

## Kirkstyle's Newsletter December 2011



### Whiteles Windfarm

Both primary 7 classes visited Glasgow Science Centre's sustainable energy education site at Whiteles Windfarm.

### Archive Arts Day

Mrs. Ross and her primary 7 class had a blast from the past using film and media to revisit the memories of Kilmarnock at the Dick Institute.

### James McClelland

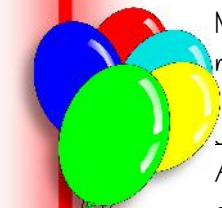
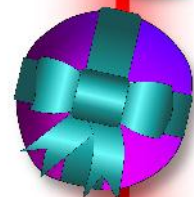
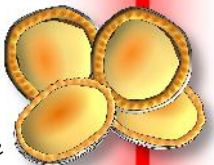
A local author arrived in school last week to speak to the whole school at Assembly and afterwards to Question Time in the Pr.2 Literacy groups. Primary 2 pupils had the opportunity to purchase signed copies of his books and the school have kept three copies of each for our own school library, for everyone to enjoy.

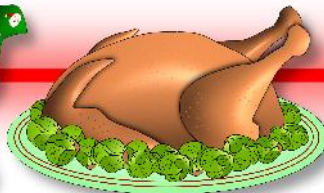
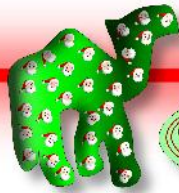
James McClelland is local to Ayrshire and his books about a young boy and his pet sabre toothed tiger are published locally in Darvel. The pupils listened to sections from his first two books; chapters involving diplodocus and the mighty T-rex after he had talked about his own childhood experience of writing. We hope that he has inspired some pupils to take the plunge and jump into stories and writing; using their imagination to take them on adventures.

### Olympic Games

Japan (Kirkstyle) is currently sitting in Bronze medal place within East Ayrshire following on from a Learning Community win against Loanhead, Hillhead and St Andrews primaries in basketball. Aiden McCutcheon was awarded man of the match for his excellent game play in each of the heats. The team headed off to the final held yesterday at Kilmarnock College against the semi finalists, they returned home with another bronze medal winning performances. Daniel Wood was awarded a special prize for outstanding play in the final games.

The school have added a Japan display to our downstairs wall and hope to keep it up to date with all the Olympic News and scores. The motto for Japan is "Determination" and we hope that the competitors show some in the coming events.





### Flames Club

Primary 6 and 7 pupils were invited to join an afterschool activity class for a 5 week block, these pupils and a further ten volunteers will be heading to Kilmarnock College next week for the big presentation. The pupils will be making a banner to represent their motto and flying the flag high for Japan.

### Switch off fortnight!

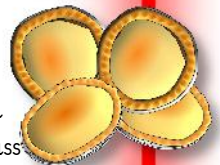
The Eco Warriors & Eco Committee met with Miss. Davers during Assembly time and have undertaken some auditing tasks to get us switching off and not wasting energy on standby. They have visited classes and corridors; adding stickers and signs to remind everyone to switch off – perhaps you could try this at home!

We are pleased to announce that the monies raised by this committee through the Rag Bag recycling has been sufficient to pay for the Nativity costumes last year and in addition purchase the Pantomime costumes for this year's upper school performance. Both sets of these costumes will be used year in year out, depending on performances so well done to the pupils involved and thanks for your old clothes donations, keep them coming.



### School Pupil Council

The Pupil Council met with Mrs. MacKinnon during Assembly time last week and started on a fund raising opportunity which involves the whole school. The pupils visited each class asking the pupils to pen a self portrait to be included in artwork for tea towels and aprons hopefully to go on sale prior to Christmas, if not early in the New Year. We will keep you posted if this venture will be available in time for Christmas pressies.



