



Livingston Village Primary School

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School Update

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Open Door Policy

Parents are welcome to visit the school at any time. Please speak to Mrs. Young at the office to arrange an appointment.

See below for member of management with overall responsibility for your child's class.

Mrs. Turnbull: Nursery, P1, P5, P6 and P7

Mrs. Currie: P2, P3/2, P3/4 and P4

Your help is needed!

We are always looking for parental help at LVPS. Could you be available to go on school trips, help out with mounting work for display, help update a section of the website, help out in school with any activities? See Mrs. Young at the school office.

November already! Since our last mailing our pupils have been involved in a number of exciting projects.

P6 would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas shoe box appeal which was part of their enterprise work. A special thank you to Eilidh Hinselwood and Charlotte-Rose Davis for counting all the shoe boxes for us. Altogether we have received 92 shoe boxes. The children who receive these will be very happy and it will make their Christmas really special.

During the summer

holidays, Ms Ferguson visited Uganda to support a school there in developing an improvement plan. She had a great time and we have decided to set up a Global link with a school in Uganda. We are very excited about this as it will provide a real context for our pupils to learn more about another country and its culture.

P1 would like to thank all staff and parents for supporting them in creating the Uganda Museum and also for coming along to view and take part in the museum and offering such positive

comments. P1 had a wonderful time being curators and setting up the museum and an even better time as museum attendants on the day. Now that P1 have introduced the rest of the school to Uganda and particularly to our link school, Kiryandongo Primary, we hope to continue our link with them over the coming year. The Monkey Nuts Café raised £69 and this will be the start of our fundraising to reach the £500 fee needed for this link. We really appreciate your ongoing support.

Health, Safety and Welfare: Kirk Lane

We have had a serious complaint from the local police regarding parking on Kirk Lane. A few weeks ago, an ambulance had been called out to an emergency on Kirk Lane and was unable

to get down this road due to the volume of cars parked on both sides of the road. The paramedics had to get out of the ambulance and direct traffic to move out of the way costing them valuable time.

Fortunately on this occasion, there were no serious consequences of this delay. Please can I ask all parents to be mindful of safety when dropping off and collecting children from our school. Thank you.

Exciting Christmas Project

In the run up to Christmas, the children in primary 2 - 7 will be involved in a very special Christmas writing project. This will involve them in writing in a very focused way. As a result, there will be increased time spent on writing within each class for approximately 3 - 4 weeks. This will enable them to write in a given context and for a very specific purpose making their learning more

meaningful. Learning in mathematics and P.E. will continue as usual but there will be flexibility in other curricular areas. During this time, the children will still be given homework, however, sometimes this might be of a different nature than usual. The outcome of this project is a surprise and you can find out more about what we have been up to by attending our

open day on 23 December 2009. More information on times for this event will follow in due course.



Christmas is coming! We'll help you get ready!

[Personalised Christmas Cards](#)

All the children in school have designed their own Christmas cards this year. These are available for purchase on www.my-fundraising-project.co.uk

You can view samples and see what other products can be bought with your child's design on the website. For every packet of cards sold, the school receives £1.25 if ordered through the

website and £1.50 if ordered through school. See flyer on website for more details.



[Christmas Fair](#)

The Christmas Fair will take place in school on Friday 4th December from 11:30 - 2:00pm. Entry to the event is free. There will be stalls featuring the enterprise products made by the children as well as home baking,

games, body art and a tombola. We have contacted Santa who has promised to put the date in his diary! Our grand Christmas Draw will take place on Wednesday 9th Dec. Look out for tickets soon. You can help by donating items including **home baking, items for the family Hamper, bottles of Wine & items suitable as Raffle Prizes, Toys and Books**. Items will be gratefully received and can be left at the School Office.

Children In Need

P7 pupils are organising a Family Bingo Night in school to raise money for Children in Need. The bingo night will take place on Monday 23rd November. Doors open at 6pm. Eyes down at 6:30pm. Entry costs 50p per adult and 25p per child.



School photographer

Unfortunately the school photographer was unable to complete the photos due to faulty equipment. We have arranged for her to come on **THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER**. Due to the lateness of the return visit, can I ask that if you want the photograph of your child that you return them the as soon as possible to guarantee delivery for Christmas.

Harvest gifts

Thank you to everyone who donated harvest gifts. We had a huge response and were able to send many packages to the Open Door Project.

