

# LV News Oct 25



## The Spirit of Lough View

Hello and welcome back to a new school year! Like any new year, the school is full of energy and good intentions for how to make Lough View a better place. As a staff we have been reflecting on our "Learning and Growing Together" vision statement, as well as refining our school values through the prism of the Spirit of Lough View, which is so visible to our pupils. It is important that our parents and families are also involved in this process, keep an eye out on Dojo for further updates in November.

## Upcoming Events

Next half-term promises to be another very busy one in the life of Lough View. Please take note of the following key dates which you will need:

- 4th Nov- School photographer
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Nov- Year 5 Egyptian Play
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Nov- Flu Vaccines
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Nov- Parent Teacher meetings
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Nov- Last orders for Xmas trees
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup>-Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec- Xmas jumper drop off
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec- Pre-loved Xmas jumpers available from today
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Open Day (school ends 12pm)
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Dec- Parents' Council Xmas Fair
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Dec- Year 1+2 Xmas play (Y1 LR+Y2CB)
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec- Year 1+2 Xmas Play (Y1 CH +Y2LP)
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec- Key Stage 2 Carol Service
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> December- Year 3 Xmas play
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas jumper and crazy hair day. School ends 12pm

## A Big Well Done!

The school year is off to a terrific start and there is a great atmosphere of productivity and team work in Lough View. I especially want to say a very big well done to all of the boys and girls in our Nursery and Year 1 and to those who have joined us from other schools who have settled in so well and are already very much a part of the furniture!

## Morning Arrangements

In the morning children can be dropped off in the playground from 8.15am. From 8.30am they can enter through their classroom door. After 8.45 it is important that an adult accompany each child to the office so that they can get signed in. On wet mornings the Year 1 & 2 children enter through the Year 1 door, Year 3 & 4 through the door at the upper playground and Years 5,6& 7 through the Year 5 door. Please do not access the front of the school via the staff carpark either on foot or in a car as this has been highlighted as a health and safety concern.

## School Uniform

The school uniforms are looking terrific and I really appreciate parents' help and support on this. Just a reminder that school shoes must be plain black with no coloured embellishments. There is a rail of preloved uniforms available just inside the side door and parents are welcome to help themselves.

## School Improvements

After a very busy summer, our new school boiler is up and running in time for the colder weather, the school building is looking great after a fresh coat of paint and the new markings in the turning circle are helping with the flow of traffic. We are grateful to our caretaker Mr Lynch who has overseen the maintenance works.

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## School Development Plan 2025-2028

We are in the process of finalising our School Development Plan, which will help guide our whole school priorities for the years. Our priorities are identified through a combination of assessment outcomes, statutory initiatives from DE/EA, the professional judgement of our staff but also feedback from parents and pupils gathered in our most recent surveys in 2024. It is important to us that you recognise that your views about how we can improve our provision are heard. A parent friendly SDP will be shared on dojo in November.

## Parents' Council

Following the Parents' Council AGM, the committee for the year ahead was elected:

Chair - Sophie Currie

Vice- Chair - Colette Donaghy

Treasurer - Mimi Wan

Deputy Treasurer - Kylie Neill

Secretary - Stephen McCallum

Deputy Secretary - Laura Warrington

In addition to the Office Bearers, there is a wide range of professional expertise available through the membership of the Parents. Council, which I am hopeful will help them achieve their key objectives of gaining charitable status and assisting the school with the procurement of replacement Ipads. Details of the Parent Council's planned activities have been posted on Dojo and their Facebook Page and I would ask all our families to support their activities throughout the year.

We wish the new committee the very best for the year ahead.

## School Dinners

Please remember that school dinners should be booked by midnight on WEDNESDAY of the week before. This is to allow accurate ordering to our catering provider for the week ahead.

Families who have not ordered before the deadline will be asked to provide a packed lunch for their child on those days.

## Pupil Council

Congratulations to our newly elected Pupil Council representatives:

Y5- Luca + Lana

Y6- Elliot + Grace

Y7 - Henry, Noah, Ella, Jed, Finn + Sophie-Ann

We wish our Pupil Council the best of luck for their term of office and look forward to working with them throughout the year.

Finally, well done to all candidates who put themselves forward for election this year.

## Mental Maths Workshop

Mrs Walker is running a practical mental maths session for Y1-Y4 parents on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 9-10am. This a great opportunity to learn about how you can support your child in this key curriculum area. Registration details have been posted on Dojo.

## Friends of Lough View

We were delighted to join the newly formed Friends of Lough View at their first meeting this morning. Parental involvement is a key pillar of Integrated Education and we commend those behind the establishment of this group and look forward to working with them constructively in the future.