

Naidheachdan Lacasdail

Laxdale News

Friday 31 October 2025



CARE INSPECTORATE VISIT TO LAXDALE NURSERY AND SGOIL ARAICH

On Monday 27 October, the Care Inspectorate carried out an inspection of Laxdale Nursery and Sgoil Araich. The two inspectors spoke very positively about their time in the Nursery and Sgoil Araich and feedback included many strengths observed during their visit. Well done to all the staff and pupils in Laxdale Nursery and Sgoil Araich for receiving such a good report!

INTERGENERATIONAL VISIT TO LAXDALE HALL

On Thursday 30 October, GM5-7 spent time with the Senior Citizen Group at Laxdale Hall as part of our intergenerational work. Pupils had prepared a song to perform to the group and also prepared interview questions to ask. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit and all involved mutually benefited from the time spent together. Next month, it will be GL1-2's turn to visit. Please see photos below:



HALLOWEEN LUNCH

Thank you to Treena and all the cafeteria staff who cooked a delicious Halloween themed lunch today for pupils and staff. The cafeteria was decorated and the children enjoyed the spooky menu!



ONLINE MENUS CAFETERIA REMINDER

A polite reminder to all parents to please complete the online menu for their child/ren before the 9pm deadline each Wednesday evening. If your child is having a packed lunch, it is helpful to indicate that option on the online menu. Many thanks to those who are already completing the menus routinely. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

HOUSE MASCOT COMPETITION

Congratulations to Angus Maciver (GL5), Lachlan Murray (GM7), Alfie Tarves (GM6) and Isabella Murray (GM7) and Eden Macphee (GM6) who were selected as the winners of the Design a House Mascot competition. The standard of entries to the competition was high and the House Captains had a tough task on their hands in selecting the winners. The House Captains worked well together to review all the entries and decide the winners for each house. They were able to confidently explain why the winning designs were chosen. Well done to all who entered and judged the competition.



GL5-6 HOUSE POINTS ASSEMBLY

Well done to Mr Campbell and GL5-6 who led a very engaging and varied Whole School Assembly this morning. This session, GL5-6 have taken on responsibility for running the House Points system for the whole school. The pupils shared information about the House Points system and how it works.

Congratulations to Matheson house who were announced as winners of Term 1. Their House Treat consists of early bird access to Children in Need activities on Friday 14 November!

CHILDREN IN NEED

P7 pupils led an informative Assembly this morning to tell us all about Children in Need 2025. Please see the poster below.

Children in Need is celebrated each year in Laxdale and is always an enjoyable and worthwhile event. Thank you to all the P7 pupils and Miss Afrin for organising the day this year. This year's theme is Superheroes and Challenge Yourself to 25. Pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite movie or book character on the day.

We are very much looking forward to Friday 14 November.



COMMUNITY BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT



Next Friday, 7 November, Laxdale Parent Council will be hosting a Community Bonfire and Fireworks Night at Laxdale School. The event starts at 6:00pm where there will be a bonfire and fireworks display around 7:30pm. There will be a stall with hot burger rolls, tea, coffee, home baking and a tuck shop available. Raffle tickets will be on sale and lots of light up items. The Newmarket Pod will be there on the night selling candyfloss and milkshakes. Please note that all children and Under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Entry will be through the main gate to the staff car park where donations buckets will be available. Please come along to support and make this a successful community event for our school!

ECO COMMITTEE

Our new Eco Committee was announced this morning at Assembly. Congratulations to Ayla Lonie (GM4), Sophia Campbell (GM4), Ruairidh MacIennan (GL4), Derry Lamb (GL4), Ruairidh Mackenzie (GL6), Eden Macphee (GM6), Joni Ellis (GM6) and Alexander Mitchell (GL6). First piece of work for the Eco Committee will be to work alongside RRSA representatives on Project Polytunnel! Well done all.



WHOLE SCHOOL SPONSORED WALK

An outstanding grand total of £3438 was raised by pupils through our Whole School Sponsored Walk this year. Huge thanks to all who sponsored our pupils as this provided a real incentive for pupils whilst completing the walk at the beginning of the month. Congratulations to all our pupils and families for raising such an amazing total together!

Special congratulations go to Sinead Arthurs, GL4, who raised the extraordinary total of £332 all by herself! Sinead was presented with a voucher for Toyworld as a prize for raising the most money for our school. Well done Sinead!



CROSS COUNTRY RACE 2025

Congratulations to all the Laxdale pupils who represented our school so well at the Cross Country last Saturday. The weather conditions did not make it an easy run for many so well done to all those who participated.



SHOEBOX APPEAL 2025

A big thank you to all pupils and their families who filled shoeboxes this year. Each year, Laxdale is proud to support the *Blythswood Shoebox Appeal* and be part of such a worthwhile project which brings warmth and joy to those less fortunate in countries like Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.



CROSSING SAFETY



A further reminder to all pupils to be **extra vigilant** when using the traffic lights at the crossing outside the school. Pupils are asked to check there are no cars coming before they cross **even if the lights are at red**. A reminder to all parents to speak regularly to your children regarding safe travel to and from school.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING QUESTIONNAIRES

Parents and carers have been sent a link which will take them to a parental questionnaire. Questionnaires are to be completed by Monday 10 November. Thank you to those who have already completed the questionnaire and a gentle nudge to those who are still to fill it in. Thank you. A summary of findings will be shared with pupils, staff and parents.

NON-UNIFORM DATES FOR SESSION 2025-26

Friday 21 November 2025

Thursday 19 December 2025

Friday 30 January 2026

Friday 27 February 2026

Friday 27 March 2025

Friday 24 April 2026

Friday 29 May 2026

Friday 26 June 2026

On the last Friday of the month we have a non-uniform day where pupils can come to school without wearing their uniform. Pupils are invited to donate £1 towards school funds. The donation is optional and will not be asked for from pupils. Money raised for school funds goes towards treats for pupils.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – TERM 2

Please notes dates for the term ahead.

Friday 7 November	Remembrance Assembly
Friday 7 November	Laxdale Parent Council Community Bonfire and Fireworks Night
Wednesday 12 November	World Diabetes Day
Friday 14 November 2025	Children in Need
Friday 5 December	Celebration Assembly with GM5-7 and GM3-4
Wednesday 10 December	Human Rights Day
Wednesday 17 December	Carol Service Sing Along for Parents 1.45pm – 2.45pm (followed by tea/coffee)
Friday 19 December	Christmas Assembly

I wish all pupils, staff and families a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Macleod, Acting Head of School