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Dear Parents and Families

THANK YOU EVERYONE!



A huge thank you to everyone – children, staff, parents, families and our wider community for all of your support this term. It has been a really full term, packed with lots of activity and a continued **drive to raise standards in the core areas of literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing**. This sustained effort during a (hopefully) waning pandemic has placed our children in a very positive position for next term, despite setbacks such as staff and pupil absence and an attempt at setting our school alight along the way.

I have to specifically mention the **tremendous fundraising effort from our whole community in support of the Clyde 1 Cash for Kids Schools' Challenge**. We do not know exactly how much we have raised, but we have definitely smashed the target of £1500, so we are in with a great chance of adding to our final total which we will find out on Tuesday 19th April.

Our **Parent Council** has continued to support and facilitate wider parental engagement with a good range of online family learning at Parent Council meetings, as well as pursuing additional funding from external grant agencies; our **PTA** has provided our children with a range of **fun activities, fundraisers and treats** to mark the end of term which has been very much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone 😊

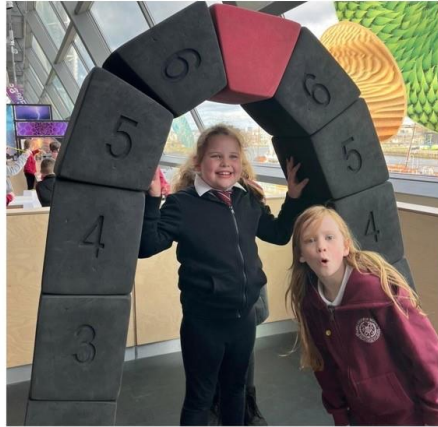
Next term is a 10-week term, and we have a great deal to achieve in that time. The Scottish Government has now **lifted many of the restrictions** previously imposed on us due to Covid-19, so we will be able to **reintroduce many of our more 'usual' routines and activities**. This will include trips for all classes, parental engagement activities, Sports Day, Transition Activities for Nursery-P1 and P7-S1, P6 Swimming, the School Show and the P7 Prom. *Please refer to the updated calendar at the end of this newsletter for full details of what's on next term.*



Finally, I would like to wish all of our children, staff and families a wonderful, well-deserved break. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Tuesday 19th April**.

Mrs MacKechnie

P5 Trip to the Glasgow Science Centre 31.3.22 ☺



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TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHERS: WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2022



All pupils in P2-7 will have their individual, sibling and class photographs taken in school on **Wednesday 20th April**. If any P1 pupils missed their individual photographs in November, they will have this taken on 20th April; P1 siblings will also be included in the photographs on this date.

FORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM (SHIRT AND TIE) FOR THESE PHOTOS PLEASE. NB: We have a large stock of school uniform in school – FREE. Please ask if you would like anything at all (ties, shirts, skirts, trousers etc.)

P6 BIKEABILITY

Our P6 pupils are invited to commence **Bikeability** next term, starting with BIKE CHECKS. Please note that all pupils will require a helmet. If you would like to borrow a bike / helmet, please email Mrs Stafford at gillian.stafford@renfrewshire.school and we will help you with this.



Dates are as follows:

For **Primary 6 (Room 15 and 16):**

<i>Bike Check</i>	<i>Wednesday 20th April</i>
<i>Session 1</i>	<i>Wednesday 27th April</i>
<i>Session 2</i>	<i>Wednesday 4th May</i>
<i>Session 3</i>	<i>Wednesday 11th May</i>
<i>Session 4</i>	<i>Wednesday 18th May</i>
<i>Session 5</i>	<i>Wednesday 25th May</i>
<i>Session 6</i>	<i>Wednesday 1st June</i>

For **Primary 6 (Room 17):**

<i>Bike Check</i>	<i>Wednesday 20th April</i>
<i>Session 1</i>	<i>Thursday 28th April</i>
<i>Session 2</i>	<i>Tuesday 3rd May</i>
<i>Session 3</i>	<i>Thursday 12th May</i>
<i>Session 4</i>	<i>Thursday 19th May</i>
<i>Session 5</i>	<i>Thursday 26th May</i>
<i>Session 6</i>	<i>Tuesday 31st May</i>

COVID UPDATE

Please find below the updated Covid guidance for schools following the First Minister's recent update:

- All mitigations relating to ventilation and good hygiene remain in place
- Social distancing measures are no longer enforceable – this is personal choice now
- Face masks for staff in corridors to be encouraged; not required in classrooms or staffroom when seated. NB this may change.
- No requirement to use a Lateral Flow Test regularly now
- Handwashing and sanitising on-entry to school and 'at the right times' – continue
- Day cleaners will remain in all schools until the end of June
- No requirement for a Covid isolation room or Covid-designated toilet
- Pupils / staff should still remain at home and self-isolate if they have symptoms of Covid or if they have tested positive, even if asymptomatic
- Pupils / staff are still required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact and are not fully vaccinated.

