



## Kirkstyle's Newsletter September - October 2011

### October Holiday

Please remember the school will close on Friday at 3.00pm and will re-open for pupils on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October for Term 2

### Kilmarnock Standard

We hope you spotted the pupils in Primary 1 who had their photograph taken again this session for an edition of the local paper. We continue to spot our pupils in the local paper and are proud to add them to our Stars in Our Eyes wall to share with all our visitors. If your child gains a personal achievement or is spotted by the local press and snapped please let us know and share their successes and fame with us.

### Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is an International movement to set up schools feeding projects in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. Mary's Meals provides daily meals in school for over 503,000 children. Every time our children have a school lunch they earn points which ultimately convert into meals for pupils in Malawi.

The pupils of Pr.5/6 and Pr.1 diners played host as part of the official launch for Mary's Meals campaign for East Ayrshire Council. Mary's Meals representatives, local Councillors, education and authority officials joined the cookery class with Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Macmillan and Primary 5/6 pupils to compare and contrast maize porridge, Scots porridge and a variety of freshly made salads. The official visitors then joined Primary 1 diners in the school dinner hall to enjoy a school lunch.



### Transport Museum & Kelvin grove

As part of a new Scottish history theme Pr.3 & Pr.3/4 enjoyed an outing to the newly refurbished Transport Museum to develop their understanding of vehicles from the past.

### Hairy Maclary

Primary 1 pupils and staff enjoyed their first school live performance at the Palace Theatre, followed up by a Drama workshop. The pupils met Hairy Maclary, Bottomley Potts and Hercules Morse and many more of their doggie friends in this interactive performance. The classes have sung, danced, acted and created some excellent work to show off their learning.

### Houses & Homes

Primary 2 have recently completed their first Pr.2 theme on Houses & Homes as part of this topic the pupils have observed their local environment and looked at types of houses including their own. Parents and family members have been helping the pupils with their enterprising homework a new development of houses will be on display – not for sale! during Parents Evening.



Aiden Haddow's multi coloured, semi detached.

Caitlin Doherty's home - fit for a

princess.



Lana Irving's front door will fit all sizes.

James McCamon's property complete with

garden.

### Physical Literacy programme

East Ayrshire Council and Kilmarnock FC are undertaking a pilot project for Pr.1 which will run in total for 10 weeks. The programme is designed to develop the ABC's of movement; Agility, Balance and Coordination, whilst having fun! The pupils have already begun this activity and from the noise I would say it's a success!

### Vikingar

Prior to Pr.5 & Pr.5/6s visit to Vikingar parents and family members have all been busy working on the pupils enterprising homework with some astounding result – they will be on display at Parents Evening for you to take a closer look at today's ship builders. Nicole, Ross and Lee show off some of their creations to get you started.



### M & M Productions' performance

The whole school were invited to the live performance of Oliver Twist as the final end of session Golden Time reward for 2010- 2011.

### Cake Sale

Please don't forget to get busy with those cakes and treats this week in preparation for the Pr.3 and Pr.4 pupils cake sale. The children are hoping for some budding Jamie Oliver and Nigella Lawsons; to help boost their own baking efforts, to help raise funds as a harvest gift for the Guild of Friendship at the local Buchanan Centre.

### Purple Pinkie Assembly and Planting

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October we hope to welcome some members of the Rotary to speak to the children at Assembly about their new charity campaign; Rotary International's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio once and for all. This will begin with raising awareness of the disease among our pupils, and then with yourselves the parents, and hopefully raise much needed funds to help complete the immunization process and ultimate eradication of the disease. When children are vaccinated against polio, they have a purple stamp put on one of their little fingers. In this way the immunization team knows who has been vaccinated. Therefore on Purple Pinkie day the pupils are asked to

provide a donation of 50p to pay for a single immunization – and get a purple pinkie as well as a purple crocus bulb to plant in the school grounds to focus others attention towards the campaign. Planting will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> October in the afternoon with everyone being encouraged to bring a 50p donation and to plant a crocus bulb to signify their contribution to the fund raising effort.

#### Once a week – take a peek!

Unfortunately the minute we return to school we also seem to have unwelcomed visitors in school – head lice! Approximately one in 10 UK school children have head lice at any one time and contrary to popular belief, they are easier to treat nowadays. The best advice we can offer parents to help us all tackle the problem is in line with one of the campaigns and website appropriately named – Once a week take a peek! Checking your child's hair regularly should be part of your family's personal hygiene routine and could stop a small problem becoming a persistent issue. There are many ways to go about treating head lice should you discover the problem but we need to act fast and check frequently first. The website [www.onceaweektakeapeek.co.uk](http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.co.uk) offers free advice to parents, we annually discuss the health and hygiene issue with the pupils in school and we hope to send out advice leaflets to help educate the whole family in the near future as well.

#### Book Fair

The pupils were invited to view the Book Fair on Friday within school time and have hopefully returned home with an activity sheet; listing their preferred choices. These books and many others will be on sale during parents' evening between 3.30pm and 8.40pm. All proceeds for the Fair go towards purchasing read and respond materials for use in classes.

#### Parent Council Meeting

The last meeting of the Parent Council was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011, the minutes of which are attached to this Newsletter. As the previous meeting was held late on in the school session we have also attached the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June as well. My Head Teacher's report focused on curriculum developments that happened over the session in 2010- 2011, with particular reference to Respect & Protect – School's Anti Bullying work and Handwriting & Presentation. During Parents' Evening we hope you will see the evidence of the work and improvements made in jotters, displays and in classes.

