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The Lornshill Quaterly



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Introduction

We are delighted to introduce the first edition of the Lornshill Quaterly for session 2024/25.

Hopefully this provides an insight into some of the amazing work being undertaken by our staff and pupils this session.

We hope you enjoy.



PE Extra Curricular



All extra-curricular sports clubs are up and running this year at Lornshill Academy. Pupils can choose from a variety of activities to take part in straight after school. The attached poster details the timings of our extra-curricular program. Our most recent addition to our extra-curricular schedule in Netball taking place on a Thursday after school. The first few sessions have seen 20 pupils attend and we're starting to plan some competitive netball games for the near future.

  PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR  					
Club	Year group	Day	Venue	Time	Teacher
Rugby	S1 & S2	Tuesday	Rugby Pitch	3-4pm	Murray
Dance	S1 & S2	Wednesday	Dance Studio	2:45pm-3:45pm	Miss Arbuckle
Fitness	S1-S3	Wednesday	Fitness Suite	2:45pm-3:45pm	PE Staff
Basketball	S1-S6	Tuesday	Games Hall	3:00pm-4:00pm	Charlie
Tennis/Badminton	S1-S6	Wednesday	Games Hall	2:45pm-3:45pm	Mr Harvey
Netball	S1-6	Thursday	Games Hall	3:00pm-4:00pm	Miss Lawless

Football:

All leagues this year in Forth Valley schools' football are now up and running.

Lornshill have representation at the following age groups:

U13 Boys

U14 Boys

U16 Boys

U18 Boys

U15 Girls

We look forward to supporting all the teams this year and watching them perform across the season.



Rugby:

The first of our series of rugby festivals have begun with a very successful trip to Stirling County Rugby Club, where our boys U15's team played against Stirling High School. The boys were put through their paces by top level coaches from SRU and Stirling County in a skills Clinique before the match.



The Clackmannanshire cross country championships took place at West End park on the 2nd of October with 24 young people representing Lornshill in some competitive racing action. Well done to all our young people who took part and particular to our medal winners on the day. We look forward to watching these pupils competing at our County sports in 2025, where we defend our trophy!



Dance:

Our school of dance continues to be a great success with numbers after school on a Wednesday being very strong. The pupils are working with Miss Arbuckle to create dances in preparation for future dance shows to come. Our S1 dance auditions were a big success with a number of our new S1's joining our more experienced dancers both on a Wednesday period 3 and after school on Wednesday.



CityZen Competition 2024-25

The CityZen competition ran by the Institute of Civil Engineers is in 2 parts: a digital game and a creative local civil engineering project.

The competition provides problem solving opportunities with a focus on teamwork and critical thinking skills. It also gives an insight into a civil engineering career.

Our senior team this year consists of S5 pupils: Charlie Firth, Conor Lyle, Michael Taylor and Ryan Young.

If successful the team can win a large cash prize along with exclusive access to ICE headquarters. We wish them luck!

Fit For Girls:

New to Lornshill Academy this year is our Fit For Girls ambassadors. Two girls from each year group are volunteering their time to work together to celebrate woman and girls in sport. The group are working closely with Sports Development to consider what opportunities girls in our school have and how they can plan events to celebrate woman and girls in sport. As part of this program, the girls are volunteering many hours of their own time to attend meetings and plan events.



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Sports Leaders:

As part of our Sports Leaders curriculum, our leaders are currently visiting some of our cluster primary schools delivering planned out sessions through football and basketball. It's been great for our young leaders to get this opportunity to lead real session to primary pupils across Clackmannanshire.



Sports Young Ambassadors:

Congratulations to Charlie Firth and Olivia Hislop who have been nominated to be our Sports Young Ambassadors for this academic year. Both pupils attended a Sports Scotland young leaders conference in Dunfermline last week to work with other young leaders and share ideas of how they can grow and build sports participation in their school. We look forward to supporting them with their work this year.



