

Lornshill Academy



The Lornshill Quarterly Term 2 2021

Respect
Integrity
Compassion

Engagement
Ethics
Inclusion



Cheerleading Club

The Cheerleading Club (which is on Tuesday's from 3-4pm) have been working hard on their stunts, gymnastics and dance over the last term. We are hoping to attend a competition in May/June next year to showcase our routine.

Digital Leaders

Hi, we are the Digital Leaders of Lornshill Academy. Our names are Kirstyn, Isla, Murren, Mhairi (all S2) and Derry (S6). We have regular meetings at lunchtime to discuss our ideas for improving Digital Learning within the school.

In the new year, we are launching 'Technology Tuesday' on our Twitter (@LornshillVLE) where we will tweet a top tip to help with Google for Education apps or general Digital items.

We also plan to create posters with QR codes on them for any pupil/teacher wishing to ask us a Digital question. We will answer all your questions asap

Regarding the Chromebooks, Mr Clancy and Miss MacDonald have been issuing Chromebooks to all Senior pupils. S4 are required to complete the Parent/Carer Agreement form as well as the Pupil Agreement form prior to getting to take it home. BGE (S1-3) pupils will begin to receive their Chromebooks in the new year.

Stay tuned on the @LornshillVLE Twitter page for our all things Digital Learning!



Design & Technology Department

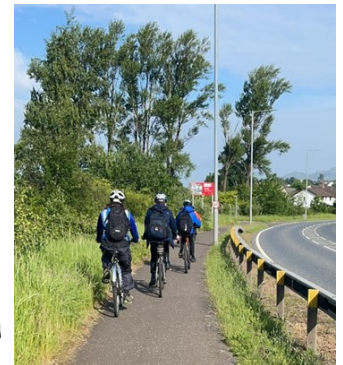
Lornshill Active Travel Hub

The Lornshill Active Travel Hub has been a hive of activity over the past few months. Both the Health and Wellbeing sessions and Bike maintenance classes are proving to be a huge success. The pupils are all demonstrating excellent engagement, an eagerness to learn and are increasing their skills as well as their confidence levels and team work skills.



The monthly Dr Bike service which provides those who cycle to school with a free bike service has had fantastic engagement. Over the last 4 months, over 30 bikes have been checked and maintained, ensuring that the bikes are in good working order and are ready to transport pupils and staff to and from school safely.

We are still running our twice weekly bike bus from Clackmannan to Lornshill. We meet at the Sian Cottage at 8am to cycle to Lornshill then return to Clackmannan at the end of the day. We run this in partnership with Clackmannan Development Trust who have recently provided training for pupils to assist with leading the rides. Pupils are able to store their helmets, waterproofs and gloves in the Design and Technology department during the day. To sign up please contact jodie@forthenvironmentlink.org.



Bike Club is Back!



Every Wednesday after school, the Lornshill Active Travel Hub runs a bike club, held in the Design and Technology Department. Pupils have the opportunity to develop their cycling skills, work on their bike maintenance or to discuss ideas which would help to open up cycling opportunities in their community. A space for pupils who share a passion for bikes to come together and have fun!

FREE Bikes!!

In October, Lornshill hosted the launch of the new 'Bike Buddies' project, which is being run by Forth Environment Link in conjunction with Clackmannanshire Sports Development and the Scottish Government. This project aims to provide every Primary 7 pupil in the Lornshill cluster with a free bike and all of the wrap around support required during their transition from primary to secondary school. The hope is that this project can be rolled out across Clackmannanshire in the future.

Messages from across the school

The top team have collected Christmas messages from staff across the school this year.

To "we couldn't do it without you" - Janitors (Eddie and Peter), Cleaners, Office staff, LA's and Dinner Staff, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
From The Languages Department



To our whole school community, Merry Xmas and a happy new year when the time comes. Roll on 2022!!
From Mr Black

To all pupils, parents and staff at Lornshill Academy, hope you have a lovely Christmas and all the best for 2022.
From Mrs McMaihin



To all members of our school community, have a great Christmas and new year and I look forward to working with you in 2022
From Mr Arnold

To all of the Lornshill Community, wishing you all a wonderful Xmas and a Happy New Year
From Mrs Macaulay

To all the pupils, parents and staff, I hope you all have a safe and restful Christmas break and a wonderful 2022!
Best wishes, Mr Clancy

Merry Christmas to everyone in our fabulous school community. Have a great holiday! From Mr Burrell

To everyone in Lornshill Academy, we wish you a happy, safe and restful break. From all of the staff in the Learning Centre

Merry Christmas to everyone across the whole school community. Have a fabulous and safe break and we look forward to seeing you in 2022! From The Maths faculty



Merry Christmas to all of Lornshill's pupils and staff! From The Creative Arts Department



Wishing each and every one of our school community a very happy Xmas and all the best for a happy and healthy 2022.

From the Pupil Support team

To all those that have passed through our doors this year, we hope you have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

From Social Subjects & RMPS Faculty

Wishing all staff, parents and pupils a very merry Christmas and a restful new year.

