

Tannadice Newsletter ~ November 2016

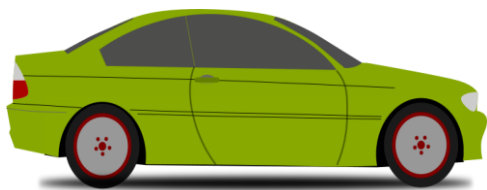
I hope everyone had a lovely holiday. The children are enjoying the changing season and we are still outside as much as possible. We have had a busy start to the term 2!

Mrs Thornton



Pupil Absence If your child is not to be in school for any reason, please contact the school office before 9.45am. You can phone, email or send a note in with a sibling.

Winter is here! Please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing and footwear with them each day - jacket, hat and gloves, **PLEASE WITH NAME LABELS!** We would also appreciate if they could keep in their school bags a spare pair of socks/tights.



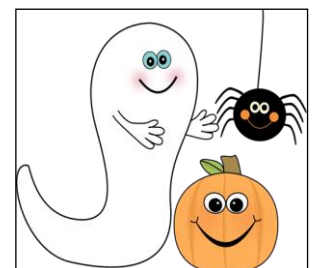
Cars Again, can I remind you that cars should **not** be on the school grounds between **8:45** and **9:05am**. This is to allow buses clear access to school and more importantly for the safety of our children. Drivers should park in the village, while being considerate to our neighbours, then walk up the hill. At home time, the school brae is closed to cars between 3.00 and 3.30pm, again to allow the buses clear access. Thank you for your support with this. If you feel unable to adhere to this for any reason please do come and speak to me.

Please do not park in front of the main school forecourt whilst dropping off your child(ren). This access area must be kept clear.



Student Placements We are excited to welcome two teaching students to Team Tannadice this session. Mrs Louise Harris a 4th year student from the University of Dundee will be joining P6/7. Initially Mrs Harris will be with Mrs Read and the class for one week from 14th November, then for a ten week block beginning Monday 20th February 2017. Jennifer Gall a post graduate student from Aberdeen University will be joining Mrs Ferguson and P1/2 after the Christmas break. Her initial placement will be from 16th January - 10th February 2017. We look forward to them joining us.

Halloween Disco Everyone had a spooktacular time at the recent Halloween Disco. The hall looked amazing thanks to the superb efforts of the TPSA. Head Teacher gold stars for you ladies and everyone who helped with the clear up job. The children had a blast.





Harvest Festival Well done to P6/7 for leading our Harvest Assembly and our first class assembly of the year. Thank you to everyone who contributed items to our food bank donation. The children handed over the donations yesterday (Thursday) afternoon and enjoyed a really interesting talk Mr Norman Brown, Manager of the Angus Food Bank. It was lovely that Rev Orr was also able to join us and nice to see some parents too. The next class assembly will be **P3/4/5** on **21st November** followed by **P1/2** on **2nd December**, all welcome. Assembly starts at 11am.

Junior Young Ambassador Congratulations to our Junior Young Ambassadors for this session – **Abigail, Ewan, Kayleigh** and **Millie**. Mr Moncrieff and Mrs Gourlay were very impressed with both their application forms and interviews. They were so impressed with the standard that this session we have deputies too! Congratulations to **Abi, Lewis** and **Sarah**. The team have already had a meeting with Mr Moncrieff and are buzzing with great ideas.



Cauliflower Cards I hope you were pleased with the results of the children's Christmas card designs. They raised £120 for school funds. Please let us know your thoughts if we should do this again next year. We are putting the money raised towards new maths resources for the whole school.

Cook Book There is still time to get your chef hat on and upload your recipe for the Tannadice cook book. Please get in touch with the school office ASAP for the access code.



Parent/Carer Survey I really appreciate those that took the time to respond to the recent questionnaire on Teaching and Learning in Tannadice School.

Your feedback is very important as we move forward as a learning community. I am currently collating these and will share with you shortly.

Loose Parts Play- we are enjoying using the wheelbarrow and crates outside. Ideally we would love another wheelbarrow, some rope, old flat sheets and about 20 tyres of various sizes please.





MacMillan Café Well done to Mrs Read and P6/7 for organising a very well attended Community Café. It's always a hard job eating cake and drinking coffee for charity so thank you so much to everyone who baked the delicious cakes, guessed the sweeties in the jar etc. and came along to school to support the children. You all helped to raise an impressive **£240**. The next café will be on **Wednesday 23rd November**. There will then be a French Christmas café in December which the senior children will organise for the rest of the school.

Children In Need We will all be going spotty with Pudsey on **Friday 18th November**.

