

Low Port Primary School: Where you are given opportunities and leave with happy memories.

## **Newsletter March 2017**

### Staffing Update

Thank you for your ongoing understanding during a period of unusually high staff absence this term. As previously sent out, we are trying wherever possible to ensure continuity for classes. Mrs Ramsay is providing cover where possible but there are occasions where we may need to make other arrangements. P2 parent evening consultations will be rescheduled for next term.

### School Improvement Plan Update

Teaching staff have been working closely with cluster colleagues to moderate learning in numeracy and literacy this term. This has included visits to observe learning in other schools in the cluster; planning for assessment together and moderating pupil work. Within our school, we have reviewed planning and spent time looking at *Getting It Right For Every Child* processes. Coming up, all teaching staff are attending training for Numicon with cluster colleagues and supported by the Numeracy Development Team. Numicon is a maths resource that is highly recommended for supporting numeracy and has been funded for every class by the PTA.

### Stellar Award

Low Port Primary has been awarded Runner Up of the Responsible Citizens Primary Schools category for our Dyslexia Friendly Schools project. Two pupils on the Dyslexia is Awesome Team (DATs Group) will represent the school along with two secondary pupils, staff and parents who have supported this project at the awards ceremony on Friday 3 March. A huge thank you to everyone involved for their hard work on this project.

### School Show

The tickets for the P2 & 3 show 'The Last Monster in Scotland' are now on sale for Tuesday the 21st or Wednesday 22nd of March through Ipay. We look forward to seeing you all! Arrangements for the evening are that P2 and P3 pupils should arrive at 6pm for a 6.30pm start via the P1 entrance. The door will be opened at 6pm when staff are available to assist in classrooms. The audience will enter from the main door which will be open from 6.15pm. Should children attend the Out of School Club, they can come straight from this to the classroom at 6pm.

### Family Learning Event - Anytime Anywhere Learning (AAL)

A Cluster family learning event has been organised for the evening of Tuesday 21 March for families of children in P5-7. The event will be held at Linlithgow Bridge Primary School from 6-7pm. Laura Compton from Education IT will be supporting this event and pupils from P6 and P7 at Linlithgow Bridge will be sharing the impact of AAL within their learning. Low Port Primary will go live with AAL in the near future so this meeting may be of interest to families. Should you wish to attend please use the letter sent out to families as the school requires numbers for planning.

### Rotary Club Quiz

Low Port were represented at the Rotary Club quiz by four P7 pupils - Adam H, Adam S, Kristina and . It was a very close call and Low Port performed extremely well. However the winners on the day were Torphichen Primary School, with Low Port coming a close third. Well done everyone!

### Office Team Update

So much happening at school at present.

- MILK

Milk payments should be made before 21st March to either P1-P6 or P7 due to difference in costings. Payments to be made via Ipay.

- DOUNANS CAMP

Final payments should be made for P7 Camp by Friday 17th March via Ipay.

- CHESS CLUB

If you have still to pay the £4 for chess competition, Ipay date has now been extended to 7th March.

- ADMIN ISSUES

If you have not managed to register for Ipay and need any help or information, do not hesitate to contact the School Office Team.

- LATENESS

The playground is supervised every morning from 8.30am to 8.50am to ensure pupils safety. Parents should make every effort to encourage punctuality, by ensuring children are in the school grounds before the bell as a number of pupils are still using the main reception door, thus meaning they are late and could result in causing anxiety as they may miss the start of lesson in class.

### Primary 7 Transition Project

*Primary 7 are taking part in an exciting new initiative with other Primary 7 pupils from across the Linlithgow cluster to help with our transition to Linlithgow Academy. We are using Yammer! an online service provided through GLOW and this is a very safe and secure version of social media.*

*This project aims to help us get to know pupils from other schools before starting at the academy, ask academy staff questions about life at secondary school and encourage us to work sensibly and responsibly in an online environment.*

*We now have our own class Yammer! group and we have made avatars in place of profile pictures. Most importantly, we have also made and agreed on a code of conduct for using GLOW/Yammer! in and out of school.*

*We are all enjoying this project so far.  
P7 Pupils*

### ECO VLG Update

*The entire ECO VLG enjoyed planting all the plants that you have kindly donated. We can't wait to plant the rest of them in the next couple of weeks. We were amazed by how many we got, there were so many it was hard for us to plant all of them. We think that because of your kind donations our school will be much nicer place that will also be a great habitat for wildlife. We hope you will enjoy it too! We have already planted all the bulbs that you have donated. Our wildlife garden will look a lot better now with daffodils and all sorts of plants and flowers to decorate it. They will stand out in spring time.*

*Thanks again,  
Eco VLG*

### Book Week News

Book Week has been great fun and we loved seeing all the creative dressing up ideas on Thursday, World Book Day. Many thanks to Sally from Far from the Madding Crowd, who has organised author/illustrator/drama sessions for all classes this week.

P6 and P7 a visit from Robert (Bob). J. Harris who is the Author of the book 'Artie Conan Doyle and the Gravediggers' Club.' We are reading this book in class and it is a good story. During the visit we participated in a Mystery Drama created by Bob. It was great fun and we really enjoyed the visit from him. Pupils said -

"He was lots of fun and very enthusiastic about his writing."

"It was good that he got us involved in the visit and he wasn't just talking all the time."

"I liked the crime drama we all did with Bob Harris - Alyssa was always 'baffled' and Lee never had anything to report - it was funny!"

Generally they all really enjoyed it, particularly how they all got to play parts or shout out during the 'crime' drama.

P5 had great fun in a very interactive session with Eilidh Muldoon.

'It was a really fun morning. Eilidh taught us about adding detail like pattern to make buildings more interesting and colourful. We made a street with our favourite buildings. We learned that you can tell a story through illustrations.'

The P3 and P4 pupils really enjoyed their interactive drama with the bookshop people, working on Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. They all worked well together and were very creative!

### Chess Club Update

*Molly T, Ella and Eileen all came back with chess medals for being part of the best Barbarians P7 team at the Lothian Junior Chess Championship on Sunday. The Barbarians category is for teams from more than one school - the girls played alongside a St Josephs and Linlithgow Primary player.*

*Three former Low Port children (David S, Lewis E and Paul A) were part of The Academy team which won the secondary school event.*

*Chess club Leaders*

### Diary Dates

Thursday 2 March	World Book Day
Friday 3 March	P4H Assembly - families welcome SPARKLE NIGHT!
Tuesday 7 March	PTA and ETF meeting 7pm in GP room - all welcome
Wednesday 8 March	Parent Council Meeting 7pm in GP room - all welcome
Thursday 9 March	P6 Tesco Visit P4H authors live visit
Friday 10 March	Euroquiz competition
Monday 13 March	P7 Tesco visit
Wednesday 15 March - Friday 17 March	P6 camp
Friday 17 March	Burgh Beautiful visit P1 Assembly - families welcome
Tuesday 21 March and Wednesday 22 March	School show for P2 and P3 from 6.30pm both evenings
Tuesday 21 March	AAL information event for parents P5-7 at Linlithgow Bridge Primary between 6 and 7 pm.
Thursday 23 March	P6 Cracking Easter event
Friday 24 March	Vertical Learning Groups
Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March	Parents' evenings 4.30-7.30pm both evenings
Wednesday 29th March	Easter Service 11am at St Michael's Church - all welcome
Friday 31 March	Break for Easter holidays at 12.25pm
Tuesday 18 April	All return at 8.50am