

Loirston School

Here at Loirston we are already well into a very busy session. Our school will soon be knee deep in glitter and Christmas songs! This year the nativity rehearsals are well under way and our early stages will be presenting *“The Little Blue Star.”*

The 26th of November will also see our annual Christmas Fayre taking place. This is usually a very well attended event which gives us the opportunity to have all in the school community come together as well as raise much needed funds. There will be lots of stalls available including Beat the Goalie, Toys, Cupcakes and home baking, a large book Fair and a very well stocked raffle. Santa will also be in attendance! The entry price will be £1.50 (and £1.00 for OAPS) which includes tea/coffee and a mince pie or buttery. All at Loirston look forward to seeing you there. The Fayre will begin at 10.00am and finish at 12pm for the raffle draw.

The pupils in the school are also keen to support charities at this time of year and there is a lot going on with regard to this area. Throughout our school our pupils are keen to show their sense of community whilst also considering people who are much less fortunate than they are.

The school will also be supporting Children in Need again this year. In order for us to support this we have invited children to *“Come as you please”* or *“Wear Spots to raise Lots”* or even *“Reduce all our stress by making us laugh with your Fancy Dress.”*

Our school is also looking to support the charity, Kids Acting for Kids Abroad and Home (KAFKAH) and their shoebox appeal. This year’s shoeboxes will enrich the children of Kosovo whose lives have been disrupted by war. Last Christmas, we received overwhelming

support from parents, pupils and the Cove community for this appeal. The delight of the many children who had been victims of war was highlighted in the photographs and video given to school. Hopefully we will have the same again this year

Our primary Seven pupils are also being very charitable whilst developing their capacity as successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens. They are taking part in a Micro Tyco Challenge. All schools across Aberdeen city are involved in this for the month of November. There are also departments within the authority taking part. Micro-Tyco runs every November. Teams ‘apply’ to WildHearts for ‘seed capital’; a micro-loan of £1. Once the clock starts on November 1st they have one month to turn it into as much money as possible. On November 30th the team with the most money wins. There are only two rules: teams cannot gamble and transactions must be legal. Already our pupils have shown themselves to have a very good eye for business and are working hard as a team to do their very best. We wish them all the best of luck as they carry out their business ideas this month. Also on their behalf we’d like to thank all the families and people in the community for their support. It would be impossible without it.

At this point in the year Loirston staff and pupils would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and all the best for the new year. I am sure we will be seeing lots of you for our events over the coming weeks.

We would like to thank all in the community for their continued support this year and look forward to a happy and successful 2012. We hope you all have a thoroughly enjoyable festive season!

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