

**TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

25 th October & 1 st November	Parent Cookery Workshop	Miss Leckenby and Miss Ferguson
29 th & 30 th October	Merit Workshops	Miss Kelly & Mr Robertson
29 th October	S1-S3 Hallowe'en	Mr Robertson
30 th October	Brass Ensemble performance, Lanark Memorial Hall	Mrs Ritchie
1 st November	Dress Down (or Dress Up) Day!	

FORTHCOMING

4 th November	Debating Contest	Ms McMillan
5 th – 7 th November	House Assemblies	B Lee
6 th November	Senior Phase Parents' Evening	
7 th November	Girls' Football Competition, Hamilton Palace Grounds	Mr Ross
8 th November	Remembrance Day Assemblies	
11 th November	In-Service Day	
12 th November	Parent Council Meeting	
13 th November	Bronze Industrial Cadet Introduction Meeting	
14 th November	Cinema Trip	Mrs Forbes

P Dress Down (or Dress Up) Day – Friday, 1st November

There will be a dress down (or dress up) day on Friday, 1st November. Donations are not required.

B Lee

P Senior Phase reports

Senior Phase tracking reports were issued on Wednesday, 23rd October. Our first Senior Phase Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday, 6th November. There will be a further opportunity for parents/carers to meet with teachers to discuss progress in Senior Phase courses in February.

B Lee

P Higher and Advanced Higher Geography Trip

Higher and Advanced Higher Geography students travelled to Glasgow on Wednesday to gather data for their assignment/ folio work. Students described the day as, "awesome!" Thank you to Miss Leckenby and Mrs Muldoon-Ross for organising this event.

B Lee

P Parent/Carer Digital Drop-in

Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to our Digital Drop-in to sign up to ParentsPortal, Guardian Email through Google Classroom and ParentPay. If any parents/carers have questions or would like support regarding any of these resources, please contact the school office. We are always happy to provide help in accessing any of these platforms at any point in the school year.

B Lee

P Cycling Activity

Thank you to Lesmahagow Development Trust and our PE Department for helping to arrange a cycling event for our pupils as part of the Active Girls' programme. We hope everyone enjoys the event. Please see Mr Ross for further information.

B Lee

P School Improvement Feedback

Thank you to all students who have completed the School Improvement Feedback questionnaire. We will meet with Pupil Council representatives and those who would like to discuss their answers further in the next two weeks. If you have still to complete your survey, please do this by the end of the week.

B Lee

P Inter-school Captains Meeting

Our School Captains will represent our school at the Inter-school Captains Meeting, being held in Lanark Grammar School on Monday, 28th October. Thank you to Leela and Beau for representing our school at this event. We look forward to hearing your update following the meeting!

B Lee

P Flu Vaccinations

The School Immunisation Team will be in attendance on Tuesday, 29th October to administer flu vaccinations (nasal spray) to students. Pupils are reminded to eat breakfast before attending. Any questions should be directed to Susan Hannah, Lead Nurse on 07971939852.

D Robertson

P S1-S3 Merit Workshops

Merit Workshops will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, periods 4 & 5, 29th-31st October. Well done to all students who have been invited to take part and thank you to colleagues for organising and leading our Merit activities.

B Lee

P S1-S3 Hallowe'en Disco

A Hallowe'en Disco has been organised by our Senior Pupil Leadership Team for S1-S3 students. The disco takes place on Tuesday, 29th October, from 7-8.30 pm in the Street area. Tickets, priced at £1 are available from the Captaincy Team. There will be prizes for the best costumes. Come along and enjoy the fun and games. Snacks and refreshments are included in the ticket price.

B Lee

P Chaplaincy Meeting

The School Chaplaincy team will meet on Wednesday, 30th October at 12.45 pm to discuss arrangements for our Remembrance Assemblies (which will take place on Friday, 8th November). Please speak to Mrs Wright or Miss Lee for further information.

B Lee

P Touch a Life, Make a Difference Concert

Members of our School Band will be representing our school at Lanark Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 30th October, as part of the 'Touch a Life, Make a Difference' concert. Thank you to all students for the commitment they have shown in rehearsals.

B Lee

P Home Economics

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

Mr Ross

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.

D Robertson