

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

THIS WEEK

16 th September	Parent Council Meeting 7:15pm in School Library	
17 th September	Enterprising Maths Competition	Mr Prentice
22 nd September	St. Andrew's Hospice 6K Run	Mr Campbell (Maths)

FORTHCOMING

25 th September	S3 Tracking Reports issued	
27 th and 30 th Sept	September Weekend Holiday	
1 st – 3 rd October	House Assemblies	
9 th October	Clydesdale Cup, Biggar HS (S1/S2 rugby & netball)	Mr Ross
9 th October (pm)	Drama Trip	Miss Kelly
14 th - 18 th October	School Holidays	

Pupil Notice

16th September 2024**P Safe Walking Route Outcome - Update**

Kirkmuirhill/Blackwood/Auchenheath to Lesmahagow High School – safe walking route assessment outcome

Following the approval to implement the new policy on mainstream secondary school transport (distance eligibility of more than 3 miles) from August 2025, we have now assessed the walking route between Kirkmuirhill, Blackwood and Auchenheath to Lesmahagow High School.

The assessment has determined that the route is unsafe.

This means that current pupils and new pupils who live in the Kirkmuirhill, Blackwood or Auchenheath areas will continue to be eligible to receive school transport.

Walking route assessments are ongoing for other areas and further information will be provided to parents in due course.

B Lee

P Football Success!

Congratulations to Abigail Winning, School Vice Captain, who was part of the Giffnock winning team in the Cross League Cup final, beating Queen of the South 4-3 after being 3-0 down with 25 minutes to go. Abigail's team also won the Scottish Youth Challenge Cup semi-final v Ross County 2-1 after extra time, reaching the Scottish Cup final for the second season on a row. The final will be played on the weekend of 2 & 3rd November. Well done, Abigail!

N Ross

P Sustrans 'Hands Up' Travel Survey

Thank you to all Tutor groups for participating in the annual 'Hands Up' travel survey last week. The information that you provided will be collated and submitted to the Scottish Government to inform future planning.

B Lee

P Scripture Union

Mrs Baillie and Jean Lennox look forward to seeing everyone at our Scripture Union Club on Wednesdays at lunchtime in B101 (Literacy and Numeracy Hub). New members are always welcome – feel free to take your lunch with you! Please see Mrs Baillie for more information.

B Lee

P Lunch and After School Clubs

Thank you to everyone who took part and those who offered extra-curricular clubs last week. All students are encouraged to participate in our extra-curricular programme. Please let us know if there are other clubs you would like to see included in the programme or if you'd like to lead or help with any of the clubs. A summary of the clubs available can be viewed on the noticeboard in the PE corridor. Thank you to Mr Ross and all members of the Sports Development class for coordinating.

B Lee

P Home Economics

All pupils are reminded to bring a container for Home Economics when cooking. Thank you!

B Lee

P St. Andrew's Hospice 6K Run – Strathclyde Park, Sunday, 22nd September 2024

Information was shared at assembly on 30th August about an opportunity for all S5 and S6 students to participate in the St. Andrew's Hospice 6K Run/Walk at Strathclyde Park on Sunday, 22nd September (am). Thank you to Andy Flynn from St. Andrew's Hospice for sharing information about the event and how funds raised are used to support families across Lanarkshire. Please see Mr Campbell in the Maths Department for further information.

B Lee

P Open Afternoon

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined last week for our P7/S1 Open Afternoon. It was lovely to meet everyone and we hope you enjoyed a tour of our school and visiting classes. Thank you to everyone in our Captaincy team who led the tours and welcomed our guests.

B Lee

P Parent Council Meeting

Our first Parent Council Meeting of the new session takes place on Monday, 16th September, at 7.15 pm in the school library. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

B Lee

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 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.

LA Cimmino

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 Miss Fletcher or the School Office. Please see Miss Fletcher if you have any questions about accessing free bus travel.

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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