



Naidheachdan Lacasdail

COVID-19

We continue to be vigilant in Laxdale School and although many of the restrictions have been lifted we still follow the Premises Risk Assessment which was recently updated.

We continue to ask parents to communicate with us regarding their child's absence. There are specific codes for recording different absences and it is important we record the correct one.

Please follow the guidelines in the recent Parent Briefing from CNES regarding a child developing symptoms.

CAUTION ADVISED AS RULES RELAX AND LOCAL CASES RISE

Whilst our schools welcome further news of the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, we do so with caution as, at the same time, we are currently seeing increased reports of virus transmission in several communities in the Western Isles.

With this in mind, schools will be proceeding with caution when reducing measures and restrictions and will be taking account of the immediate numbers of cases in the local area. As a result, it is possible that, in the coming weeks, schools in the Western Isles may operate different levels of restrictions that reflect their local community circumstances. The national guidance acts as a minimum expectation and head teachers will continue to make local decisions about restrictions affecting their schools whilst taking account of local public health advice.

We continue to strongly encourage everyone to follow the latest NHS advice:

- ☑ Get fully vaccinated
- ☑ Wear a face covering wherever it's required
- ☑ Wash hands frequently
- ☑ Cover nose and mouth if coughing/sneezing
- ☑ Test regularly
- ☑ Open windows when meeting people indoors
- ☑ If you have symptoms, act quickly. Isolate and seek a test.

ASSEMBLY

It was lovely to meet as a whole school on Wednesday morning for Assembly. It's hard to believe we had two years of online Assembly with all the pupils sitting in their classroom. The pupils and staff enjoyed being together in the Gym Hall. The children were reminded of all they have achieved over the last two years. The highlight of the Assembly was the video Mr Campbell made to highlight what Laxdale School achieved during the pandemic. Thank you, Mr Campbell.

NEURODIVERSITY WEEK 21st to 27th MARCH

The school hopes to celebrate Neurodiversity week. Mrs Janey Macleod will lead an Assembly on Wednesday 23rd March and class teachers will plan a whole school focus day around the topics of Autism, Dyslexia and ADHD. Topics will be handled sensitively by staff and the aim of the day is to educate pupils and raise awareness in a respectful way.

If anyone requires further information regarding the content of activities planned, please contact the school.



FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Well done to all the girls who took part in the Football Festival last Saturday. A good day was had by all!



Dear Parent/Carer,

Reading Challenge

As part of our focus on literacy in Laxdale school, we intend to involve every pupil in a reading challenge. The Reading Challenge will aim to see every child read a **minimum of 6 books in 6 weeks**.

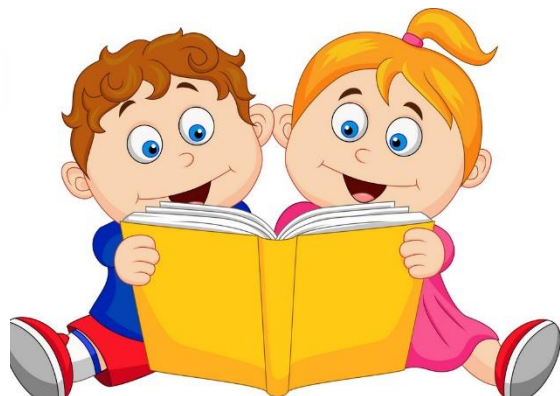
Six Books in Six Weeks

Books can either be children's weekly library book selection, a book from the class library or a book from home. Each pupil has been issued with a 'loyalty card' which will be punched once a week, on completion of at least one book. The loyalty cards will be kept in school. Each child will keep a record of the books read and these will also be kept in school. At the end of the challenge each child will receive a reward of a hot chocolate drink for their reading efforts.

We will be aiming for children to have completed their first book and receive their first stamp by the end of next week.

Younger readers will require support from parents, carers or older siblings and their stamp can be given for books that have been read with or to them.

Happy reading!

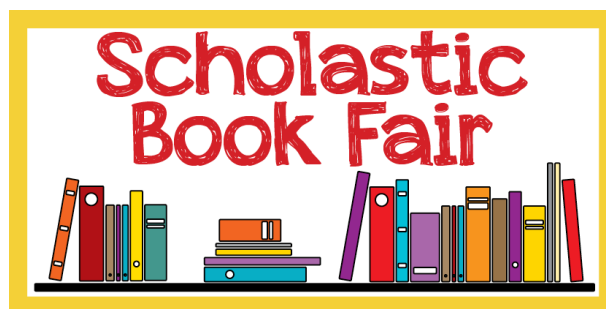


DATES FOR THE DIARY

TERM 3	
Week beg 14 th March	Book Fair
21 st - 27 th March	Neurodiversity Week Wednesday 23 rd March - Neurodiversity Focus Day
Friday 25 th March	Pupil Progress Reports out to parents
Friday 1 st April	School closes for Easter Holiday
TERM 4	
Tuesday 19 th April	School opens Outdoor Learning Week
Friday 29 th April	School closed - May Holiday
Monday 2 nd May	School closed - May holiday
Thurs 5 th & Fri 6 th May	P7 to Scaladale
Wk beg. 16 th May	Walk to School Week and Sports Week
Friday 20 th May	WIIGA Sports Day
Wk beg. 30 th May	Jubilee Week
Friday 3 rd June	Jubilee Holiday - school closed
Thurs 23 rd June	Staff v pupils Football Match
Friday 24 th June	Beach Day
Monday 27 th June	Prizegiving
Tuesday 28 th June	School closes for summer holiday