#### Swimming

The dates scheduled still to come are, 28.10.11, 04.11.11, 11.11.11, 18.11.11 and 25.11.11.

Ayrshire Schools' Swimming Gala is also scheduled to be held in October and some of Kilmarnock Swimming Club have asked to represent Kirkstyle at this event. We wish them every success in their individual races.

#### After schools Clubs

I am delighted to see the start of our successful after school activities beginning. Mrs. S. Rutherford and Mrs. B. Sneddon have started spelling with a difference – Fingerspellathon! The club teaches basic sign language skills and the 12 pupils enrolled are all busy practicing their spelling words using their newly acquired signing skills. Selected Primary 1 & 2 pupils and parents are joining some of the infant staff in a parent and child homework club, it is hoped that this will be the start of some other opportunities for Mums, Dads, Grandparents etc. to get involved in their children's learning.

#### Talent Showcase

East Ayrshire Schools Have Talent 2012 has been officially confirmed and Kirkstyle will be part of the Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May performance – more details to follow.

#### Diary Dates

**\*03.10.11 – Primary 7 taster session in Rugby**

**\*05.10.11 – J.R.S.O.s attending training session**

06.10.11 – Vikingar visit – Pr.5 & Pr.5/6

**\*06.10.11 – Culzean Castle – Pr.6**

07.10.11 – Swimming Pr.5

11.10.11 – Parents Afternoon & Evening (3.30-8.30pm)

13.10.11 – Cake Sale – Pr.3, Pr.3/4 & Pr.4

14.10.11 – Swimming Pr.5

15.10.11 – 24.10.11 HOLIDAY (Teacher In service 24.10.11)  
 25.10.11 – Pupils return  
 26.10.11 – Glasgow Science Centre (Hubble 3D & Planetarium) – Pr.5/6 & Pr.6  
 27.10.11 – Pupils performing at Guild of Friendship – Pr.3, Pr.3/4 & Pr.4  
 \*27.10.11 – *Rugby festival for 1 team of 12 Pr.7 pupils.*  
 \* 27.10.11 – *Harriers Run – Pr.6 & Pr.7 selected pupils (40 participants) –rescheduled for the morning at Onthank Primary*  
 \*27.10.11 – *Parent Council Halloween Disco*  
 \*27.10.11 – *Primary 1 & 2 Halloween Activity sessions*  
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 28.10.11 – SHINY GOLDEN TIME (Yogi Bear at Odeon) – Pr.3, Pr.3/4, Pr.4. Pr.6 & Pr.7–pupils who achieve 40 stickers  
 28.10.11 – Swimming Pr.5  
 02.11.11 – Fireworks talk – Pr.5/6 & Pr.6  
 03.11.11 – SHINY GOLDEN TIME (Rango at Odeon) – Pr.6, Pr.7s, Pr.5 & Pr.5/6 –pupils who achieve 40 stickers  
 04.11.11 – SHINY GOLDEN TIME (Kung Fu Panda 2 at Odeon) – Pr.1 & Pr.2 – pupils who achieve 40 stickers  
 04.11.11 – Swimming Pr.5  
 09.11.11 – Owl Magic – Pr.3 & Pr.3/4  
 \*09.11.11 – *Primary 2 visiting Burns Monument Centre – Author visit*  
 11.11.11 – Swimming Pr.5  
 \*15.11.11 – *Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm (Curricular topics – Homework & Writing)*  
 \*15.11.11 – *Kilmarnock Academy Management team visiting Pr.7 parents – 7.00pm Kirkstyle Primary*  
 \*16.11.11 – *Kilmarnock Academy Pr.7 Quiz*  
 18.11.11 – Swimming Pr.5  
 25.11.11 – Swimming Pr.5  
 \*26.11.11 – *Bag Packing at Morrisons for Parent Council School funds.*  
 \*28.11.11 – *Pr.5, Pr.5/6 & Pr.6 Rugby sessions*  
 \*01.12.11 – *Christmas School Lunch*  
 \*05.12.11 – *Pr.5, Pr.5/6 & Pr.6 Rugby sessions*  
 06.12.11 – Pantomime at palace Theatre (Cinderella) – whole school  
 07.12.11 – Upper school panto – whole school to view rehearsal  
 08.12.11 – Upper school panto – Parent performance –am  
 09.12.11 – Upper school panto – Parent Performance – pm  
 \*12.12.11 – *Pr.5, Pr.5/6 & Pr.6 Rugby sessions*  
 14.12.11 – Pr.1 – Pr.3 Nativity – whole school to view rehearsal  
 15.12.11 – Nativity – Parent performance – am  
 16.12.11 – Nativity – Parent Performance – pm  
 16.12.11 – Singing for Hansel at Morrisons– Pr.4  
 \*19.12.11 – *Pr.5, Pr.5/6 & Pr.6 Rugby sessions*  
 19.12.11 – Pr.3, Pr.3/4 & Pr.4 Party  
 20.12.11 – Pr.1s & Pr.2s Party  
 21.12.11 – Pr.5, pr.5/6 & Pr.6 Party  
 22.12.11 – Pr.7 Evening Party  
 22.12.11 – SHINY GOLDEN TIME  
 23.12.11 – School Closes for Christmas 2.30pm

*\*All additional activities that have been added since last Newsletter are shown in different typeface.*