Bags 2 School

Once again we are taking part in a 'Bag 2 School' fund raising activity. Bags will come into school on Monday 16th November 2009.

Afterschool Clubs

A variety of After School Clubs start in school on 9th November and these will continue into next term. Please make sure that you keep a note of the exact dates of the clubs.

Clubs start at 3.30 p.m. and last until 4.15 p.m. Pupils have already enrolled for the clubs and a register will be taken each week. If your child is unable to attend a session, please let us know as soon as possible by contacting Mrs Young in the School Office.

Nursery and wraparound

As the weather becomes colder, could you please ensure that your child has a warm waterproof coat, hat, gloves, scarf and wellies as we will be outside everyday. As always, please ensure all items of clothing are labeled.

Wraparound

Wraparound themes for November include Guy Fawkes, Thanksgiving, St. Andrews Day and win-

ter. Activities will include baking and art as well as our normal activities. Any donations of anti-bacterial spray and/or tissues to wraparound would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Cards

Please can you encourage your son or daughter to send 1 Christmas card to the class rather than individual cards. This is not only more cost efficient for yourself, it is more eco-friendly for the environment.

Nursery

We will shortly be beginning to practice for our Christmas show which will be held in school on Tuesday 15th December. Look out for more information nearer

Christmas Panto

We have organised for a touring company to come and perform 'Goldilocks' as our school pantomime this year. This will take place in school on the afternoon of Monday 30th November. All pupils from P1—P7 will attend. The cost of this event is £1.50 payable to the school office. If you have any questions about this, please contact the school office.

the time. The nursery Christmas party will take place on Tuesday 22nd December. This will take place in the morning for ALL nursery children. There will be no afternoon nursery session.

We would like to thank all our parent helpers for their on going support and help in nursery. It is very much appreciated.



Little Villagers

It hardly seems like yesterday we were all taking about the summer, and now Christmas is creeping up on us fast. This year the Little Villagers would like to take the children to a pantomime. We will be going to see Robinson Crusoe and the Caribbean Pirates at the Kings theatre in Edinburgh on Friday the 11th of December. All children have been given information and forms. Children who normally attend the club but do not wish to attend can remain in the club.

We have had a fun month in the

Little Villagers, we had a great time during the holiday club doing a variety of activities including pizza making, river walking, fishing, dance, arts and crafts, sports to name but a few, the pictures are available to look at on our website, go to littlevillagers@org.co.uk to have a look, remember you must register with us to gain the password for access to some of the site. We also bid a sad farewell to Anita, who is returning home to Hungary at the end of the month, Anita has been an asset to the Little Villagers and will be sadly missed by us all. We would also like

to welcome onboard our new Chairperson, Mrs Alison Muirhead, Alison has taken over from Scott Logan who has been on our committee for over 4 years, we would like to thank Scott for all his hard work and support over the years. We wish Alison great luck and success on taking the Little Villagers forward over the coming years with all her and the committee's ideas, we also welcome Amanda Sowerby as our Vice chair.

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Diary dates—November

- Monday 9th: After school Clubs start today
- Tuesday 10th: Football match away to Harrysmuir
- Tuesday 10th: Parent Council meeting 7pm
- Monday 16th: Bags to School begins
- Tuesday 17th: Football match at home to Deans
- Monday 23rd: Family Bingo night - Children in Need
- Monday 30th: Goldilocks performance - whole school

Diary Dates: December

- Thursday 3rd: Tempest Photographer in school
- Friday 4th: Christmas Fair
- Monday 7th: School Christmas Post starts today
- Monday 14th: P6 and P7 Christmas Party — pm
- Tuesday 15th: Nursery Christmas show-am and pm
- Tuesday 15th: Cluster Carol Concert at ICHS 7pm
- Wednesday 16th: P1&P2 concert am & P4&P5 party pm
- Thursday 17th: Nursery to Snow Babies am and pm
- Thursday 17th: P1&P2 Concert pm
- Monday 21st: P2 & P3 Christmas party am & P1 party pm
- Tuesday 22nd: Nursery Christmas party
- Wednesday 23rd: Church service + open day

All for the children for all of the children !

COMMENTS SLIP

Pupil's name and class: _____

Please feel free to comment on any item in the newsletter or anything else regarding school.

Comments:-