Important Updates

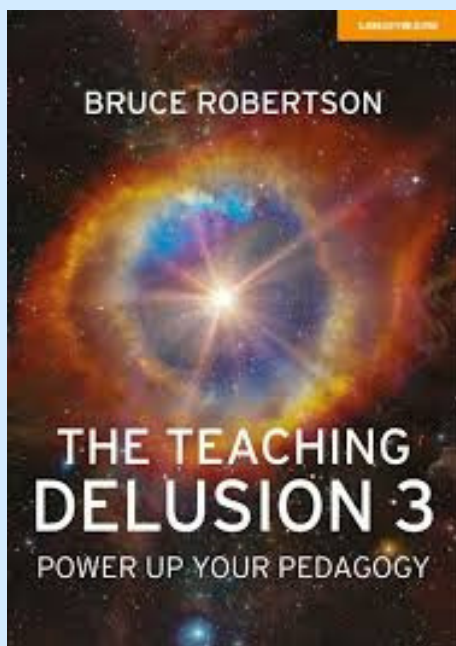


Welcome to Our New S1

S1 have had a terrific start at Lornshill Academy. They have demonstrated that they understand our 3R's (Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Responsible) in their classes. They have risen to the challenge of learning and have set the standard for the year moving forward. They have been asked to remember or values of; respect, Integrity and compassion and use them to guide them in their decisions and actions in school. We have seen so many wonderful examples of this. We are looking forward to watching this year group progress throughout the year.

The Teaching Delusion – Bruce Robertson

Teaching staff were delighted to welcome esteemed educational author Bruce Robertson to school to work with us “powering up our pedagogy”. with a focus on meeting all learners needs in class, questioning and make young people think.



UCAS Event

56 young people attended the UCAS discovery event at Stirling University at the end of August. This was an opportunity for pupils to speak with a range of universities, colleges and employers. This was an excellent event that has helped pupils in selecting the courses they are most interested in applying for.



Café update

It has been great to welcome our staff back to the café, where they have been kept busy serving a variety of drinks to staff and senior pupils. As ever, we are impressed by their professionalism and high-quality customer service, and are sure as the colder months approach the café will be kept busier than ever!



Learn with a Latte

We are starting Learn with a Latte up again in the café on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon after school. S4, 5 and 6 pupils can come along to get support with their revision or homework in a relaxed environment, and grab a coffee to help with their studies. We look forward to welcoming many of our seniors along.



Going for Gold!

We are thrilled to announce that Lornshill Academy has been awarded the prestigious Silver Reading Schools accreditation! This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff and students in creating a vibrant reading culture. The feedback from our application was overwhelmingly positive, highlighting the incredible effort put into fostering an inspiring reading environment. Special thanks to the Reading Leadership group and wonderful staff supporting them, our librarian Mrs Robertson, Mrs Campsie, and Miss Delaney. What a fantastic start to the new school year! This recognition motivates us to continue building on our success and to further enrich the reading experiences for all our learners and our whole school community.



Excursions

There will be a busy few weeks coming up for Social Subjects with a number of trips taking place. Our S3 historians will be visiting the “Devil’s Porridge” museum on the 30th September, where they will learn about the vital role of the “munitionettes” in supporting the war effort during the Great War. Our National and Higher Geographers will also be out and about completing field work in Edinburgh and Dollar Glen, so fingers crossed for fine weather. Updates will be in the next quarterly.



Creative Arts

On Friday 13th September we hosted our first Cafe Concert of the year. These will take place every second Friday to allow our senior pupils an opportunity to perform their pieces to a live audience. Advanced Higher pupil Lacey Armitage performed acoustic covers of 'Good Luck, Babe' by Chapell Roan and 'Champagne Problems' by Taylor Swift before being joined by classmates David William, Charlie MacBeth and Arran Stevenson for an energetic performance of 'Still Into You' by Paramore. There was a great turnout of both staff and pupils and we are already looking forward to the next one!

Our senior Art and Design pupils had the opportunity to meet and hear from ex Lornshill pupil Adele McCulloch who is about to begin her degree at Art School in Dundee. Adele shared her experiences and advice to those looking to pursue a career in Art which pupils found very valuable.



***Our very first cafe concert
(top)***

***Adele McCulloch speaking to
our art and design pupils
(Bottom)***



Science



S1 Science:

S1 have been settling in well since the start of this academic year. Since their arrival in August, they have been focusing on safety in the lab and learning how to responsibly use scientific equipment such as Bunsen burners. We are just about to finish our Measurement and Skills Unit and begin Investigating Chemical Reactions.

Science Clubs:

The first term in Science has seen the introduction of two new clubs. The numbers coming to this have been fantastic! Science Club runs on a Tuesday lunch and Crop Club runs every Thursday. So far in Science Club we have been exploding cans, burning sugar snakes and experimenting with un-burstable balloons. Our Senior Science pupils have been supporting this as well. We hope our numbers continue to grow, just like our crops!

