



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy week in Kirktonholme Primary. On Monday and Tuesday we were delighted to host a Quality Improvement Team from South Lanarkshire Council. Their job was to validate the good work we do here in our school. The team of five identified that there were many very good features of our school with particular strength in the areas of our relationships and culture of the school, our learning environments and our own professional learning. We have some areas of development that we will be working on which will involve all pupils, staff and parents and I look forward to working with you on this. On Wednesday morning, we had an unexpected incident in our car park. I would like to say a special well done to our team of staff who were able to act very swiftly. Incidents such as car fires are very unlikely and unpredictable. Importantly, no one was hurt and the situation was managed very efficiently and we were operationally back to business as normal by 1.30pm. Thank you to everyone who played a part in ensuring everyone's safety.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or the Kirktonholme Team if you have any questions, queries or suggestions.

Kind regards, *Linda Wright*

E is for Excellence

Spotlight on Successes



We have been awarded our Silver Sports Award. Thank you to the Sports Council who is led by Mrs Lisa Miller in this great achievement. We are now on our way to achieving Gold Status.



In the same week we have been awarded a Cycling Friendly School Award and we are proudly displaying our banner beside the bike shelter. Thanks and well done to Mrs McCaig and the Junior Road Safety Officers.

Both of these awards reflect the emphasis we place on our children's health and wellbeing.

Getting Everyone Engaged @ Kirktonholme Parental Engagement



Thank you to everyone who attended our Nursery, Primary 1 and Primary 2 parent workshops this week. Our children are thrilled to be able to share their learning with their families and we plan to continue to have more family events. 😊

Understanding your children's learning and progress



We will be issuing our **Parents' Night** letters on Monday and we ask you to return them by Wednesday so that we can arrange parent appointment times. Parents' Night is on Thursday **14th November** and this is when you will be able to discuss your child's progress in learning with their teacher. You can expect teachers to tell you

- what level your child is working at and whether they are
- on track
- not yet on track
- not on track

with their learning in Reading, Writing, Listening & Talking and Numeracy. Further explanations of what this means will be available during Parents' Night.

A very simple way to keep yourself informed about your child's progress is to use the homework diary. All children reflect weekly on their learning and they record this in their diary. Please use this to talk to your child about their learning.



Thank you to our Parent Council and volunteers for providing the fantastic Halloween Discos.



Spotlight on Pupil Leadership Junior Road Safety Officers



Please find attached our first Junior Road Safety Officer's newsletter for this year. This team are very concerned about maintaining the safety of our children. I would advise you to read and share their newsletter with any family or friends who drop off or collect your children from our school. The newsletter has some important messages for everyone in it!!!! (and was written by the children!)

Spotlight on Sporting Achievements

Our P6s and P7s have been participating in the local football, netball and athletics festivals. Our athletes were particularly successful with many 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. This year we have expanded our girls' football squad with two teams competing and becoming a force to be reckoned with!! As always our children are great ambassadors for our school.- keep up the good work!



We currently have a cricket coach in working with P4 and we also have some P3s participating in a cricket lunch time club.

Spotlight on Outdoor Learning Lockerbie Manor



Another aspect of our outdoor learning is our annual trip to Lockerbie Manor. We are already planning Lockerbie Manor for next year's P7s. An information session has been held by Mr Scott and deposits of £50 are required to be paid by Monday 4th November. If there is a difficulty in making this payment, please get in touch.

Wild Squirrel has returned for a second block of learning with Rooms 8, 9 and 11 scheduled on Monday 4th November and Rooms 12, 4 and 3 scheduled for 11th November. Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for this regardless of the weather.

Dates for your diary

Change of dates due to General Election

Listed below are some of the key dates for the this term. Please be advised that these dates can be prone to change. We will keep you updated with events in each newsletter and will give you as much notice as we can if dates do change.

Fri 1 st Nov	Dress Down Day
Mon 4 th Nov	P6 Assembly (Rm11&12) 6.30 Parent Council meeting
Wed 6 th Nov	R7&8 Stirling Castle R11&12 Cinema Trip
Tues 12 th Nov	R13&14 Scotland Street
Thurs 14 th Nov	Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30 6.30-8.30pm
Mon 18 th & Tue 19 th Nov	INSERVICE DAYS (school closed to pupils)
Fri 22 nd Nov	Athletics
Fri 29 th Nov	Dress Down Day
Tue 3 rd Dec	Nursery Outing to Low Waters am
Thu 5 th Dec	Nursery Outing to Low Waters pm
Tues 10 th Dec	Christmas Fayre 6-8pm Nursery Nativities
Wed 11 th Dec	P1 & P2 Nativity 10am & 2pm
Wed 11 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 12 th Dec	GENERAL ELECTION school closed
To be rescheduled due to General Election Day	
Fri 13 th Dec	Nursery Party (am) P1&2 Party (pm) Parents can attend at 2.30pm
Mon 16 th Dec	Christmas Service P7 Party
Tues 17 th Dec	P3 & P4 Party
Wed 18 th Dec	Carol concert 9.30 and 1.30pm
Thurs 19 th Dec	P5 & P6 Party
Fri 20 th Dec	Dress Down Day School closes 2.30pm
Mon 6 th Jan	Pupils return



Spotlight on Community

MUGA PITCH EVENING WINTER CLOSURE



Now that the clocks have changed, and there is a lack of light, the decision has been made by our Support Services Coordinator that our school MUGA pitch will be closed to the community during the weekday evenings. It will, however, be left open during the weekends.