



We grow as we learn.



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Dear Parents and Families

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK @ KIRKLANDNEUK

British Science Week is a 10-day programme of thousands of events running throughout the whole of the UK with the aim of celebrating science, engineering, technology and maths in schools. In Kirklandneuk, all classes have planned activities which will involve practical learning in science, as well as outdoor learning in science and the STEM subjects. This will start on 11th March... all we need is some sunshine! Many thanks to Renfrew High School's Science Department for lending us a host of Science equipment for our forthcoming Science Fair which Mrs Hutchison will lead in school for all pupils on Wednesday 16th March.



As the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is now enshrined in legislation, all schools are expected to work towards achieving Rights Respecting Schools' Status.

WORKING TOWARDS RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS' STATUS

Every week in the newsletter, we will let our families know which of the 'articles' from the UNCRC we are covering in school. This week and next week, we are focussing on articles 2, 12 and 13 at assembly:

Article 2 (non-discrimination): The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child): Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child): Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Article 13 (freedom of expression): Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

For some of our pupils, the language of the Convention is new and tricky to understand, so we are focussing on a child-friendly approach, for example:



Article 2 is all about making sure that everyone knows about and receives their rights, regardless of where they are from.



Article 12 is about making sure we listen to children's views in all aspects of their life.



Article 13 is about ensuring all children have the opportunity to actively share their views.

PARENTS' NIGHTS – ONLINE USING SCHOOLCLOUD

Please keep **Wednesday 16th** or **Thursday 17th March** free as we are hosting our parents' nights online on these dates. Parents will be able to sign up for their appointments from Monday 7th March via the link from SeeSaw.

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

kirkyparentcouncil@gmail.com



Hello everyone

The **next parent council meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 8th March @ 6.30 pm via Zoom**. The Zoom link for the meeting will be put on Seesaw on Tuesday afternoon or you can request it by emailing kirkyparentcouncil@gmail.com

We have Andrew Mitchell (the Active Schools' Co-ordinator) attending to get some feedback from you on what clubs and activities you would like to see being offered. If you are unable to attend but have some suggestions and / or feedback for Andrew, please send it by email on the address above.

We will also be discussing the joint project with the pupil council on developing an environmentally friendly outdoor learning space. This is one of the first joint projects for some time and we would really appreciate as many parents as possible getting involved. If successful, this will have a huge positive impact on the whole school community.

We would be delighted to hear your thoughts and ideas on this or maybe you have a child who is a pupil council representative and are keen to know what they are doing and how you can help. We are a very friendly bunch and would be delighted to welcome you on Tuesday evening.

Tracy Lundie
Parent Council Chair

STAFFING UPDATE

Our Principal Teacher, Mrs McKenzie started her maternity leave today; we wish her every blessing over the next few weeks and months. Mrs Hampsay now takes over Mrs McKenzie's ICT role from today. If you have any difficulties with SeeSaw or ICT needs, please email Mrs Hampsay at gw13scottjacqueline@glow.sch.uk Please look out for Mrs Hampsay's posts about the forthcoming parents' nights / how to log on.

HOUSE UPDATE

We have 4 house teams here in Kirklandneuk; all pupils and staff are a member of a 'house':

Waverley Britannia Glenlee Spartan

Our pupils have been working hard to gain house points in a range of ways, e.g. producing outstanding work, displaying outstanding manners or quality lines. The winning house for February is **Spartan** and they have chosen to have an own clothes day for their reward. **The own clothes day for Spartan pupils and staff only is on Friday 11th March.** Well done, Spartan House 😊

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK @ KPS?

Date	What's on? 8.15-8.45: Breakfast Club & Literacy B/C 8.45-9.00: staggered entry for P1-7 2.45: P1 + P3 + older siblings collection time 2.55: P2 + older siblings collection time 3.00: P4-7 collection time	Lunch Menu: <u>Week 2</u>
Mon 7 Mar	8.15am: Literacy Breakfast Club (Mon-Thurs) ACTIVE SCHOOLS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: 3-4pm: P5-7 football (outside) and P5-7 basketball (outside) 3-4.30pm: School Show Rehearsal for <u>all pupils</u> involved in P4-7	
Tues 8 Mar	All day: Brian Donnelly will be in school to work with some P7 pupils 2-2.45pm: YMCA to visit some of our P6s to develop 'Play Rangers' ACTIVE SCHOOLS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: 3-4pm: P1-2 Playclub (gym hall) 6.30pm: Parent Council Meeting (online)	
Wed 9 Mar	P7 Bikeability Session 5 – P7s, please remember to bring your bike and helmet All day: Paul Harrison (Home Link Worker) to work with some pupils 1.00pm: P1-7 Assembly (online - Pupil of the Week with Mrs MacKechnie) pm: Community Time for P1-7 2pm: Hot Chocolate Wednesday for Pupils of the Week ACTIVE SCHOOLS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: 3-4pm: P3-4 Multisports (gym hall)	
Thurs 10 Mar	pm: Paul Harrison (Home Link Worker) to work with some pupils 3-4.30pm: School Show Rehearsal for <u>some pupils</u> involved in P4-7 – please note that Mr Usher will issue pupils with a letter to confirm Thursday's attendance at Monday's rehearsal	
Fri 11 Mar	Own clothes day for all pupils & staff in SPARTAN HOUSE today	

	British Science Week (STEM Learning at Kirklandneuk for P1-7) – starting today Friday 😊
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WHAT'S COMING UP IN MARCH?

Mon 14 Mar	Book Fair Week (in-school books with online ordering)
Wed 16 Mar	P7 Bikeability Science Fair in school 3.30pm onwards: Parents' Night 1 (online using SchoolCloud) Links to book will be issued soon.
Thurs 17 Mar	3.30pm onwards: Parents' Night 2 (online using SchoolCloud) Links to book will be issued soon.
Wed 23 Mar	P7 Residential Trip to Lockerbie Manor (Wed 23-Fri 25 Feb)
Wed 30 Mar	P7 Bikeability
Fri 01 Apr	Last day of term (usual 2.45/2.55/3pm close)

Enjoy the weekend everyone,

K MacKechnie

Head Teacher

Our Vision:

There are no limits at Kirklandneuk.

We are always learning, believing and improving.

Our **promise** to you is that we will listen, we will be kind and we will help you.

Our KPS values are:

Kindness

Positivity

Safety

