



## Kirklandneuk Primary School Newsletter January 2020



### FRIENDLY

We wish to welcome some new staff members to Kirklandneuk Primary. We are looking forward to Emma Brown joining us as an ASNA; Josh Doherty working as a Dining Room Assistant and Lyndsey Struthers who will be our Early Years Officer supporting the infant area.

We are looking forward to them starting.

We have also welcomed a new family into our school and have had a few other families visit recently to prepare for future moves.

### NURTURE

Mrs Ayres, Mrs Howie and Mrs Wishart continue to lead our nurture classes and have enjoyed getting to know the children better within the Butterfly Room and in the school setting. Miss Burns continues to lead the working party supporting Nurture development in the school and further input will occur for staff around our principle that *All Behaviour is Communication*.

The RNRA team (Renfrewshire Nurturing Relationships Approach) are linked regularly with the school and we are all working hard to ensure new staff who have joined us or will be joining us are well aware of our work and goals.

### VALUED

We want to give a big congratulations to two current and one former pupil. Anthony in P3 has been selected as one of the winners for the Renfrewshire Calendar contest. He created a lovely paper dragon. Swarna, who is now in S1 also had her art work selected. We are very proud of each of them.

Phoebe in P6 has also shown herself to be outstanding by raising over £600 for The Little Princess Trust. She also donated 9 inches of her lovely hair to create a wig for someone who has lost their hair during treatments. Just amazing!!!

We appreciate the many differences and qualities that our pupils and staff have and always wish to celebrate these in as many ways as we can. Our classrooms, front corridor areas, staff room and SMT offices all have Recognition Boards to celebrate the wonderful things everyone achieves. A recognition note could be issued for having a lovely smile for someone, helping others, achieving a learning goal or skill or any other reason that may occur in school.

We still have our Achievement Wall outside the dinner hall to allow families to recognise the achievements of children at home such as receiving badges or awards at a club, reaching milestones at home like tying shoelaces or riding a bike or for events such as fundraising. Please complete one of the attached slips each time you wish to share with us what your child has achieved. We love to hear about everything they can do.

SEESAW continues to be used in class to share with you different achievements within school. Please contact the school if you do not have a digital SeeSaw link as yet so you can see pictures or videos of your child at different times throughout the session.

Remember to follow our **Twitter** link @kirklandneukps.

We are always happy to chat with you but you can also contact us on the school's website **Contact Us** link or use the email: [kirklandneukenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:kirklandneukenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk) or call the school at 0300 3000 164. Mrs K Logue

### HIGH EXPECTATIONS

We have been working very hard to adapt the way our Positive Behaviour Programme works across the school. As all of the changes have been going on, one thing has never changed, we wish everyone to show their best attitude and effort every day in all they do. When we have a positive, "can do" attitude even the difficult things can start to seem a little easier. Having high expectations of ourselves means we also set goals, assess achievements and consider what we need to do next to further our skills. This is a very important life skill and one that continues to be encouraged each day at Kirklandneuk Primary School. A letter regarding all the adaptations of recognising Positive Behaviours was sent out prior to the holidays.

### COMMUNITY

We continue to encourage you to walk to school and avoid the use of cars in areas close to school grounds. There has been quite a few incidents of dangerous parking and of children leaving cars on the roadside causing near-miss accidents. We wish everyone to be safe and leaving your car at home or on quieter streets will help this.



### Calendar Dates

#### JANUARY

13<sup>th</sup> - Open Forum for Parent/Carers  
 14<sup>th</sup> - 2pm Parent Information Workshop with Brian Donnelly  
 15<sup>th</sup> P1 Registration 1:30-3pm  
 16<sup>th</sup> P1 Registration 1:30-3pm  
 24<sup>th</sup> Burns Assembly for P6 Families  
 24<sup>th</sup> Burns Ceilidh for P6  
 27<sup>th</sup> Teacher led Clubs Begin  
 29<sup>th</sup> Parent Council 6pm, Brian Donnelly attending

#### FEBRUARY

Weeks 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - Modern Languages Focus  
 5<sup>th</sup> Jotter Sharing 2-4 pm and 4-6pm in hall.  
 7<sup>th</sup> INSET Day  
 10<sup>th</sup> Holiday  
 11<sup>th</sup> Holiday  
 12<sup>th</sup> INSET Day  
 14<sup>th</sup> Parent Council Drop-in Q and A Tea and Cake  
 Week 17<sup>th</sup> World of Work visits and activities  
 Weeks 24<sup>th</sup> Feb and 2<sup>nd</sup> March Fair Trade  
 28<sup>th</sup> Teacher led Clubs end  
 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 4<sup>th</sup> March Book Bug Reading 6pm

#### MARCH

12<sup>th</sup>; 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March Easter Extravaganza  
 25<sup>th</sup> Parent Council

#### APRIL

1<sup>st</sup> Church Assembly; P2s presenting 9:45 am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Last day of school  
 20<sup>th</sup> Pupils Return

**As a reminder - Inset days will be 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May and a school holiday 8<sup>th</sup> May; P7 Residential trip will leave 5<sup>th</sup> May and return 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

### OPEN FORUM EVENTS

**Parent Council:** The next meeting is **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** at 6pm in the hall. Everyone is welcome. Brian Donnelly will be joining us for the meeting to talk about the work he will be doing within the school with staff and pupils.

