



# Kirkstyle's Newsletter

## April - May 2012

Remember: Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2012

### Kirky and Kirsty plan their summer holidays



Kirky and Kirsty our transition pupils have undergone a transformation for this terms Olympic theme across the school. You will be welcomed into school by Primary 1's large painted display finding out about GB and our adopted Olympic country of Japan. Kirky is asking about Great Britain and the host city of London and Kirsty is concentrating her travels on Japan here are their questions for the pupils to research in the next two weeks.

- Primary 1 – Can you tell me about the weather?
- Primary 2 – Do you know any famous people or characters?
- Primary 3 – What are the landmarks to sight see?
- Primary 4 – What food is good to eat here?
- Primary 5 – Do you have a National Sport OR have you won any medals at the olympics as a country?
- Primary 5/6 – Are there any traditional stories or myths and legends from your country?
- Primary 6 – Does everyone have the same faith or religion?
- Primary 7 – Does your country have any naturally occurring disasters I should be warned about?
- Can anyone tell me about popular music, culture, art and dance from Great Britain or Japan?

After the two weeks on our two Olympic countries we will be looking in details at the Olympic Games focussing on the Olympic and Paralympic values of:

EQUALITY, RESPECT, FRIENDSHIP, DETERMINATION, EXCELLENCE, INSPIRATION and COURAGE.

We will keep you posted through the blog and May-June's Newsletter as to how these studies progress but we are pleased to announce that our hard work and effort will not go unrewarded as on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June the whole school will be decanting onto Hurlford Road under Police and Olympic Stewards escort to welcome the torch procession into Kilmarnock – a once in a lifetime experience! The pupils in Pr.5/6 and Pr.6 will then head off to the Galleon for an Olympic sports session.

### Massage in Schools

Pauline Donnelly from Community Learning and Development along with the Pr.5 & Pr.5/6 boys invited the parents to join them for a demonstration of the massage in schools workshops that the pupils have been working on. It is hoped that the pupils will now teach the other class in the same techniques.

### Football challenge for Pr 2

Tesco's are supporting a football challenge to encourage youngsters to take up sport and our Primary 2's are enjoying their weekly visits from Kilmarnock Football Club coaches to kick start their skills and interest.

### K'nex Kilmarnock Learning Partnership Challenge

We are excited to announce the engineers and designers of the future are here at Kirkstyle. All pupils in Primary 6 across the Learning Partnership have been learning the basics of structural design and technology using K'nex. The schools then hosted their own school's challenge and the winning pairs headed off to Kilmarnock Academy for the Partnership challenge – a closely guarded secret until the event. The challenge revealed was to design a space exercise machine for astronauts following the design brief given. The winners and runners up were both Kirkstyle pairs! Well done goes to Jade Cunningham and Megan Donnelly who will represent Kilmarnock in June at the East Ayrshire area challenge. Reserves for the event are the runners up pair of Greg Hillan and Adam Green.

### Big 2014 Community Grant

Thanks to funding secured by the school to support our Games Legacy for the future during the Olympic and Commonwealth games run up and events Primary 5 and Primary 5/6 pupils have already started their Judo P.E. sessions. These are being led by trainers from Cluarankwai Judo Club. The club are also encouraging the pupils to attend the after school class and we are thrilled to say the class is full and some of the pupils are keen to join the trainers at the clubs own training sessions in the future.

Also as part of this grant the pupils in Primary 6 and 7 are skiing their way through the weeks this term at Newmilns Dry Ski slope. The slope is due to undergo major refurbishment and we hope that some of the pupils will visit it when it reopens to take up skiing or snowboarding as a hobby, this might prepare some of our pupils for their Secondary skiing trip in the future.

### Science Centre

Primary 2 can't get enough of science this term and have been to the science Centre to participate in Sniff, Look & Listen special event held by the education centre.



### Football Team

Finally we would like to wish our team success in their future Dunlop Cup games: they have been narrowly beaten this week in a face off with one of our Learning Partnership schools and missed a win the final score was 2-1 to Loanhead. Better luck next time!

## DIARY DATES

Present – JUNE 2012

- 07.05.12 – May Day holiday  
 08.05.12 – Pr.5 & Pr.5/6 Judo in school & after school class (Week 3)  
 08.05.12 – Tesco Football Challenge for Pr.2  
*09.05.12 – Pr.6 Group E and Pr.7 Group C – Skiing at Newmilns- CANCELLED BY NEMILNS SKI CENTRE (rescheduled \*)*  
*09.05.12 – Pr.1 visiting Stair Garden Centre*  
 15.05.12 – Tesco Football Challenge for Pr.2  
 15.05.12 – Pr.5 & Pr.5/6 Judo in school & **NO after school class** (Week 4)  
 15.05.12 – EAST team Parent s Forum meeting (letters issued to parents)  
 16.05.12 – East Ayrshire School Have Talent – Primary 7 performing – Palace Theatre rehearsal  
 16.05.12 – East Ayrshire School Have Talent – Primary 7 performing – Palace Theatre evening performance  
**21.05.12 – WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK**  
 21.05.12 – Cycling Proficiency Test  
 22.05.12 – Tesco Football Challenge for Pr.2  
 22.05.12 – Pr.5 & Pr.5/6 Judo in school & after school class (Week 5)  
 22.05.12 – Nursery transition – Circle Time 11.00- 12.30  
 25.05.12 – Pr.1 – 5 Silly Gilly fitness sessions (Zumba, Hula fit and Boxcercise)  
 25.05.12 – Pr.5/6, Pr.6, Pr.7s Childline follow-up classroom workshops  
**28.05.12 – \*Pr.6 Group E and Pr.7 Group C – Skiing at Newmilns – rescheduled\***  
 29.05.12 – Tesco Football Challenge for Pr.2  
 29.05.12 – Pr.5 & Pr.5/6 Judo in school & after school class (Week 6)  
 29.05.12 – Nursery transition – Silly Jilly – Zumba  
**30.05.12 – WHOLE SCHOOL SPORTS AFTERNOON**  
**31.05.12 – Parent Council Disco**  
 01.06.12 –05.06.12 Holiday weekend (Pupils off Friday, Monday & Tuesday)  
**06.06.12 – New Pr.1's parent induction meeting 6.00- 7.00pm**  
**06.06.12 – Shiny Golden Time – MM theatre productions 'The Little Princess'**  
**08.06.12 – Olympic torch procession past Kirkstyle**  
**11.06.12 – Pr.2 to East Kilbride Heritage Centre – Old Fashioned Games**  
**12.06.12 – Pr.7 Loch Ken trip**  
**12.06.12 – Pr.5 & Pr.5/6 Judo in school & after school class (Week 7)**  
**13.06.12 – Pr.7 induction day at Kilmarnock Academy**  
**14.06.12 – Pr.7 induction day at Kilmarnock Academy**  
**14.06.12 – Moving up afternoon – whole school**  
**14.06.12 – Nursery Transition – 1.30- 2.45pm**  
**15.06.12 – Pr.7 Adventure Trek with all 3 primaries & Secondary staff and pupils at Kirkstyle**  
**19.06.12 – Pr.5 & Pr.5/6 Judo in school & after school class (Week 8)**  
**21.06.12 – Nursery Transition – scooter skills session**  
**26.06.12 – Potted Sports for Pr.1-3 and Nursery – 9.30 – 10.30 am**  
**28.06.12 – School closes for summer holidays at 1.00pm**

*All dates in italics are new dates added since last Newsletter – further dates and events still to be added but will appear in future Newsletters.*

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 Google search – Kirkstyle Blog and hit the link!

