our favourites were Dairymilk chocolate and Kit Kats, but let’s not forget the Fairtrade banana pancakes with syrup! We enjoyed asking them questions and finding out more about Fairtrade in our local community. This input has really helped with our Enterprise project where we will be creating our own Fairtrade products to sell next week at a special tuck shop. This will take place on Tuesday 16th June at break time in the gym hall. Prices of products will range from 20p to £1.

Reported by Room 3 Here are some quotes from the children:
Stevie- “I enjoyed the pancake and I demolished it very quickly!”
Grace- “We all even got to choose a Fairtrade sweet at the end of the day! I chose the mint.”
Zak- “I enjoyed asking Claire and Laura questions about Fairtrade.”
Chloe- “I enjoyed tasting all the different types of Fairtrade chocolate.”
**Eco Committee - Backpack appeal**
Please find attached letter from our Eco Committee regarding our Backpack Appeal.

**Health Week Activities/School Sports Day/Sponsored Wiggle**
I will update you in next week’s postbag regarding the above events.

If you haven’t already done so, please send your child’s sponsor form and money into the school office. All money raised will be split between the school funds and the PFA who are hoping to buy an Apple Mac Computer for the school. I would appreciate if this could be handed in before **Friday 19th June**.

**P6/7 Lockerbie Manor 2015**
Reminder to parents of our current P5/6 children that the remaining balance for Lockerbie is due the week we come back to school in August. Therefore can all outstanding money be sent to the school office no later than **Friday 21st August 2015**

**Reminders**

**Lost Property**
Our lost property bank is once again filling up with items. All items in the bank do not have names on them. It is really useful if parents could name every item of school uniform for easy identification. If items are not claimed by the end of term, we will be putting them into our clothing bank.

**Reminder - No Football Tops or Strips**
Could I please remind everyone of South Lanarkshire Council’s policy that no football colours should be worn to school at anytime, this includes dress down days and after school clubs? Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Diary Dates**
11th & 12th June - Lanimer holiday.
17th & 18th June - P7 to Lanark Grammar (transition days)
19 June - Clydesdale Track & Field Event final (selected pupils)
22nd June – Primary Music Showcase (Selected Pupils)
23rd June - P7 Leavers & Summer Service at 10am
24th June - School closes at 1pm

School is closed tomorrow and Friday for the Lanimer holidays.

And finally if you have any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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