Please note that for safety reasons, our staggered entry / exit arrangements will remain in place at Kirklandneuk until June as this is really helping to relieve congestion at drop-off and collection times (exacerbated by the loss of our access gate as a result of our extension building works.) We will resume our operating hours of 9am-3pm from Aug '22.



SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE – EASTER TREAT

Our school meals service will be offering all children who come for lunch on **Tuesday 19th April** a **Cadbury's Chocolate Buttons Easter Egg**. Please note that dietary alternatives will be available.

THANK YOU TO RENFREWSHIRE TOYBANK!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Renfrewshire Toy Bank for their continued donations. After gifting Christmas toys and presents in December, the Toybank has recently donated Easter Eggs which have been sent home to some of our families. This is very much appreciated and is helping us to support our Kirklandneuk community. Thank you to Lauren and her team! 😊



SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATES / DOG FOULING & LITTER



In order to maintain optimum safety in and around our school, we ask everyone not to bring dogs into the playground or approach pupils at the fence / gate during breaks and lunchtimes. Thank you for your ongoing support with this. Further, we have a real challenge with litter and dog-fouling in our community - please could we ask everyone to do their bit to keep our community clean and safe.



ALL DOGS TO BE KEPT ON LEADS



PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG



YOUNG SCOT CARD

What does the under 22's free bus travel scheme offer?

All children and young people aged 5-21 years old can apply for a National Entitlement Card to access the Young Person's (Under 22's) Free Bus Travel Scheme which began on 31st January 2022. It covers all local bus networks in Scotland as well as other operators such as Citylink and Megabus for longer journeys within Scotland.

A card is available to those aged 5-10 years old (P1-P6) – it is nicknamed a 'Junior NEC'. It is slightly different to the P7 card in that it doesn't have a photograph of the child on it, nor does it carry the Young Scot logo or PASS hologram. The card P7 pupils will get is a **Young Scot NEC**. This does carry a photograph and provides other benefits and so there is a slightly different application process to accommodate this. All P7 pupils have been issued with a paper copy of the instructions and application form this week. **The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 26th April to take the P7 photos for their Young Scot NEC.** Our P7 pupils will need this card for secondary school, so it is very important that all P7 families complete and return the permission slip to school by Friday 22nd April.



SUPPORTING UKRAINE

Inspired by the video of young Amelia singing 'Let It Go' ([#LetItGoAmelia](#)) from her shelter, children all over Renfrewshire have been invited to participate in a 'Song for Ukraine' which features clips of Kirklandneuk pupils singing 'Let It Go'. This will be available to view after Easter. In the meantime, our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the people of Ukraine.

Kirklandneuk will host a special event in **May** in support of Ukraine in order to contribute to the national fundraising efforts.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF KIRKLANDNEUK PRIMARY SCHOOL

During our final term of this session in April-June, we will be promoting a number of activities in order to mark our school's diamond anniversary – 60 years! Among the planned activities are: a whole-school picture, a commemorative tea towel (and other memorabilia), a time capsule, a fabulous school show and a new Diamond Jubilee Garden in our school grounds... more information after Easter.



Kirklandneuk On Film for 'Renfrew On Film'

We will be working with local film maker, Paul Russell, to contribute a section celebrating our school's 60th birthday as part of 'Renfrew On Film'.

This will be showcased at Renfrew Town Hall during Renfrew Gala Week (hopefully at the beginning of June). In order to capture as many memories as possible, **we are looking for a few parents, grandparents and possibly great-grandparents** who have a good story to tell or some favourite memories to share about life at Kirklandneuk Primary School throughout the ages from **1961-present day**. Please contact Mrs MacKechnie if you would like to be part of our film making in May @ karen.mackechnie@renfrewshire.school

KIRKLANDNEUK DIARY FOR APRIL – JUNE 2022

Date	Event
APRIL	
Tuesday 19	Back to school 😊 Feis Phaislig Music Workshops for P1-3 (in school)
Wednesday 20	Tempest School Photographers in school for P2-7 individual, sibling & class photos (inc P1 individuals missed from Nov & siblings) P6 Bikeability starts today (every Wednesday for 7 weeks)
Thursday 21	P4 and P4/5 trip to Vikingar, Largs
Monday 25	Literacy Breakfast Club starts again today (Mon-Thurs each week)
Tuesday 26	P7 Young Scot NEC photos taken today P1-7 Engineer Workshops presented by Flemings Builders (in school) 6.30pm – Parent Council Meeting (online)
Wednesday 27	P3 Trip to Glasgow Science Centre
Thursday 28	P6 Trip to Glasgow Science Centre
Friday 29	P7 Transition (small groups) to Renfrew HS commence today