From Team Science xx

Merry Christmas to all Enterprise staff and pupils; thank you for all your hard work this year.

From Mrs Buchan

To all the current S6 who will be leaving school very soon. You have made the past 6 years such a pleasant and fun experience. I will miss you all. Have a great holiday but also work hard for your exams. Remember to put the meat on the bones and time is money. (computing class reference).

From the Computing Department
(Mrs Ferguson)



Merry Christmas! We always assumed being teachers is like being Santa, with a bunch of little elves... the work gets done but it takes a lot of patience!

From Team Design and Technology

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2022.

From Dave, Gaz, Lynn, Mrs Love and PC McGurk

To the school community, have a fantastic Christmas and New Year - thanks for all our hard work so far.

From The Languages Faculty



Enterprise

Young Enterprise

Our Young Enterprise team 'Musomatic' have launched their small business creating personalised music plaques and keyrings. They have started to take pre orders through an online form with the hope of launching their own website in the very near future to reach more customers. You can follow the team on twitter '@musomaticYEP' to follow their journey.

The team is made up of 13 S5/6 pupils who will gain a real-life learning experience that introduces them to the world of work and allows them to gain valuable skills. By participating in the programme, the pupils also have the opportunity to gain an SCQF Level 6 qualification worth 26-30 credit points.

National 5 Creative Cake Craft

N5 Creative Cake Craft have been working extremely hard over the past few weeks baking and decorating a selection of tasty treats, including gingerbread houses and a Christmas cake! Every pupil has worked incredibly hard and shown a great level of skill. Well done to all!



Wider Achievement

Star Pupils

We have continued to have our star pupils through online learning and both staff and pupils are enjoying these successes being shared. Since the start of term, we have had an amazing number of pupils be awarded pupil of the week or month. At the end of each month a group call will be sent from the school to inform parents/carers that their young person has been selected as a star pupil. This is in case your young person has not told you about this achievement at the time.

Saltire Stars

We have had a great number of pupils achieve Saltire Certificates this term.

50 hours Certificate

- Callum McAllister (Citizenship Café)
- Pearce McAllister (Citizenship Café)

25 hours Certificate

- Shanna Bates (Citizenship Café)
- Murray Brown (Citizenship Café)

10 hours Certificate

- Chloe Archibald (Citizenship Café)
- Caitlyn Duncan (Citizenship Café)
- Jess Goodsir (Citizenship Café)
- Sean Lakey (Citizenship Café)
- Mhairi Macphee (Citizenship Café)
- Jennifer Stitt (Citizenship Café)
- Ryan Burns (Citizenship Café)
- Brooke McGillvray (Citizenship Café)
- Nathan Smith (Citizenship Café)
- Owen Bonner (Citizenship Café)
- Donell Mwashusua (Citizenship Café)
- Fergus Bone (Citizenship Café)
- Jayden Gibson (Volunteering in farming)
- Charlie Taylor (Volunteering in farming)
- Ben Jones (Volunteering in maths)

The Challenge Certificate

- Phoebe Crambe (Careers Catering)
- Liam Gillespie (Careers Catering)
- Murron Orr (Careers Catering)
- Shaun Rennie (Careers Catering)
- Craig Thomson (Careers Catering)

Parental/Carer Nominations

A lot of what our young people do out of school many teachers never hear about and we want to change this. Therefore we are asking parents/carers to nominate young people who have an accomplishment we should be celebrating by clicking on the nomination form like on the school [website](#)



Faculty of Social Subjects & RMPS

BGE in Social Subjects

We have been really impressed with the work that our young people have been producing in their S1 and S2 classes. We have seen some excellent work on the History of Medicine in S2, and loved hearing about S1's campaign ideas in their Participation in Politics "mock elections". There have been plenty of examples of our young people displaying great confidence in their learning. Our S3s also continue to show that they are gaining some great skills and knowledge in Geography, Modern Studies, Scottish Studies and History. Please check your child's Didbook for more information on how your child is doing in Social Subjects!

Scottish Parliament visits

In November, learners from our S4, 5 and 6 Politics and Modern Studies classes visited the Scottish Parliament. During this visit, they got the chance to ask two MSPs questions directly, and we heard some great ones. These included questions on plans to make Scotland a greener nation, the currency that an independent Scotland would use, and on the planned reforms of the SQA. Following a session on the responsibilities of the Scottish Government, students watched a session of First Ministers' Questions. Well done to all involved on a successful and educational trip.



Lessons from Auschwitz

Several of our senior Advanced Higher historians took part in a series of online lessons run by the Holocaust Educational Trust. While this could not replicate the usual Lessons from Auschwitz programme involving a trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the participants were still able to engage in sessions that explored the Holocaust, included a VR tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and allowed the chance to hear from a survivor of Auschwitz and other concentration camps. These senior pupils will be planning and delivering a project to share their learning, which will be covered in the next Lornhill Quarterly. Our thanks to the Holocaust Educational Trust for adapting this programme so it can still run despite the current restrictions.