School has purchased merchandise to sell (including ears). Children should come to Nursery/School that day wearing something spotty. P6/7 are organising events for the children to enjoy that week (notes home shortly) but we are hoping for contributions to the cake bake and buy sale on Friday. We will have an indoor snack that day to enjoy our cakes with a wee drink of juice. Children can bring in their Pudsey or teddy bears to join them. They will need pennies to buy their cakes please but juice will be provided by school.



Firework Safety Thank you to Ian and Gordon from Scottish Fire & Rescue Service who spoke to Pre-school – P2 and P3-7 last week on the importance of being safe around fireworks. It is always lovely to hear visitors compliment the children's behaviour and manners.

Pupil Can Do Groups Every second Friday the children will be taking part in their "Can do" groups. We have four groups – Eco, Gardening, Enterprise and Rights Respecting School. The children, as always, have big plans and schemes for improvements to be made. Lists and action plans have been made and I am sure you will see and hear what they have been up to soon!

Enterprise Group are looking for items that can upcycle to make Christmas decorations and for other Craft projects ...



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| Old Magazines/Newspapers | Cotton Wool |
| Buttons (any colour, various sizes) | Napkins |
| Jigsaws (small pieces) | Kitchen Roll Tubes |
| Small dry sticks/twigs | Paper Plates |
| Baby Food Jars (Cleaned) | Smooth Flat Stones |
| Christmas Ribbon | Large Pine Cones |
| Golf Balls | Egg Cartons |
| Wooden Pegs | Wool/String |
| Empty tins (Cleaned) | Maps |
| Old Ties | Photo Frames |
| Bottle Tops | Conkers |
| Feathers | Cotton Reels |

Staffing Last term Gyllian Rae the Art Specialist was with us this term it is the turn of the PE specialist Jan Ford to be with us on a Thursday. Miss Rennie has recently undertaken training in Cosy Corners and Nurturing. Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Read, Mrs Joiner, Mrs Lawrie and I have undertaken Science workshops with the rest of the cluster. Mrs Gourlay has been enjoying SEEMIS training. I attended the Scottish Visible Learning Conference on Monday past.



Many congratulations to **Mrs Samson**, EYP, who recently graduated from Dundee and Angus College with a PDA. We are all very proud of you.

Remember

School will be closed to pupils (not staff) on the **28th** and **29th November** and then closed for everyone on the **30th November**.



Class News **P6/7** has started their new block of work. They will be designing a set of postcards for the infants to help them learn both French and about daily life in France. Each set will explore a topic using an intrepid pup as the main character. The class will investigate the kinds of text, graphics and story types that infants enjoy and will produce a set of tailor made cards for Mrs Ferguson's class. Building on previous skills, the class will further develop their note taking and researching abilities. The maths focus will be on decimals with additional work on problem solving using a variety of strategies. Book Club has been very popular and will continue with a different set of research questions. The French focus will be numbers, talking about myself and the family.



P3/4/5 are presently preparing a Friendship Assembly which they will share with the rest of the school and parents. They are going to create "A Recipe for a Good Friend" and perform a song they have been learning.

The Class have begun reading "The Butterfly Lion" by Michael Murpurgo. This Novel is set in Africa so as part of their Interdisciplinary learning, the class will combine literacy work with project work.

P1/2 has made a great start to their Bookbug learning. Bookbug has quite recovered from his spaceship crash and is happily in class. The children recently enjoyed an author's live event from the Scottish book trust live stream with Tracey Corderoy and Steven Lenton. Steven showed us how to draw one of the characters from "Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam". We were very pleased with our results.





Shoe Less School We are trying out being in our socks in the classroom. Recent studies from Finland have shown that children with no shoes on do better in the classroom so we are giving it a go. The children all seem happy and more comfortable. We are also saving time changing in and out of shoes if the weather is dry. The children will still require their indoor footwear for when the weather is wet and for PE.

Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school on Tuesday 22nd November until Friday 25th November. Pupils will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair where they will be able to write out a wish list. The wish list will be brought home for you to make the decision as to which book(s) you would like them to buy. The school will receive a commission from the final book sales.



Parent Evening and Open Afternoon We would like to invite you into school on the afternoon of **Thursday 24th November, 2-3pm**. I will give a short talk to parents then you are welcome to go and see the learning in class. This will be a regular teaching afternoon for children and staff, so please keep specific questions about your child to the evening appointments.

Tannadice Teeny Tiny Tots If you know anyone with a bump, baby or toddler who might be interested in this new group please ask them to get in touch with school.



Keeping in touch Don't forget to follow us on **Twitter** for all up to date school news @TannadicePs. All correspondence should come through school email Tannadice@tannadice.angus.sch.uk or telephone 01307 473379.

Please do not rely on class dojo messaging to get in touch as these messages are not always picked up. Our **school website** www.tannadice.angus.sch.uk is also a great way to keep up with school news and events.