

ROBERT OWEN MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

January

Wednesday 6th

Children of keyworkers
return to school

Monday 11th-18th

Children will participate in
remote learning

Tuesday 19th

Parent Council meeting

Monday 25th-Friday 29th

World of Work Week



Christmas at ROMPS

The run up to Christmas has been very different this year. All members of staff have done a tremendous job trying to make December a fun time at school while keeping within the guidelines set out by the Scottish Government.



Throughout the month of December, all classes and Pods in the ELC have watched the pantomime, Robin Hood and his Socially Distanced Men purchased for us by the Parent Council. It was enjoyed by all and the children spent time completing activities based on the panto too. All children got a treat of a drink and a packet of sweets while watching the panto.





Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place virtually on ZOOM on Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7.30pm. All parents will be made most welcome.

Twitter

If you have a Twitter account you can follow us by searching for @ROMPSTWEET.

Please contact the school for the password.

School App

Please sign up to our school app. To download it search 'PSA primarieschoolapp' in the Apple or Google Play app stores. Once you have opened the app, just search for Robert Owen Memorial Primary School and enter username

Parties

All of the parties were held on Friday the 18th December. It was great to see everyone getting into the Christmas spirit by dressing up in party clothes.

All children had a great time despite the restrictions. They still played games and completed fun activities. Primary 1 and 2 got a visit from a very special man who gave them all presents! The children were delighted that Santa and his elves could join them at their parties.



Room 1



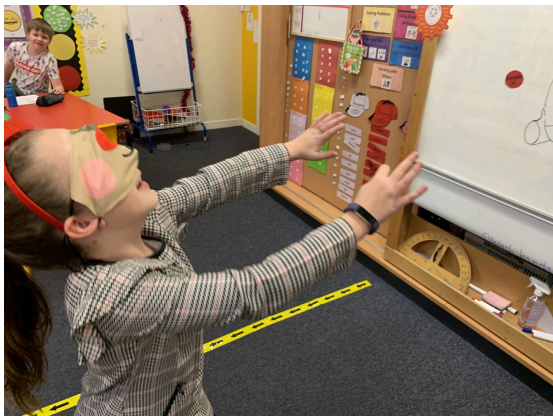
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Room 2



Room 8



Room 12



Room 14



Everyone also enjoyed a visit from a polar bear and a Christmas tree. This brought great hilarity and cheer to everyone. Thanks to Mrs Doak and Mrs Jackson for joining in the festive fun.



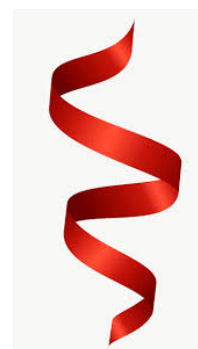
Christmas Assembly

Thanks to our School Chaplain the Rev Bryan Kerr for leading us in our first ever experience of an interactive virtual Christmas assembly. It was brilliant fun and the kids loved this new experience.



Christmas Bells

The Rev Kerr and his congregation have also provided materials for every child to make a set of little bells to ring at 6pm on Christmas Eve as part of the Worldwide Christmas Jingle initiative. Please encourage your child to show their appreciation for the man who is defying the virus and keeping his promise to visit every country in the world by ringing their bells at 6pm on Christmas Eve.



Sweets for everyone



Every child in the school and nursery was gifted a large tube of sweets as a result of kind donations from resident of Lanark. The children were all delighted to receive the sweets.



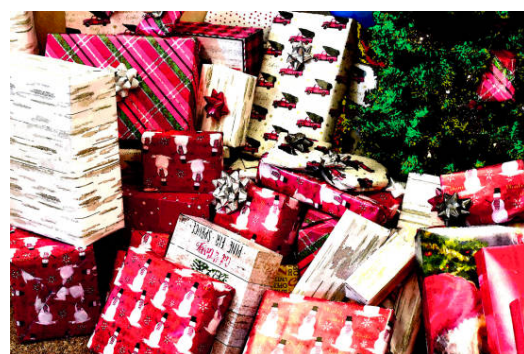
Fruit and Veg Boxes



We took delivery of 35 fruit and veg boxes this week courtesy of Siemens. These boxes were delivered to some of our families. A big thank you to Siemens for considering our families at this difficult time.

Gift of Presents

Residents of Crossford and their friends decided that instead of giving Christmas cards this year they would buy gifts for children in local schools. We were delighted to be chosen as one of the schools and 44 presents arrived for our children at the beginning of the week. These presents were given to some of our parents to give to their children on Christmas Day



Christmas on TEAMS

A new Team has been created for all children in the school and nursery. Be sure to have a look at all of the Christmas items prepared for you by the children.



Staffing

Mrs Gardiner has been asked to go on secondment on the 6th January 2021 to Braidwood Primary to be Acting Head Teacher while the Head Teacher is on maternity leave. In her absence Miss Munro will be Acting Depute Head Teacher and Mrs Dunlop will be Acting Principal Teacher. We wish them all well as they take up their new positions.

Enrolment-Week commencing the 18th January 2020

How to register your child for school

If your child is starting school for the first time you must enrol your child at their catchment school in January. If parents want their child to go to another school, they must enrol in the first instance with their catchment school and ask for an information leaflet that provides details on how to make a placing request. Forms are available from the SLC website – www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk, schools, Q and A offices or by contacting Education Resources, Almada Street, Hamilton, phone **0303 123 1023**. Completed forms should be returned as soon as possible to Education Resources, Almada Street, Hamilton ML3 0AE.

Enrolment this year will be done online. More info to follow.

Skills for Learning, Life and Work

We are looking for volunteers to participate in our World of Work week, which will take place from Monday 25th January until Friday 29th January.

This year, we have had to make some changes to our World of Work week in response to the current global pandemic and to keep in line with the government guidance to help reduce the spread of infection. Instead of coming into the school to talk to the children, we are asking volunteers to send in a short video explaining about the skills and responsibilities involved in their jobs. It would be great if perhaps the video could include some props or equipment required for particular careers. The video could also include some answers to the questions that the children may have about different careers. Questions from the children would be sent to volunteers prior to this event.

The aim behind this event is to give the children the opportunity to consider a range of different jobs on offer and widen their experiences of the World of Work, as well as find out a bit more about the different jobs available and the skillset they require to do these jobs.

If you would be willing to participate in this event, please send your video to the school office at office@robertowen-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk or Miss Munro at gw14munronatalie2@glow.sch.uk by Monday 18th January.

Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.
Miss Munro

Coronavirus reminder

Preventing the Spread of COVID 19 in school – Keeping Everyone Safe! There is a ZERO TOLERANCE policy in place in schools across Scotland at the moment in our recovery phase for children displaying any symptoms of COVID 19. The wellbeing of all children and staff should be the central focus. There are important actions that everyone can take to prevent the spread of the virus. Everyone who:

- has the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) - a new persistent cough, fever, or a loss of sense of smell and /or taste – should stay at home and arrange for coronavirus testing
 - is living with someone who has coronavirus symptoms should stay at home and follow the relevant advice
 - has returned (or come) to Scotland from a country which is not exempt from the UK quarantine rules, should stay at home following the relevant guidance.
 - If your child/ren have had a Coronavirus Test, please inform the school office of the result.
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- I appreciate that this may cause child care challenges for you, however we all must be diligent in our duty to prevent the spread of any illnesses at this time. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school