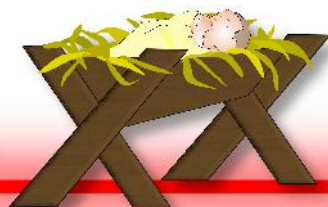
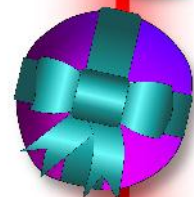
### Upper school Panto

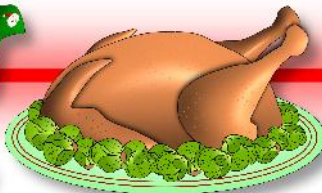
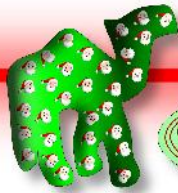
The dress rehearsal was a huge success and the school enjoyed watching brothers, sisters and school friends dress up and entertain them. Some of our pupils are very talented and we hope they keep up the acting and singing in their future Secondary education establishments.



### Bag Packing

Volunteers and Parent Council members gave up some of their free time to bag pack at Morrisons last weekend for Parent Council funds. The event was a huge success and the Parent Council donated £600.00 to the Palace Theatre pantomime fund and reduced the cost of everyone's ticket and transport. A huge thank you must go to the small band of volunteers who turned up; without these people the fund raising would not be possible. Remember no matter how little any support offered is welcomed and reduces the work for the few – "Many hands make light work!" as the saying goes.





### Stocking Fillers

We hope you had the chance to browse through 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 still 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.

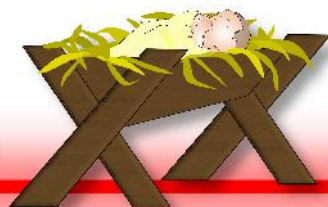
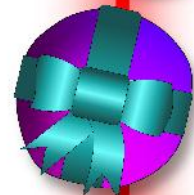
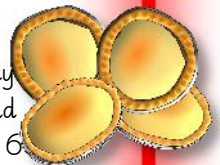
You are not obliged to buy anything but the school will benefit from any items purchased so have a look – it might save you a shopping trip!

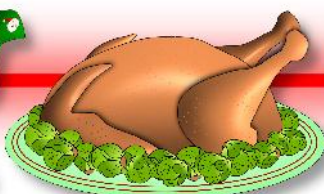
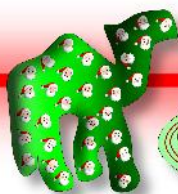


### CHRISTMAS PARTIES

- Pr.3 and 4 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 1.20pm – 3.00pm
- Pr.1 and 2 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 1.20pm – 3.00pm
- Pr. 5 and 6 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 1.20pm – 3.00pm
- Primary 7 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Pupils can bring party clothes with them to school in the morning of their party and they will be given time and help to get changed during lunch time. OR Pupils can go home and get changed but should return to school for 1.20pm, not earlier. Primaries 3, 4, 5 and 6 would like to hold a break in the middle of their party afternoons to allow the pupils a chance to sit down in between their dancing schedule. Therefore we are providing the pupils with their own party plate, which they will decorate in school, to bring home and add any snacks they wish for the break time. Primary 7 will be provided with a Christmas plate and napkin and asked to bring some snack to contribute to the party break.





### Diary Dates

- 30.11.11 – Upper school panto – whole school to view rehearsal
- 01.12.11 – Upper school panto – Parent performance – am
- 01.12.11 – East Ayrshire Basketball Final – Pr.5 selected players**
- 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
- 06.12.11 – Flames active club visit to Kilmarnock College – selected 20 pupils**
- 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.4 & Pr.3/4 (Pr.4s only) singing at Matalan – 9.45am**
- 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
- 09.01.12 – Pupils return to school
- 27.01.12 – Pr.1s visiting Ayr Burns Museum – Timorous Beasties workshop & tour**
- 27.01.12 – Pr.6s visiting Burns House Museum, Mauchline**
- 31.01.12 – Pr.7 visiting Culzean Castle – World War II workshop**

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

