



# Auchengray Primary Newsletter

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## Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents,

Well what a month November has been. It started off with Primary 6 and 7 pupils heading to Kingswood for the bi-annual residential. We were very lucky with the weather and everybody made new friends and enjoyed all the activities. This proves to be an extremely successful transition activity.

Once P6 and 7 had returned to school, all pupils were involved in presenting to the Levenseat Committee their project 'Using STEM to investigate renewable energy'. As you will all know, we were awarded the Acorn Award jointly with Braehead Primary. As you can imagine, the whole school was delighted with this. I would like to say a big well done to our Primary 7 pupils who were instrumental in leading the learning activities as part of this project.

The Levenseat award was closely followed by our 3 Primary 7 pupils, helped by a Primary 6 being awarded the Biggar Rotary Club Shield for second place in the Biggar heat of the annual Rotary Club Quiz—again a great achievement and well done!

It was great to see pupils on Children in Need day dressed in all manner of yellow, spots and Pudsey attire. Thank you to all who contributed to the Children in Need Duck race, which along with contributions for the non-uniform day, raised £70—well done.

We rounded off November, with a great St Andrew's Day lunch, followed by an afternoon of reading and story writing. It was great to see so many parents able to attend and enjoying the opportunity to work with their child/ren. Thank-you to all who attended.

All that is left for me to say, is have a great festive time when it comes.

Carol Pennock



### Dates for your diary

Please check the school website for details of up and coming events

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**Tuesday 5th December 2017**

SSPCA visit

**Friday 8th December 2017**

Visit to Lanark Panto (PM)

**Thursday 14th December**

School Christmas Lunch

**Tuesday 19th December 2017**

School Christmas Show and Enterprise—6.30 pm in the school

**Wednesday 20th December**

Christmas Party 1—3pm

**Friday 22nd December**

School closes at 2.30pm

**Monday 8th January 2018**

School reopens at 9.00am

**Thursday 18th January 2018**

P7 STEM day at BHS

**Friday 19th January 2018**

P6 Enterprise Day at BHS

**Thursday 1st February**

Small schools Netball and Benchball Festival (P4-7)

### Canteen

A new menu has recently been introduced in the canteen. This provides the pupils with soup daily along with the choice of two hot meals and one 'combo' snack meal, which normally consists of a selection of sandwiches, wraps, rolls or pasta pots along with a salad bar. Pupils also can select a mixed fruit pot daily.

The cost of this remains free for Primary 1—3 pupils and £1.60 for Primary 4—7 pupils.



### School App

We will be launching our school app shortly. This will enable us to communicate with you in real time, allowing us to send you messages to your smart phone, it will allow you at a click to see the school calendar. You will also be able to access the school newsletter and details of events happening in school.

Look out for the flyer with the QR code for the app next week.

### Swimming Lessons

On Thursday 30th November all children started a 12 week block of swimming lessons at Lanark Lifestyles centre. We leave school at 9am sharp and return 10.40am.

This block of swimming lessons has been made possible by a very generous grant of £800 from WATIF to cover the cost of transport. Transport costs for school activities is a real issue for us and this grant will ensure that we are able to give the pupils opportunities to take part in other events within the learning community so THANK-YOU to WATIF for enabling this.

The school, along with a small donation from parents will cover the cost of the lessons and the swimming coach.

### Fundraising

Thanks to everyone who continues to use our Clothing Bank; £29.60 has been raised since August. Please also continue to use.

**Please continue to use this facility as it continually 'tops up' our school fund—since we started using this, the school has received the grand total of £1678!**

**[www.easyfundraising.org](http://www.easyfundraising.org)**

It is amazing how much we can raise without costing you anything and with Christmas just around the corner, Please consider going through this website. Please visit the school website for the link All monies raised go to help provide additional activities and resources for your children.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

To help strengthen the sense of community within the school and to promote a feeling of belonging we encourage the wearing of school uniform.

ALJ Work and Leisurewear of Lanark now have the school logo and are able to provide uniform items. You can view their range on their website [www.aljonline.co.uk](http://www.aljonline.co.uk) or visit their shop at 18 Bloomgate Lanark.

**However we still have some new items of uniform available in the school to buy, currently at a reduce price.**

Please help your child to ensure that they don't lose their uniform by clearly labelling all items, including gym kit.

### Parent Council News

Many thanks to the Parent Council for their continued support of the school. They have recently agreed to fund the purchase of another laptop for the school, along with an app for parents—see above for details.

The recent Ceilidh was a huge success, with a great night had by all who attended. Well done to all involved.

The next meeting of the Parent Council takes place on **Wednesday 24th January at 7pm** in the school. If you can spare an hour please consider coming along.