Mrs Lundie hosted a drop in morning in December and will have another **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** 9:15-10:30. Join us for tea and biscuits in the Parent's Room and to share your questions.

Add yourself to the contact list by emailing [kirkyparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:kirkyparentcouncil@gmail.com) to get further information.

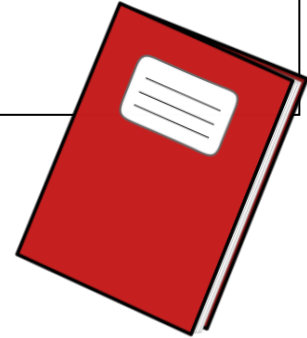
**PTA:** The PTA continue to look for support for Discos (The next is 19<sup>th</sup> March) and events such as the P6 Burns Ceilidh. These events are so important to not only help raise funds for the school but to also build a community spirit. Please let us know if you can help and we can arrange for a PVG to be completed or update. The next meeting for the PTA is **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 6:30 pm.**

**Open Forum Monday Meeting:** The next date is **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January** from 9:15-10:30 am. Please drop in if you have any questions and you will be seen on a first come first served basis.

**COGS:** We will be catching-up on a missed COGS meeting due to a great deal of absences. Our focus will be Reading.

### JOTTER SHARING

We are going to try something a little different regarding viewing your child's jotters. Instead of sending them home as we have traditionally done we are going to set up the gym hall so you can come in and browse your child's work. We are hoping this will solve some of the issues we have about jotters not returning to school or children not being able to access a jotter for learning experiences in class. The event is a drop in on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February between 2 and 6pm. Members of the management team will be there to take any questions you may have. Each class will be clearly labelled and your child's items will be in an envelope for you to access. This is a model in several other schools and we hope we have the success that they have shared with us.



### PARENT PAY

There are still some families that need to activate their child's Parent Pay account. Please contact the school if you need any help or have misplaced any log in details. Just so you are aware, if your child is buying tuck at playtime the money will come from their dinner account. If your child does not take a school dinner but does have tuck you will need to start an account.

If your child is in P1-P3 and has a free school meal they will still need an account to pay for tuck.

There have still been some issues around Breakfast Club accounts and hopefully these will all be resolved very soon.

You will need an account to pay for any excursions your child is going on so please set up your account as soon as you can. If you have any questions please call us and we will try to help.

### RESPECT

As our work with Brian Donnelly continues we will be inviting families in to discuss some of the adaptations we have made in our Promoting Positive Behaviour Programme and to hear his views and ideas about why we have made these changes.

We will also be looking for a few parent/carers to join us in a consultation later in the year to support the development of Behaviour Management and Anti-Bullying Policies in line with new council and government documents. This inclusion and discrimination procedures.

We are looking forward to Brian working in our classes and gathering the views of children. Look out for further letters from Mrs Wallace after the holidays.

### School Show 2020

The production for June 2020 will be "My Son Pinocchio Jr". We are all very excited about the number of speaking characters involved in this production allowing many more children to highlight their skills. Letters regarding auditions are going out the first week back to give you more information. All P4-P7 children are welcome to audition for a lead or the chorus. Get your song ready to show us what you can do!!



### Oooh La La

We are very excited about the French language assistant, Ferdinand, who will be visiting throughout January and working with the P6 and P7 pupils. He is a French native speaker and his experiences of the culture will be invaluable for children to further develop not only their own pronunciation but their understanding of everyday life in France. The whole cluster will experience this great opportunity and we know it will have a positive impact.

There is an Open House at the school **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January for anyone** who wishes to see the Infant Area and have a member of SMT share some introductory information.



## Register your infant for school session 2020/2021

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2020 and 28 February 2021 inclusive should be registered for education in their catchment school as follows:

- **Pupils whose surnames begin with the letters A - L** should be registered on **Wednesday 15 January 2020**
- **Pupils whose surnames begin with the letters M - Z** should be registered on **Thursday 16 January 2020**

Registration will take place between 1:15pm - 3pm on those dates.

Parents should produce their child's birth certificate and **two proofs of residence** which must include:

- Council Tax notice for your property or proof that you have registered for Council Tax at that property, and
- a letter from your solicitor confirming that missives have been concluded or a rent book for rented property, tenancy agreement or mortgage/bank statement.

**Original documents must be produced.**

You must register your child in only one school - either the denominational or non-denominational school for your catchment area.

If you want your child to go to a different school, you will have to make a placing request. Your catchment school will give you a request form when you go to register. Placing requests for all schools for session beginning August 2020 should be sent to us by **15 March 2020**.

**If you wish to speak to a member of school staff about your child's specific needs, a further meeting can be arranged with the head teacher or the infant depute on an alternate date.**