Dear Parents/ Carer
Welcome to our latest newsletter. December is going to be a busy month with lots of activities for the children.

Christmas Tree
In memory of Mr McLean our janitor, we have erected a new Christmas tree in the school foyer and would like to invite children and families from the community who wish, to put a bauble on the tree in his memory. The erection of the Christmas tree was always a job that Mr. McLean spoke lots about! The children and staff felt that this was a way of remembering the great work he did for the school for many years to come.

Children in Need
Thank you to everyone who participated and dressed in spots or yellow. We raised over £400 on the day. We had a Pudsey hunt around the school with prizes and a Staff house quiz with our house captains leading their teams. It was a very close victory for Clyde.

Sports Committee
Our Sports committee are in the process of organising taster sessions for new sports and activities that we don’t currently offer. Coaches will visit the school and hold sessions with every class. Money raised from our recent obstacle course will help to pay for this. Many thanks to everyone who donated.

Enterprise Week
Enterprise week was held week beginning the 12th November. The children in every class took part in an enterprise challenge and learned about creativity, innovation, design and running a company. Every class also made Christmas crafts and these will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 7th December from 6-8pm.

P1&2 took part in Enterprising Infants, P3 took part in the Ollie the Octopus challenge and P7 had to pitch to a team consisting of school staff and Mr Smith, Head Teacher at Larkhall Academy during their Dragon’s Den event. P4 and P5 had a Kapla design and build challenge and P6 were running their own business in Enterprise is the Business. It was a very worthwhile week helping children to make links between Learning, Life and Work.

Parking
The safety of our pupils is paramount therefore our school carpark is closed each day at 2.40pm and re-opened at 3.10pm. Anyone choosing to park in the staff carpark will be unable to exit before this time. When parking vehicles close to the school, please park your car with consideration for our neighbours. Please keep driveways clear and be aware that a Road Traffic Order is in place outside the school and parking on the yellow lines can result in fines being issued.

Raffle Tickets
Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets. All tickets and money should be returned to school by Thursday 6th December.

Crossing Patrol
We received an email this morning from Facilities Waste and Ground Services to advise us that from today there will be no crossing patrol at Drygate Street / Miller Street. The reason given for this is absence. Should the situation change I’ll be in touch to notify you.

Class Showcase of Learning
Room 8 and Room 12 invited parents and relatives into school to share in their learning. There was lots of fun and new learning for everyone. Room 8 had been learning about the Titanic and Room 12 shared their knowledge about World War II. Thank you to everyone who came along and gave us feedback on the events.

Parents’ Evening
We had a very successful evening with 90% of our families represented on the night. Thank you to everyone for completing our questionnaire. We have collated the results and will be in touch with feedback.
**PETS**

Please note that dogs are **NOT** permitted on school property whether they are tethered to a lead or not. School property includes the playground, MUGA and car park area of the school.

**School Meals / Packed Lunches**

Pupils in P1-3 receive a free school lunch. Lunches for pupils in P4-7 are £1.65 unless they are in receipt of a free school meal entitlement. Water is the only drink offered free at lunch time therefore your child can bring a carton of juice for lunch or purchase a carton of milk for 20p. No glass bottles or fizzy juice are allowed. Water bottles should have sports lids and contain only plain water. Juice and flavoured water, if spilled on books and jotters is sticky and ruins them.

Please note pupils are asked **not to bring NUTS** or products containing nuts e.g. Nutella into school because of allergies.

**P.E.**

We ask for safety that all pupils remove their jewellery including watches prior to any PE lessons. If ear-rings cannot be removed, then plasters need to be worn. *(Plasters to be provided from home.)* Should your child be unable to participate in PE, then a letter must be provided.

**Wet Mornings**

When dropping your children off at school please leave them at the gym hall next to the main entrance. To ensure security and safety for pupils and staff, should you need to speak to an adult, we ask that all parents report to the school office and enter the school by the front door.

**Christmas Fayre**

Our annual Christmas Fayre is being held in the school on Friday 7th December from 6-8pm. The Parent Council are looking for people to help out. If you are available, please contact the Parent council. There promises to be lots of stalls and Santa’s Grotto as well as Christmas Crafts and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there!

**SCHOOL ABSENCE**

If your child needs to be off please **telephone the school**.

Could you please ensure that a note is sent to school with your child on their return from any absence they may have. If no note is sent to school the absence will be recorded as unauthorised (even if a phone call has been made earlier). Absences below 90% will result in the attendance officer being contacted.

**Clothing**

Across the session we are left with high volumes of jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, gloves, scarves and water bottles. **PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD’S BELONGINGS** so that we can return lost items quickly and easily to their owner.

At our Parents’ Evening please check the lost property for anything your child has lost. Any items left will be given to a local charity shop.

**December Dates**

- Fri 7th Dec - Christmas Fayre 6-8pm
- Wed 12th Dec - School Christmas Lunch
- Thur 13th Dec 1.15pm - P6&P7 Party
- Fri 14th Dec - 1.15pm P4&P5 Party
- Mon 17th Dec - 1.15pm P2&P3 Party
- Tues 18th Dec - 10am Grandparents Treat (Gym Hall)
- 1.15pm - P1 Party
- Wed 19th Dec - 1.30pm Christmas Assembly in St Machan’s Church
- Thur 20th Nursery Sing-a-long (am)
- Nursery Party (pm)
- Fri 21st Dec - Wear a Christmas Jumper Day

School Closes 2.30pm.

**Parties**

Please note that the children can be collected from school at 12.15pm if going home for lunch and that the parties will begin promptly at 1.15pm.