

High Mill Primary School

Newsletter: December 2020

'Aiming High'



Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the December 2020 edition of the High Mill newsletter. December has been a very busy but very fun month in school. We have managed to hold all our normal festive activities and events; they've just 'looked a little different'. The children have continued to be a credit to our school community.

As we head into another lockdown and a phased return to school in January, we will continue to share information with you through the App, Twitter, website and email (where appropriate). Items in the newsletter related or impacted by COVID-19 are in yellow.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership, everyone at High Mill wishes you all a very merry Christmas a happy, healthy New Year.

Kirstine McDonald

(Head Teacher)

Welcome to High Mill

We are delighted to welcome another new pupil to High Mill. Summer is a new pupil in P.7/6.



Enrolling your child for school - Infant enrolment week - January 2021

Parents/carers of children who are five years of age between 1st March 2021 and the end of February 2022 are required to register their child for starting school.

To enrol your child at school you will be asked to complete an online registration form which will be available on the South Lanarkshire Council website from Thursday 14 January 2021.

Recovery Curriculum: Health and Wellbeing Group

The Health and Wellbeing Group spread Christmas cheer throughout the month of December. They certainly succeeded, from wearing festive jumpers throughout December to our Santa Dash, the children certainly had fun! Please read on to find out all about our Christmas activities in High Mill.

Class Christmas Parties

All classes enjoyed a Christmas party this year, although it might have been slightly different from our usual parties but the children still had great fun. We would like to thank Homeless Project Scotland (@HP_scotland) who kindly donated our party snacks.

Sing and Sign Club



Mrs Naismith led our Sing and Sign Club, with children from P6/5 learning Makaton for traditional Christmas songs. These have been shared as a virtual performance for our friends at Victoria Park School. We will also include this performance in our school app.

High Mill Christmas Performances

Each class provided a wonderful Christmas performance which can be viewed via our school app. We hoped you enjoyed it. Thanks you to all staff who worked hard to create this magical video.



Thank You - Parent Council

The children and staff would like to say a huge thank you to our Parent Council. The Parent Council kindly purchased Christmas Goody bags and Christmas hats for our Santa Dash.



Staff Career-Long professional Development

Mrs Naismith participated in training with IDL Group on Dyscalculic Tendencies. The focus of this was to learn how to use a Dyscalculia Screener to provide information on high lighting any dyscalculic tendencies.



Health & Wellbeing



As Health and Wellbeing Lead, Mrs Naismith participated in training in using the Glasgow Motivation and Wellbeing Profile. The questionnaire aims to understand wellbeing of children by using GIRFEC SHANARRI indicators (Scottish Government, 2014). This can be used to inform planning to best meet the children's needs.

Virtual Christmas Church Service

Unfortunately we were unable to visit the church for our annual Christmas service. Our school chaplain, Pastor Trevor, kindly shared a special festive video message for the children.



A Message from Santa



There was a surprise for the children on Friday, Santa created a special video message for each class. He certainly knows what the boys and girls have been learning about in High Mill! A special thank you to Mrs Welsh, who managed to get in contact with Santa, even though he has been incredibly busy this month.

Christmas Crafts/Raffles

The children created amazing crafts this year as part of their class enterprise topic. As well as this, there were many raffles taking place. At time of writing, we had raised **£725.00** which is fabulous. Thanks to our families for supporting High Mill!



Christmas Panto

All classes enjoyed watching our online panto – Jack and the Beanstalk. Oh no they didn't. Oh yes they did!

House Captains Update

Our house Captains and Vice-Captains have been working hard every Friday by using Google Meet to share the House points with all classes. They have also presented information throughout the last four weeks on St Andrew's Day, Advent, The Christmas Story and Christmas Around the World.

Lastly, they helped to organise our annual Christmas Quiz which took place virtually on Friday 18th December. A great time was had by all and the winning house was Mossspark (blue house). Well done Mossspark!

January 2021

(Events/Dates in **red** are subject to change given the phased re-opening of schools in January 2021)

January 2021	We are awaiting details of P.1 Enrolment Week
Wednesday 6 th January	Exceptional School Closure – Staff only to attend
Thursday 7 th January – Friday 8 th January	Key Worker Emergency Childcare Provision only
Monday 11 th January	Remote/Home Learning Begins Continuation of Key Worker Emergency Childcare Provision
Thursday 14 th January	P.1 Enrolment Online Form Opens (for children starting August 2021)
Friday 22nd January	Scottish Event / Celebration
Monday 25th January	P.7/6 Holocaust Memorial Event
Friday 29th January	House Captain Event (previously Dress Down Day – information to follow)

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