MAY	
Monday 02	May Day – holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 03	P7 Trip to Loch Lomond – kayaking and tree climbing day 1 P1 Dental Inspections (dental team in school) 6.30pm: P6 Parent / Family Information Session (online) to discuss arrangements for P7
Wednesday 04	P7 Trip to Loch Lomond – kayaking and tree climbing day 2 P1 Teddy Bear's Picnic for Parents – in school grounds P2 Dental Inspections (dental team in school)
Thursday 05	In Service Day 5 (school closed to pupils; staff training) De-fib Training for staff and parents (group 1)
Friday 06	P6 & 7 Football Festival @ Park Mains HS, Erskine (football team)
Thursday 12	De-fib Training for parents (groups 2 & 3)
w/c 16	P1 Transition (Aug 2022 entrants) this week – exact dates TBC
Tuesday 17	6.30pm: Parent Council Meeting (online)
Saturday 21	School Show Rehearsal
Tuesday 24	9.30-10.30am: P6 Swimming @ Victory Baths
Wednesday 25	P7 Transition Day 1 @ Renfrew High School (all day)
Thursday 26	P7 Transition Day 2 @ Renfrew High School (all day)
Friday 27	May Day – holiday (school closed)
Monday 30	School open today
Tuesday 31	9.30-10.30am: P6 Swimming @ Victory Baths
JUNE	
Thursday 02	Queen's Platinum Jubilee – holiday (school closed)
Friday 03	Queen's Platinum Jubilee – holiday (school closed)
Monday 06	P1-7 HEALTH WEEK: pupils to wear PE kit / joggies all week
June date TBC	P1 and P2 Trip to Finlaystone Country Park
Thursday 09	P1-7 SPORTS DAY (Plan A – weather dependent)
Friday 10	Plan B for Sports Day if weather is poor on 9 th June P1-7 End of Year Reports issued today
Saturday 11	School Show Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 14	School Show – Performance 1
Wednesday 15	School Show – Performance 2
Thursday 16	School Show – Performance 3
Friday 17	P7 Event: 'I'm A P7... Get Me Out Of Here!!'
Wednesday 22	am: P7 Leavers' Assembly – school hall pm: Bump-Up Day for P1-6 (Transition Day - moving up to new classes)
Monday 27	P7 Prom, Normandy Hotel
Tuesday 28	Last Day of Term (1pm close)

WHAT'S ON THE FIRST WEEK BACK AFTER THE HOLIDAYS @ KPS?

Date	What's on? 8.15-8.45: Breakfast Club (NO Literacy B/C this wk) 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 18 Apr	EASTER MONDAY – HOLIDAY	
Tues 19 Apr	BACK TO SCHOOL 😊 Breakfast Club ON from today / Literacy Breakfast Club starts back 25th Apr Cadbury's Buttons Easter Egg treat at school meals today Brian Donnelly will be in school to work with our P4 classes on 'Safe Use of Social Media' 9.30-10.30am: Feis Phaislig Workshops (traditional Gaelic music) for P1-3 pupils in school 9.00-12 noon: Mrs Thomson (Transition Teacher) to work with all P7 classes 11.00am: Cash for Kids 'Reveal'	
Wed 20 Apr	TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS FOR ALL P2-7 PUPILS (& P1 pupils who missed this in November) – individual, sibling & class photos FORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR EVERYONE TODAY PLEASE – SHIRT & TIE <u>Bikeability BIKE CHECKS today for P6s – please remember your helmet</u> 1.10pm: P1-7 Assembly (online - with Mrs MacKechnie) pm: Community Time for P1-7	
Thurs 21 Apr	P4 + P5 Trip to Vikingar, Largs (rooms 10, 11 & 12) 3-4.30pm: School Show Rehearsal for <u>certain pupils</u> involved in P4-7 (pupils who have been issued with a <u>green slip</u> should attend; pupils who have been issued with a <u>red slip</u> do not attend this rehearsal)	
Fri 22 Apr		
Mon 25 Apr	<u>Literacy Breakfast Club is BACK ON this week: Mon-Thurs, 8.15am</u>	

With very best wishes for the Easter / Spring break,

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

