



Naidheachdan Lacasdail

House Captains and Sports Council

Two weeks ago, P7 pupils were interviewed for the position of House Captain or as a member of the Sports Council.

Miss MacLeod, Mrs Rigg, Angus Murdo and Sophia conducted the interviews and scored each pupil out of 5 for their answers.

The standard was *really* high this year and all pupils came very well prepared. Well done to all the pupils who were interviewed and thank you to Angus Murdo and Sophia for being part of the interview panel.

The new House Captains are Hannah & Cody, Isobella & Innes F, Finlay & Peter and Sophie & Ruby.

The new members of the Sports Council are Angus, Nathan, Kyle, Innes and Cole.

Congratulations to you all.

Their first task was to introduce themselves to the whole school over a virtual Assembly. They told pupils a little about themselves and what they have planned for the year ahead. It isn't easy speaking over TEAMS and they all did really well. House Captain and Sports Council badges were presented by Mrs Rigg.

Eco Committee

The Eco Committee for this session are Emma, Lylya, Abbie, Abi, Isla and Angus Murdo. The team will be working closely with other classes and pupil working groups within the school in order to raise awareness of environmental issues. They will also work towards achieving our next Green Flag award.

We are delighted that Miss Afrin has agreed to lead the Eco - Committee this session.

RRSA Steering Group

The RRSA Steering Group was also chosen this week. Pupils from P4-P7 had to submit an application stating why they should be chosen and what their skills were. Names were hidden from the forms to make the process fair and applicants were given marks out of 10. Mrs Rigg and four P7 pupils, who were members of the RRSA group last year, graded the forms

The RRSA Steering Group for this session are

Murdo P7, Arpitha and Holly P6, Ruby, Harley and Ayla P5, Willow and Faith P4, Finlay T and Alasdair GM6/7, Starla, Finlay C and Isla Marie GM4/5.

We had so many applicants this year, so it was very difficult to choose. Well done to all pupils who applied. We look forward to working with the new Steering Group and promoting Children's Rights throughout our school community.

As a school, we aim to promote leadership at all levels. We had more applications for leadership roles this session than ever before, which demonstrates that throughout the school, pupils are gaining in confidence and willing to take on new challenges. Other leadership roles, at class level, will be available through the year.

Photos of all our new leadership groups are available to see on the school website and Facebook page

New School Podcast

We have launched a new podcast which will keep you informed of what is going on in the school. It will be run by the P7 House Captains so you will hear a lot from them, as well as our Sports Council, Eco Committee and RRSA Steering Group.

This will give our pupils more of a voice so they can share their learning experiences with the wider school community.

The Podcast is available on Spotify, Anchor and Google Podcasts, and can be found by searching 'Laxdale Leaders', (though an exciting pupil competition will be run to come up with a podcast name and display image). You can also find the Podcast in the 'News' section of the school website.

<https://anchor.fm/laxdale>

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Welcome Back Assembly Rev Brian Macleod

The Rev Brian Macleod from Martin's Memorial Church of Scotland welcomed all pupils back on Wednesday with our first Religious Assembly of the session. He presented an interactive and lively virtual assembly. The message he gave stated the importance of remembering that it is what is on the inside, not the outside that counts.

Playground Markings

We are indebted to our Parent Council who funded new playground markings for the school. Pupils love following the trails around the front playground, playing hopscotch and playing snakes and ladders. We are also grateful to Cal Max who painted them on. They look really bright and cheery in our front playground.

Teaching Assistant Appreciation Day

Thursday 16th September was National Teaching Assistant Day. Pupils from all stages contributed to a short podcast episode to thank our Non-teaching staff for all they do to help them daily in the classroom, the playground and the canteen. All non-teaching staff are loved by our pupils and appreciated by teaching staff for the great work they do to keep our school happy and safe.

Whole School Sponsored Walk

This year we will complete our annual sponsored walk to raise funds for the Newmarket Play Park. We plan to form a strong link with our local play park this session, as part of our School Improvement Project on Outdoor Learning. As a result, we hope pupils will be proud of their play park, appreciate the work that goes on to maintaining it and do all they can to look after it.

The walk will take place on Wednesday 6th October. More information and sponsor forms will be distributed next week.

School Photographer

The school photographer has been booked for Tuesday 5th October for individual and class photos. We recommend that pupils wear full school uniform (shirt and tie) for school photos. Thank you. More information will be sent to parents nearer the time.

Non Uniform Day

As next Friday (24th September) is the last Friday of the Month, it will be a non-uniform day. Pupils are invited to pay £1 towards school funds. Thank you. We really appreciate the donations we get as it allows all pupils to benefit at various points throughout the session.

NON UNIFORM DATES FOR SESSION 2021-22

Friday 24th September 2021

Friday 29th October 2021

Friday 19th November 2021

Friday 17th December 2021

Friday 28th January 2022

Friday 25th February 2022

Friday 25th March 2022

Friday 22nd April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

Friday 24th June 2022

FOODBANK/FARESHARE

Please remember that this service is available to all families who are struggling at this challenging time. Please know that you can contact the service and it is totally anonymous and there is no referral process. If you are interested, please contact the school or text or email Rachel at 07970959193/ rmacdonald1s@gnes.net

Have a nice weekend ☺

Mrs Amy Rigg, Principal Teacher