

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

NEXT WEEK

23 rd May	S1-S3 Sports Day (weather permitting)	N Ross
24 th & 27 th May	Bank Holiday Weekend	

FORTHCOMING

29 th May	S3 Parents' Meeting	
30 th May	New S5 Induction	
31 st May	New S6 Induction	
3 rd June	New Timetable	

Pupil Notice

17th May 2024**P Uniform Items and School Bags**

If you have any pre-loved uniform items or school bags that are no longer needed, we would be delighted if these could be handed into the school office so that we can add them to our uniform and school supplies for next session. Please help us to look after our environment– remember the importance of reducing, repairing, reusing and recycling!

B Lee

P SQA Exams

Well done to all Senior Phase students who have completed SQA exams in the first four weeks of the exam diet and good luck with all exams throughout the exam period! Please let Mr Gray know if you have any questions regarding your exams.

B Lee

P Clydesdale Cup – S1 and S2 Students

The final round of the Clydesdale Cup took place this week at the John Cumming Stadium, Carlisle. Well done to all students who participated in the rugby, netball, football, table tennis, badminton and athletics events across the year – thank you for representing our school! Full report and update to follow next week!

B Lee

P Lanarkshire Lieutenancy Schools' Speaking Competition

Congratulations to our Public Speaking Team who won the Lanarkshire Lieutenancy Schools' Speaking Competition at Airdrie Town Hall on 16th May! Very well done to Charlie Bauld, Murray Callan, Aaron Cameron, Liv Jeffrey, Jennifer Pate, Ellis McAra and Lauren Steele, and to all young people who helped and supported the team. The team delivered an excellent presentation on the theme of Citizenship and answered questions from team members in the other participating schools. Our students achieved first place and returned with a beautiful trophy and a generous donation to our School Fund, which will be used to support our students! Thank you to Miss McMillan and Miss Parsons for organising and supporting our participation and to Deputy Lieutenant Margaret Morton for her help and guidance. A full report will follow in our May newsletter.

B Lee

P S3 Reports and Parents' Evening

S3 Reports were issued on Wednesday, 8th May, along with information about S3 Parents' Evening, which takes place on Wednesday, 29th May.

B Lee

P Lost Property

A number of lost property items (including expensive outdoor jackets) remain unclaimed in the lost property store. Please check with Joan and Lynn if you have misplaced any items within the school.

B Lee

P Community

A reminder of the importance of placing litter in the bins provided. It is important that we look after the local environment and show respect for our community.

B Lee

P ParentsPortal

Thank you to all parents and carers who have signed up to ParentsPortal, our new digital communication service. ParentsPortal enables parents to update contact information, complete consent forms, view canteen menus and attendance information, link to ParentPay and other functions. From this session, school reports will also be available through ParentsPortal.

Further information can be found in the Parent letter issued last session at:

<http://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Information-Letter-to-parents-and-carers.pdf> Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

B Lee

P 'Too good to go'

Unsold sandwiches/wraps/baguettes left over from lunch-time can be collected from a fridge in the Pupil Support corridor at the end of the school day or by arrangement with PTs Pupil Support/SMT/PTs Equity. Please speak to SMT, PTs Pupil Support or PTs Equity for further information.

Please also remember that a supply of toiletries are available in Mr Mallaghan's Pupil Support Office. There are also some porridge pots if anyone has missed breakfast.

B Lee

P Uniform

Our school uniform is:

- White shirt/blouse;
- School tie (red and black/ senior/ international);
- Plain black V-neck jumper or cardigan without logos;
- Black trousers/black skirt;
- School blazer, with option of braiding for S6;
- Plain black footwear (including laces); and
- P.E. kit (white, red or black t-shirt, black shorts).

Please speak to Mrs McCallum, your Pupil Support Teacher, Miss Leckenby, Mrs Miller or any member of SMT if you need any uniform items. Alternatively, you can request uniform items at the links below:

School uniform <https://forms.gle/AWcqcQ7seyd5c91i9>

We would welcome any donations of any pre-loved items of school uniform, particularly school blazers to add these to the supplies available to pupils. Please pass any donations to the School Office. Thank you.

B Lee

P Windfarm Connect2 Renewables Employability Fund – S4-S6 pupils

The following information about the Windfarm Connect 2 Renewables Employability Fund has been shared with S4-S6 pupils and posted in S4-S6 Google Classrooms:

Due to your proximity to the Kype Muir and Middle Muir windfarms, if you plan on leaving at the end of this school year, you could be entitled to up to £500 (if going to college/university) or £200 if going into employment/apprenticeship.

This is a grant payment that does not need to be paid back. The only real requirement is that you live within the required postcode areas.

I would encourage you all to apply if eligible - it is free money that could be really useful as you start your post-school journey.

To apply, you really just need to complete a form - but you won't receive the money until you start college/university as they will need to see your student card. You can make enquiries now

though by contacting: connect2renewables@southlanarkshire.co.uk or telephone 0800 9520 070

J Mallaghan

P Homework

Homework will be shared using Google Classroom. Please make sure you are a member of all your Google Classrooms, including your Year Group Google Classroom.

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P Young Scot Card and Free Bus Travel

If you need a new Young Scot Card, or still have to renew your card to access free bus travel, your Tutor teacher can give you a form to complete, which will allow us to apply for your card on your behalf. Completed forms should be returned to the School Office.

B Lee

P EMA – S5/6

EMA application forms can be downloaded from the South Lanarkshire Council website. On the Council website, click on 'Education and Learning', then 'Secondary School Information', then 'Education Maintenance Allowance'. If you need any help with this, please see Mr Robertson or your Pupil Support Teacher.

It is your responsibility to complete and send the application form.

When you receive an award letter with your EMA number on it, bring this to Mr Robertson who will then issue a copy of the Learning Agreement to be signed by your teachers and Parent/Carer. You should then return the completed Learning Agreement to Mr Robertson and the school office will then process your EMA.

Only when you have completed all of the above will the payment process begin. Please see Mr Robertson if you have any questions about EMA.

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