

# Naidheachdan Lacasdail

## Laxdale News

Friday 20 June 2025



### MISS MARGARET JOAN MACLEOD



Miss Margaret Joan Macleod has informed us that she will be retiring at the end of term. Miss Macleod has worked for Comhairle nan Eilean Siar as a teacher for the past 47 years and 34 of these have been in Laxdale Primary School.

Miss Macleod taught English classes when she first started and was an infant teacher for a number of years. About fifteen years ago she transferred to Gaelic Medium where she was class teacher in GM1-2. Pupils starting in Laxdale always had a nurturing and calm experience in Miss Macleod's class.

She 'semi-retired' a couple of years ago and reduced her working week to three days.

We are so sad that Miss Macleod is leaving Laxdale. She has been a wonderful teacher to many pupils and she is now teaching children and even grandchildren of former pupils!

Staff will celebrate Miss Macleod's retirement in the new session (she didn't give us much time to plan anything before the end of term!!)

We wish Miss Macleod well as she starts a new chapter in her life. We know she will be kept busy with all her hobbies and interests and we'll hopefully see her back in Laxdale on supply.

Wishing you a very long and happy retirement Miss Macleod from all pupils, staff and parents in Laxdale.



### **MISS LOUISE O'DONNELL**

We would like to wish Louise well as she leaves Laxdale to start her Maternity Leave. Louise has worked in Laxdale as an Education Attainment Worker for the past five years. She has supported many pupils with their work in class, she runs the Breakfast Club and she organises and plans the Holiday Activities for pupils.



### **MISS LEONA EVANS**

Miss Leona Evans is leaving her role as Support for Learning Assistant as she is starting at UHI to complete her Post Graduate Diploma in Education. Miss Evans joined the Laxdale team in October 2024 and has supported pupils in class. All the best Leona as you continue your studies to become a teacher.



### **MISS KAREN MACKENZIE**

Karen has been appointed to the role of Nursery Key Worker at Sgoil Àraich Lacasdail. Karen works in the GL Sgoil Àraich class. She took up her role in May 2025.

Welcome to the team, Karen.

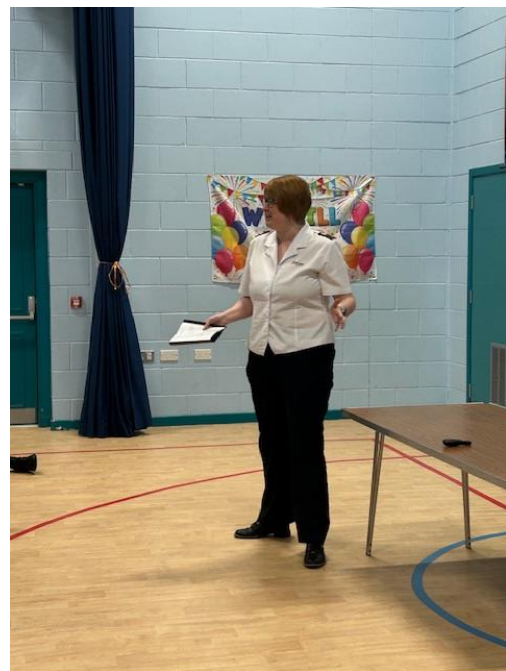
### **YOUNG LEADERS**

The P6 Young Leaders held a successful morning on Thursday 19 June. They planned, set out, organised and ran a number of activity and games stations for the whole school. The morning ran very smoothly and they showed real leadership skills. Well done P6!



### **SALVATION ARMY ASSEMBLY**

On Friday 20 June, Faith Thompson lead her last Assembly at Laxdale Primary. Faith and Christopher Thompson are leaving the island to take over a new charge. They have been so supportive to Laxdale School in many ways and we will miss them when they leave the island.





### **BEACH DAY**

The planned beach day is on Monday 23 June. A note went home with pupils earlier this week with an option to order a packed lunch from the cafeteria. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch, plenty drinks, suncream, a towel and change of clothes. Although the children are not allowed in the water, they do play with wet sand to build sandcastles and design sand structures.

Children should only bring to the beach what they are able to carry themselves. The buses drop us off at the top of the hill at Traigh Mhor so there is a bit to walk until we reach the beach.

Once we return to school, all pupils will be taken up to the football pitch and they will go to buses/get collected from there.

Thank you

### **PRIZEGIVING**

The end of year Prizegiving will take place on Wednesday 25 June at 1.30pm. All P7 parents are invited to attend. Parents of children who are to receive a prize have been notified and invited to attend.

**We would like all pupils to wear full school uniform (shirt and tie) on Prizegiving day.**

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY - TERM 4**

Date	Event
Monday 23 June	Beach Day
Tuesday 24 June	P7 pupils Day Trip to Ness
Wednesday 25 June	End of Term Assembly at 10.00am
Wednesday 25 June	P7 Prizegiving at 1.30pm
Wednesday 25 June	P7 Party at 7.00pm (Laxdale School)
Friday 27 June	School closes for the Summer Break

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss M Macleod, Head of School