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place next week. Pupils will be given the opportunity to view the books on sale and then purchase them on Tuesday/Wednesday. Please see the attached digital leaflet showing what will be available to buy.



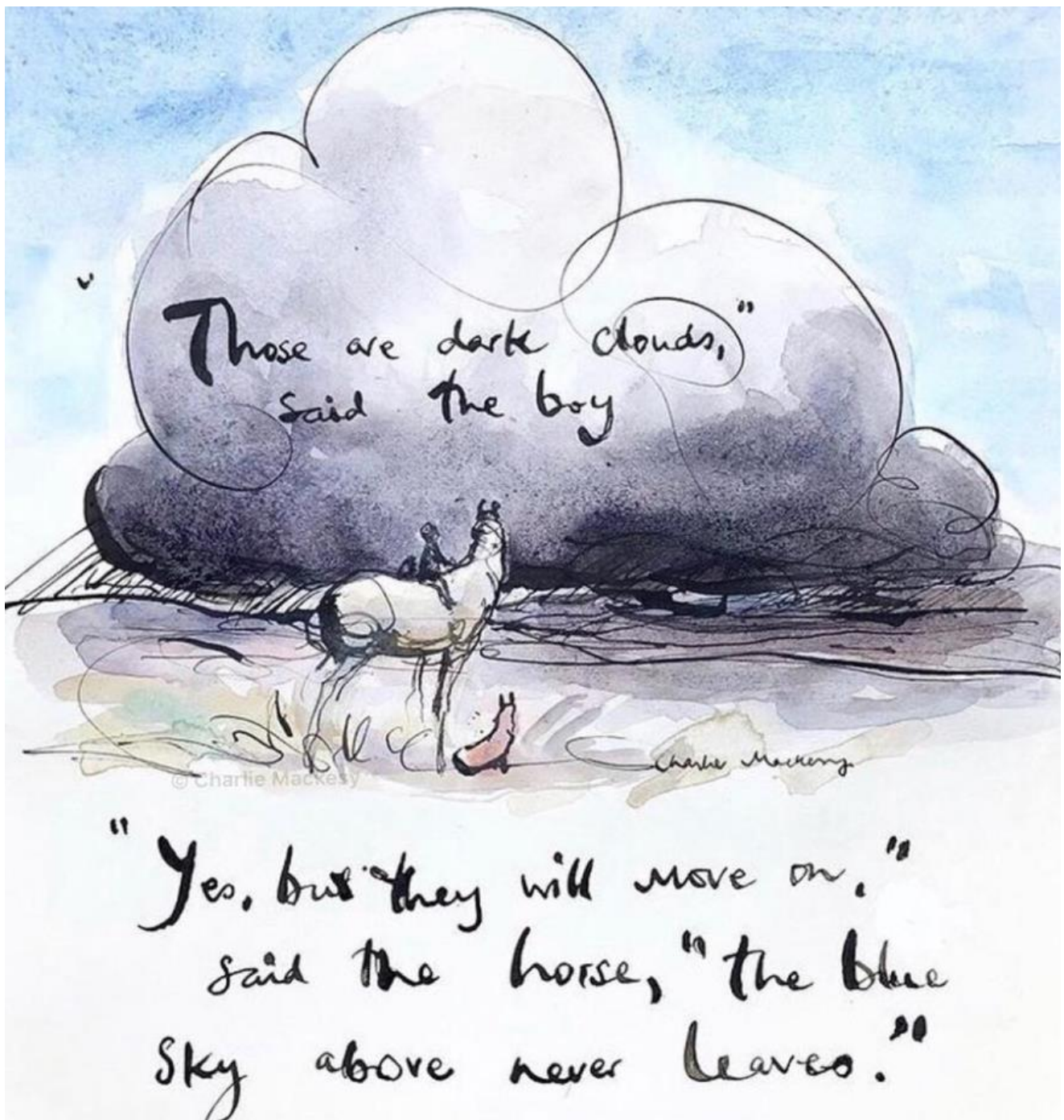
NON-UNIFORM DATES FOR SESSION 2021-22

Friday 25th March 2022

Friday 22nd April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

Friday 24th June 2022



Have a good weekend.

Mairi Macleod, Head Teacher