

**TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

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
7 th November	Netball Trip –Celtic Cup 2024, Emirates Arena, Glasgow	Ms Wardrope
8 th November	Remembrance Day Assemblies	

FORTHCOMING

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
14 th November	Football Festival	

Pupil Notice

4th November 2024

P S1-S3 Hallowe'en Disco

Well done to all students who joined us on Tuesday, 29th October for our Hallowe'en Party. It was a great evening with lots of dancing, games and fun! Congratulations and thank you to our S6 students who organised the event.

B Lee

P Kilbryde Hospice Fundraiser

Very well done to our Brass Ensemble students who represented our school at the 'Touch a Life, Make a Difference' Concert on Wednesday evening, 30th October, at Lanark Memorial Hall. The group played tunes by AC/DC, Robbie Williams and ABBA; everyone was excellent! Thank you to Mr Pollock and Mrs Ritchie for supporting the group.

B Lee

P S1-S3 Merit Workshops

Well done to all students who were invited to take part in our Merit events last week and thank you to colleagues for organising and leading the activities.

B Lee

P Debating Competition

Good luck to all students who are representing our school at the Debating Competition in Glasgow University on Monday, 4th November!

B Lee

P House Assemblies

House Assemblies will take place in the Street area on Tuesday (Kerse), Wednesday (Milton) and Thursday (Logan).

B Lee

P Senior Phase Parents' Evening

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 Remembrance Day
Our Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on Friday, 8th November, led by Rev. Morag Garrett, School Chaplain. Thank you to all students involved in planning and delivering the assembly. Assembly times: 8:40am: S1 & S3, 9:20am – S2 & S6 and 10am: S4 & S5. Alternative arrangements will be made for those who do not participate in Religious Observance – please speak to your Pupil Support Teacher.

B Lee

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

N 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