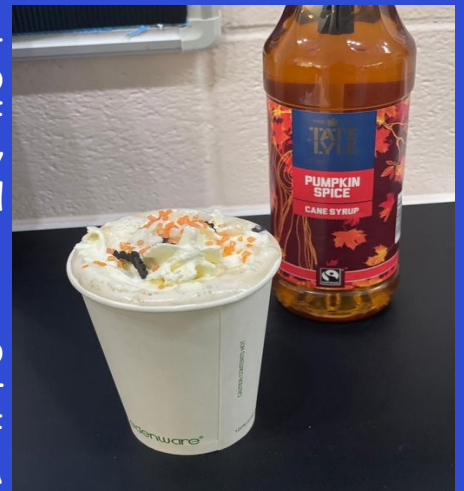
Councillor Graham Lindsay Visit

On December 2nd, Councillor Graham Lindsay came in to speak to 1A3 about his role as a local councillor. As part of their Participation in Politics unit. The pupils in the class had lots of questions about what the job involved and the best and worse parts of the job. They were also asked to give some feedback about things they would like to see change in the local area. They were a credit to the school and all behaved wonderfully.

Citizenship Café

The café has been doing really well with nearly 50 pupils working in it across the week ranging from S1 to S6 pupils. The improvement in the confidence of some of the pupils has been great to see and many seniors have commented on how good the café is and enjoying the speciality drinks.

The junior café staff have also been volunteering to make drinks during learn with a latte which is great and they cope with the pressure really well. Some of the pupils will be working towards achieving a SQA Level 5 Barista Skills Award as well as Saltire hours.



Feedback from our junior baristas

I enjoy making the customers drinks—Robbie Thomson S2

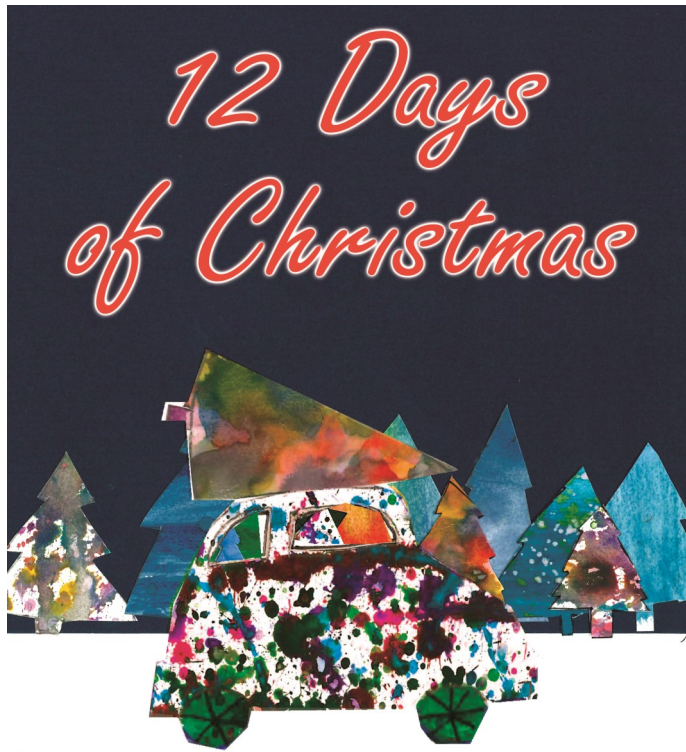
We like making the drinks and the responsibility of working in the café—
Ellie Hamilton & Hannah Mackie S1



We have also had a couple of lunchtime performances from some of our senior pupils which were fantastic.

Faculty of Creative Arts

The Creative Arts department has been organising this year's virtual Christmas concert, Lornshill's 12 Days of Christmas (graphic attached) where pupils performances are posted on Twitter daily throughout Dec (6th-21st). As there are no ticket sales this year, we are asking for people to consider donating below.



[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lornshill-creative-arts?
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Lornshill Careers

Our junior careers program of work is well under way this academic year. Notably, all pupils have been experiencing specific learning in personal development lessons related to their own individual career pathway. As a school, we encourage these conversations to continue at home. All S1-3 pupils will continue this work into the new year. This work will focus on the following for each year group.



S1: Exploring the world of work and using the My World of Work Website

S2: Exploring the importance of considering career pathways when making subject choices

S3: Routes to employment and the CV writing and application process

In the aim of continuing to offer valuable learning experiences, our staff will continue their professional learning with sessions run in partnership with Skills Development Scotland. The next session for staff will focus on how to embed career skills and employability language most effectively into the curriculum.

Finally, on December 7th we were delighted to host our first Lornshill Careers Fair of the academic year. The event was a big success with 28 local and national businesses attending to speak with all our S3 pupils. There was a fantastic buzz in the room as pupils worked around employers, asking questions, in a speed dating format. The focus of the conversations was on routes to employment, CVs, and applications. These initial conversations and learning for S3 pupils will be valuable when beginning to create their own CVs in the new year.





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