

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2017

### Learning Journals

Miss Primrose has been setting up individual pupil profiles for the Learning Journals website. Your child's teacher can share observations which are linked to your email address. It is possible to set up notifications on your mobile device so that you may receive this information in the most convenient way for you.

The Sportshall Athletics Competition will be held on Friday 24th November from 9.30am to 11.30am. Mr. McIntyre will drive the ATI bus and another member of staff will accompany our team from Primaries 5, 6 and 7. Mr. Archibald is currently training the children for all the indoor athletics events.

Annan Academy Welcome Evening aims to showcase the opportunities offered at our local Academy. This event is open to children in primaries 5,6 and 7 and their parents. Further information will be coming from the Academy Staff but please note the date for this event : Wednesday 22nd November.

There will be a meeting of the Parent Council on Wednesday 8th November at 6.00pm in the school.

A new school App is being launched soon for Brydekirk Primary School. App Central, a Perthshire company, is working with staff to get this off the ground and ensure smooth links between the school blog and the new app. We are hoping that this initiative further improves communication between home and school.

Pitch, Pulse and Music workshops are arranged for Primary 4 to Primary 7 pupils. The first event is planned for Monday 27th November.

St. Columba's Primary will host a Christmas Craft Fair on Thursday 23rd November 6.30pm to 8pm. It is £10 a table for stall holders. There promises to be a variety of stalls and entertainment. Please feel very welcome to come along and support this annual fund raiser organised by the Parent Council at St. Columba's Primary School.

The Christmas Panto is already in production and we look forward to presenting this year's show in the village hall on Thursday 14th December at 6.30pm. Donations for the raffle can be sent in to school anytime now.

#### Christmas Panto

Our annual whole school outing is arranged for Wednesday 13th December in the morning. The children will see Sleeping Beauty at the Sands Centre in Carlisle. Kian's buses will transport staff and pupils to and from this event.

The Scottish National Standardised Assessments are being introduced across Scotland this academic year. Training for Head Teachers followed by training for teachers is taking place throughout the year. Children in Primaries 1, 4 and 7 as well as S3 will be assessed using computerised assessments. We plan to do these in March 2018. These assessments are commonly known as SNSA.

Information for parents should be coming out soon from Scottish Government and the Education Scotland website contains updated news for parents.

The Children's Christmas Party will be on Wednesday 20th December in the afternoon. Donations of party food can be brought in on the day and the children can bring party clothes in a bag.

Book fortnight will begin on the 20th November. There will be competitions and activities for all our pupils and of course we will have the Scholastic Book Fair during this special fortnight. May I encourage everyone to purchase books through Scholastic because the school will receive a large discount and our library can be enhanced. At this same, children in Primaries 1, 2 and 3 will be given the Book Bags issued by the Scottish Government.