



Luthermuir News



November, 2019

Reminder – School is closed to all pupils on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November.

Staff will be working with Aberdeenshire colleagues to look at positive behaviour management and strategies for dealing with low level disruptive behaviour as well as more challenging behavioural issues.

Dear Parent/Carer

This term is possibly our busiest term of the year and we have got lots of exciting events and activities planned for the children!

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising the Halloween disco and for all our families who supported the event. The next PTA event will be our **Snowman Drive on Thursday 12th December @ 6pm.**

Class termly newsletters will be sent home on Friday so that you can find out more about what your child(ren) are learning about in school. As always, if you feel you have any experience, skills or knowledge that you would like to share then please get in touch. We all benefit from new ideas and contributions.

Kind Regards
Fiona Thomson

P4/5 Learning Assembly and Café

On **Wednesday 13th November @ 2:15pm**, our P4/5 pupils will be sharing their learning in relation to Literacy and their work around 'Talk 4 Writing'. This opportunity will allow the pupils to demonstrate how they have been using this approach to develop their writing as well as helping them develop their performance and presentation skills. To top it off, they will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits 😊. We hope to see you there!

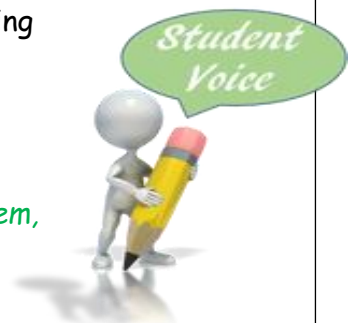
Pupil Council

Our first Pupil Council meeting was held on Thursday 7th November. All pupils were given the chance to share with the pupil council reps their ideas for how to make our school even better. These ideas were discussed at the meeting and the pupil council agreed the following action points for this session:-

- Lunchtime clubs to be established and posters created to advertise what is available
- Playground/outdoor space to be a focus to try and encourage more positive playtimes
- Fundraising events to be explored - i.e Car boot/Jumble Sale; Christmas Enterprise activity
- Pupil Council to make links with Parent Council and look at ways of working together.

Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday 5th December @ 1:45pm (GP Room)**

Article 12 - Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.





Primary Maths Challenge

Pupils from P6/7 will be invited to take part in our Primary Maths Challenge this week. This is a National Maths Challenge which aims to motivate, excite and boost children's confidence in maths. The questions are designed in a way that does not depend on mathematical knowledge alone, but on the ability to think things through, be logical and find ways to solve problems.

Youth Music Initiative

We are delighted that all our pupils are receiving Kodaly this term and have also been given funding for our P5-7 pupils to take part in the YMI Bagpipe Experience in Term 3. We appreciate that we have an enormous amount of talent at Luthermuir and believe it is important to offer our pupils a variety of opportunities to develop their different skills and interests.

Article 31 - Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

HMT presents Cinderella

All our pupils will be attending HMT, Aberdeen for the panto production 'Cinderella' on Wednesday 11th December. Please note that due to this being an afternoon performance, pupils will be late home on this day. DM Carnegie have kindly offered to fund the cost of travel to and from this event for both Luthermuir and Marykirk pupils and our PTA are also contributing to enable us to keep the cost for families to a minimum. NFU have offered to purchase ice cream for the pupils. We appreciate Christmas can be a financially stressful time of year and are hugely grateful for the support being offered. More information will follow shortly.

Christmas is Coming

We have a range of activities and events planned in the run up to Christmas. If you have any free time and would like to get involved then please let the class teachers know. All classes will be taking part in an Enterprise activity to engage children in activities which promote the development of skills necessary for learning, life and work. In P1-3 our pupils will show that they can develop ideas and take part in projects to make things. In P4/5 the pupils will set goals and work towards achieving them, adopting different roles relevant to running a business. In P6/7 pupils will be able to explain to others what they would like to do and look for ways to achieve them. They will begin to identify different types of enterprise opportunities and engage in them, using this knowledge next term to organise their own 'Taste of Scotland' fundraiser.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Are you creative? Are you active/ sporty? Do you have a special talent or interest? Would you like to help support/run a club for our pupils over a lunchtime or after school? We are always looking for volunteers to support our extra-curricular activities. Please call the office (01674 902465) if you can help in any way.

Term 2

Running Club (Wednesday lunchtime)

Netball @ Marykirk Village Hall (Tuesday 330pm-430pm)

Dodgeball @ Luthermuir School (Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm)

- Pupil led clubs are in the process of being established through the pupil council - look out for more information shortly.

Reporting on Children's Progress

We are now up and running with Seesaw. If you have not already registered with the APP then we would encourage you to do so.

Staff and pupils will continue to share learning this term through Seesaw, exploring the different ways in which it can be used to have the best impact. Please feel free to get in touch with any feedback and suggestions. We plan to moderate how it is being used at the start of next term to ensure a consistent and progressive approach across the classes.