



Kirkstyle's Newsletter October - November 2011

Glasgow Science Centre

Primary 5/6 and Primary 6 enjoyed an exciting outing to Glasgow Science Centre's exhibits. We all had a lie back in comfort in the Planetarium; to get the chance to explore the Glasgow night sky without staying up very late. We also watched the launch and subsequent repair missions of Hubble on the largest 3D screen – the same size as a five aside football pitch. A few people screamed, others jumped back and some even tried to catch the pictures it was that close. The pupils also took time to explore and get some hands on fun with the experiments and activities.



How does Aaron keep his balance?



Peri guddling in water.



Louise made the fish go up, up and away!



Ross and Connor tried reconstruction of engines.

Cake Sale

We didn't need the help of Jamie Oliver or Nigella Lawson to make and bake for the Pr.3 and Pr.4 pupils cake sale. The event was a huge success and the funds raised will help to supply ingredients for their own cooking activities in school, in addition to the funds raised as a harvest gift for the Guild of Friendship at the local Buchanan Centre.

The local paper covered a very well received Harvest performance from pupils in Pr.3, Pr.3/4 and Pr.4 at the Guild of Friendship, when they handed over the amazing amount of £144.50 raised from the sale.

Swimming

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

Congratulations go to Kerry Gibson one of Kilmarnock amateur swimming clubs young swimmers, who represented the school in the recent Ayrshire Schools' Swimming Gala. Well done Kerry on achieving two new personal best times in her heats.

Schools Cross Country Fun Run

The rescheduled Harriers Run for Pr.6 & Pr.7 went ahead at Onthank Primary School. We were delighted that we again had medal success for the Olympic Games; Japan (Kirkstyle) achieved an overall bronze medal and 750 points for East Ayrshire's leader board. Well done to all participants for contributing to this team score. Individual successes included:

Primary 6 Girls – Rochelle Carpenter with 2nd place and Megan Donnelly in 20th place

Primary 6 Boys – Aaron Mason with 10th place.

Primary 7 Girls – Sara Irvine with 3rd place and Laurie Graham with 13th place.

Primary 7 Boys – Ben Carpenter with 11th place.

These were particularly excellent achievements when you consider the pupils competed against 20 other school with on average 120 pupils per race.

Recycle, Reduce and Reuse

Last session Miss A. Davers went through all of the applications received; below are the names of the appointed Eco Warriors & Eco Committee formed. Miss Davers will meet with the pupils during Assembly time and will be looking for some new Primary 1 pupils to join their committee. Look out for recycling opportunities in time for that Christmas clear out; jewellery, CDs and DVDs and Rag Bag collection for clothes.

Eco Warriors: Jamie Kerr Pr.2, Chloe Morfitt Pr.2 and Caitlin Govan Pr.3.

Eco Committee: Lewis Hanlonbole Pr.4, Greg Smith Pr.4, Skye Aitchison Pr.4, Lauren Packard Pr.5, Lee Trusdale Pr.5, Rachel Steel Pr.5, Shannon Christie Pr.6, Tyler Campbell Pr.6, Sean Wallace Pr.7 and Taylor Johnston Pr.7

School Pupil Council

The Pupil Council have lost some key players this session with the move of Primary 7 onto the Secondary and elections have been held to invite some new and budding politicians to join the existing group. Ballot papers counted resulted in Pr.3/4 – Louise Cameron, Pr.4 – Mia Hay, Pr.5/6 – Rachel Britten and Pr.5 – Lauren Packard being elected.

Breakfast Club

This has now started and all those registered can now attend school breakfast club from 8.15am each morning. The club have also used some much needed funds to buy some new games and activities for the pupils to use during their morning visits.

Book Fair

Total proceeds from the Parents Evening Book Fair resulted in a commission for the school of a staggering - £572.82. This amount will go towards purchasing read and respond materials for use in classes and additional topic related non-fiction materials.

