

*Low Port Primary School: Where you are given opportunities and leave with happy memories.*

## **Newsletter December 2019**

### **Enterprise Award**

Last Friday we were honoured to attend the West Lothian Business Awards ceremony at the Houston House Hotel. Low Port Primary School won the overall prize for Enterprising School Award 2019! We are extremely proud of this, as it recognises all the hard work we have done around Developing Young Workforce and Careers Education, as well as our partnership work. A special thanks to FLPPS for supporting Enterprise Night, and to the Rotary Club for supporting Rotakids. There are many other partners who have contributed to our success and to enhancing the learning experiences of our children and we thank you all. We would especially like to thank the families and children who came along on the night to receive the award, which is on display in the foyer.

### **Sharing Our Learning Events**

#### **Enterprise Evening**

We are all very busy preparing for Enterprise Night on Thursday 5 December 6.30pm-7.30pm. As part of their learning, all classes are planning a class enterprise using £25 gifted from FLPPS to make their money grow! Classes will be sharing their learning on Enterprise Night, running stalls they have developed themselves as a class. There will be a wide range of stalls, gifts, games and competitions for you to choose from! These include:-

- guess the teddy's age
- raffle
- bird feeders
- reindeer food
- home baking
- candy cane reindeer
- stress balls
- chocolate tombola
- Decorating Christmas biscuits
- Christmas tree decorations
- bottle lucky dip
- hot chocolate spoons
- sock snowmen
- a range of games – put the nose on Rudolph, SNAP
- guess the number of sweets
- lucky cracker
- leather gifts

FLPPS and Parent Council will also be supporting this event with drinks available – please do bring your own cup if possible as we are an Eco school. P7 would welcome any home baking

(this can be handed in any time on the 5th December). This is always a very popular event on our school calendar and we look forward to seeing you on the night.

### **Parent Body News**

#### **Parent Council**

Parent council dates have been agreed for the year and are as follows:-

Wednesday 22 January

Wednesday 4 March

Wednesday 20 May

All are welcome in the staffroom (numbers permitting) from 7-9pm.

#### **FLPPS update**

Friends of Low Port PS would like to say thank you all for your support and generosity in 2019, and wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **Learning Updates**

#### **ECO Update**

Our new ECO code has been launched this week following our competition. Well done to our P7 pupil who won the competition. The new code will be displayed around the school and will remind people to make eco friendly choices in their daily lives.

Thank you so much to FLPPS who have kindly replenished our school supply of litter pickers. We can't wait to get out in the grounds clearing up litter and making Low Port a happy, clean space for wildlife and families!

Look out for our ECO tips and messages on twitter over the course of the year. Our ECO display board also maps out our action plan for the year - take a look!

### **Wider Achievements**

#### **Performances**

We have a number of children involved in shows, pantomimes and performances outwith school through their clubs. We would like to wish them all good luck on the night!

#### **Football Kit Donation**

Our football team are sporting a brand new kit courtesy of David Paterson. David has raised a significant amount of funding through Walk for Jock and supports many organisations in Linlithgow. We would like to thank him for his kindness and support.

#### **Swimming**

Leroy very much enjoyed his outing to the West Lothian School Championships on Sunday 10th November. Lisa (P6) did a fine job representing the school and had 2 top ten finishes for freestyle and butterfly, being the top girl in her age group for butterfly. Thanks to Miss Livingston (Linlithgow Academy PE) for her Linlithgow Cluster team manager support.

#### **After School Clubs**

Strings after school club gave an amazing performance last night to families, showing their hard work and getting everyone into the Christmas spirit!

Bootcamp is starting after the holidays on Monday evenings for P4-7. A groupcall has already gone out about this. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

### Charity Focus for this Session

Pupils are in the process of deciding what our national charity this year would be through the VLG plans. We will update you when the children have finalised their research. The church collection at the Christmas Service will be in aid of the British Heart Foundation, a charity that has supported families within our school community.

### Christmas Arrangements

As the party season fast approaches, we thought a wee reminder about Christmas arrangements may be useful.

- All class parties will be in the afternoon. Children may have a chance to change into party clothes at lunch time. All children will be able to choose crisps and a sweet courtesy of FLPPS and there may be party prizes up for grabs! **Please bring a water bottle with you!**
- At the Christmas lunch on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, children may wear a Christmas jumper or a Christmassy hat if they wish.
- Our Christmas service in St Michael's Church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, which includes our P1 Nativity, starts at 1.45pm. Everyone is welcome to join us! As well as the P1 performance, brass, strings and choir will be performing. After the service, all children will return to school for the end of the school day and can be collected at 3.20pm as usual. There will be a retiring collection for the British Heart Foundation.
- We have a parent helper coffee morning arranged 10.30 – 11am on Thursday 19 December. Please feel free to join us for a mince pie and cuppa.

### Diary Dates

- Thursday 5 December Christmas lunch – wear a Christmas jumper if you wish!  
Enterprise Evening 6.30-7.30pm  
Rag Bag day.
- Friday 6 December VLG 3  
P5 and P6 dress rehearsal – school only
- Monday 9 December Nativity rehearsal – school only
- Tuesday 10 December P5 P6 school show 6.30pm (be here for 6pm)
- Wednesday 11 December Nativity St Michael's Church 1.45pm All Welcome  
P5 P6 school show 6.30pm (be here for 6pm)
- Monday 16 December P7 Party PM
- Tuesday 17 December P5 and P6 Party PM  
P1 Care Home visit  
P3 Linlithgow Link Visit  
Flu immunisation day
- Wednesday 18 December P3 and P4 Party PM  
P5 Bridges Trip
- Thursday 19 December Parent Helper Mince Pies and Coffee Morning 10.30-11  
P1 and P2 Party PM  
P7 Care Home Visit
- Friday 20 December Informal Talent Show – school only

ALL BREAK FOR HOLIDAYS 12.25pm

**All Low Port Primary staff would like to  
wish you a very Merry Christmas and  
happy New Year!**

*Merry Christmas*