Purple Pinkie Assembly and Planting



Planting took place on the 28th October in the afternoon with everyone encouraged to bring a 50p donation and then followed on with planting crocus bulbs to signify their contribution to the fund raising effort. The sum of £61.68 was raised and given to the Rotary as an additional donation towards Polio immunizations, this means Kirkstyle have protected another 123 children from polio.

Parent Council Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 15th November 2011 at 6.00pm. The agenda has been set for the Head Teachers Report and this will be focusing on Homework and Writing. If you are not attending we will send the Minutes of the Meeting out along with the next Newsletter.

Homework

We are continuing to develop and improve activities given as homework tasks and this was a focus of some of the school developments last session; including online activities being introduced. Can we remind you that all pupils have been given access to Education City again this session and teachers have started to set Literacy & Maths homework using the online resource.

Therefore it is worthwhile logging on at least once a week to check for new homework set or just to play some extra activities to enhance and develop your child's learning.

Homework is an important part of your child's learning and can reinforce learning that has taken place in school or prepare the pupils for learning that is going to happen. Some pupils put in a lot of effort and this will prepare them for their future school and learning careers, keep up the good work and encourage your child to complete all tasks issued.

Owl Magic

Primary 3 have started a favourite theme using the novel *The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark*. Owl Magic visited the school bringing some of their birds of prey to introduce to the children. Pupils in Primary 3 & Primary 3/4 got up close and personal with the smallest to the largest; a pygmy owl named Titch and an eagle owl.



Keris was confident holding the Barn Owl.



Cody found his occupation for the future.



Brandon found a new friend!



Louise tried to convince this owl to join her on the Pupil Council.



Mary Ann and Caitlin's smiles show how much they enjoyed this visit.



As Christmas is approaching fast and furiously I am sure that some of you have already started the dreaded shopping. Perhaps we can offer you an alternative to trailing round the shops – Yellow Moon.

Attached is your Special Edition Yellow Moon Christmas Catalogue from which you can choose from a selection of stocking fillers, games and art and craft activities. If you wish to purchase anything you can do so direct to Yellow Moon; online, by freepost, by phone or by fax. When you place an order quote the school's source code of **SK1186** and automatically the school will receive cash back for any orders processed.

You are not obliged to buy anything but the school will benefit from any items purchased so have a look – it might save you a shopping trip!

After schools Clubs

We have continued with the start of some new afterschool clubs; basketball for the Pr.5 Japan team, football for Pr.3/4 and Flames active club for Pr.6/7.

As with previous years the Nativity and in addition this year's school performance of a Pantomime will be tickets only – these will go on sale in advance of the performance to ensure that everyone who arrives gets a seat and that health and safety is paramount.

Diary Dates

07.11.11 – Pr.7 Room 10 visiting Whitlees Windfarm

09.11.11 – Primary 2 visiting Burns Monument Centre – Author visit

10.11.11 – Pr.7 Room 10 visiting Whitlees Windfarm

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

17.11.11 – Primary 7(Room 10 Mrs. V. Ross) Archive Arts Day at the Dick Institute

18.11.11 – James McClelland local author speaking to Assembly and afterwards Pr.2 Literacy groups (rescheduled)

18.11.11 – Swimming Pr.5

25.11.11 – Swimming Pr.5

25.11.11 – Reverend Strong speaking at Assembly

26.11.11 – Bag Packing at Morrisons for Parent Council School funds.

28.11.11 – Pr.5, Pr.5/6 & Pr.6 Rugby sessions

30.11.11 – Upper school panto – whole school to view rehearsal

01.12.11 – Upper school panto – Parent performance –am

02.12.11 – Upper school panto – Parent Performance – pm

05.12.11 – Pr.5, Pr.5/6 & Pr.6 Rugby sessions

05.12.11 – Pr.7 pupils full day visit to Kilmarnock Academy

06.12.11 – Pantomime at palace Theatre (Cinderella) – whole school

08.12.11 – Orchestra performance

08.12.11 – Christmas School Lunch

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

21.12.11 – Pr. 4 & Infant choirs singing at ASDA 11.00- 12.00

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.*