



Kirkstyle's Newsletter

June 2012

28.06.12 – School closes for summer holidays at 1.00pm

Moving Up Day – 14.06.12

All classes have had a Moving Up day to meet their new Class Teacher, where possible, and participate in a transition challenge. We hope that these activities will make moving through the school a smooth journey. Due to central staffing we were unable to confirm class teachers for next session for two classes until Friday evening. Therefore we are pleased to be able to confirm new structure as follows:

This session 2011 – 2012	Next Session 2011- 2012	Room
Nursery	Primary 1 Miss. A. Davers	Room 1
Nursery	Primary 1 Miss. G. Boyd	Room 3
Primary 1 Miss. A. Davers	Primary 2 Mrs. F. Drennan	Room 4
Primary 2 Miss. G. Boyd	Primary 3 Mrs. S. Morrison	Room 12
Primary 2 Mrs. F. Drennan	Primary 3 Mrs. A. Kirkwood	Room 13
Primary 3 Mrs. S. Morrison	Primary 4 Miss. N. Finnigen	Room 16
Primary 3 /4 Mrs A. Kirkwood	Primary 4 / 5 Mrs. A. Macmillan	Room 15
Primary 4 Mrs. F. McCallum	Primary 5 Mr. S. Nutt	Room 14
Primary 5 Mr. S. Nutt	Primary 6 Mrs. L. Thom	Room 8
Primary 5 /6 Mrs. A. Macmillan	Primary 6/7 Mrs. M. Milligan	Room 9
Primary 6 Mrs. L. Thom	Primary 7 Mrs. V. Ross	Room 10

We would like to wish Au Revoir to Mrs. F. McCallum as she has come to the end of her probationary year within East Ayrshire based at Kirkstyle Primary, we hope to see more of her in the future throughout her teaching career.

We are sorry to be losing Mrs. C. McKenna, who after a long and varied career in education has decided to take retirement- we are sure you will join with us in wishing her a long and happy retirement. Mrs. L. Ross was given the opportunity to retire prior to Christmas and has already managed to fill her time with no regrets or longing to return to early rises for work; perhaps she can give Mrs. C. McKenna some handy hints! We wish them both well in their relaxing futures.

Improvement Plan

The teaching staff have also evaluated progress and changes made this school session in line with the current School Improvement Plan and some of the targets will be continued and developed in the new session (Big Writing, GLOW, Spelling etc.). Together we have also set the school, new targets for improvement.

These new targets include;

- Developing Restorative Approaches to behaviour; including peer mentoring and mediation, 1,2,3, Magic and Massage in Schools.
- Teacher Learning Communities will set professional improvement targets for classes in Art.
- Drugs and Substance Misuse; incorporated within an Interdisciplinary theme for an extended transition topic.
- Numeracy; setting baseline assessments and target setting.
- Reading; target setting and assessment.
- Moderation

. When this document has been fully submitted and approved by East Ayrshire Council it will be available for anyone who wishes a copy.

Transition- Primary 1/Nursery Inductions

Over the past 5 weeks we have welcomed the new 35 nursery pupils and their parents to visit Kirkstyle and experience the school community first hand. The new parents were also invited to their first meeting; and they all took part in a Object/ Subject Challenge. Over 30 adults investigated and explored the items and sorted these into the new Curriculum for Excellence experiences and outcomes. It was great to see the adults learning and finding out how they can help their child to learn at school. Kerbraft Trainer, Fay Podger, also appealed for new helpers and support with walk to school activities.

A very big thank you to everyone who turned out to make this a great success!



The nursery children have taken part in Circle Time in the Hall, Positive Play session held at Riccarton Nursery, Parachute games with our Active Schools Coordinator, everyone passed their Scooter Skills Level 1 with some help from our J.R.S.O.s and Mrs. Sneddon and they have danced and exercised with Silly Jilly during Zumba as well as two classroom activity sessions with their new teachers. Our own Primary 6 and 3 & 3/4 Literacy Groups also helped to make the new intake feel welcome – a big thanks to all of them.



House Team Cup

Sports Day is only a part of the House Team events; points have been and continue to be awarded for a variety of different things within the school. Pupils reaching the Bronze, Silver or Gold trees within each team will earn their team points, points will be won on Infant Potted Sports Days, points have already started to build up due to positive behaviour in the lines and also two special Olympic and General Knowledge Quiz challenges will take place this week. All the points will be added together and the Captains will lift the cup on the final week of school as part of our Church Service on Wednesday 27th June at 10.00am – all family and friends are welcome to join this celebration.

Fundraising

We are always amazed by the contributions our pupils, their family and friends make to our appeals for charities and organizations that the school have selected to support. This year we raised considerable funds planting purple crocuses as part of the Rotary Club's Purple Pinkie charity for polio vaccinations for children. A cake sale and bake with funds given to the Guild of Friendship during an Autumn singing visit to the centre. Pantomime and Nativity shows raised money for costumes and microphones. Primary 4 and 3/4 sang at Christmas time to entertain shoppers in Morrisons and funds raised went to Hansel. The spring term saw an excellent and enterprise Spring Fayre through the combined efforts of the pupils and Parent Council this raised enough money to buy planting troughs for Pr.1s vegetables, strawberry plants and planters for Pr.3/4 and playground paint for the games recently designed and added to the playgrounds. We have also raised funds through the Jammy Jog to Japan in respect of the TESCO great run for the Marys Meals charity which is also our ethical incentive scheme run in conjunction with Onsite Services in the dinner hall where every meal bought raises points which are traded for goods to send to the same charity.

Tesco Vouchers for Schools

This year voucher total ended at a huge 9,000+ which has enabled us to buy some flip it cards and calculators for numeracy, two flexiscopes for Science, some talking and listening resources. Thank you for your continued support in gathering these together and handing them into the school.

K'nex Kilmarnock Learning Partnership Challenge

East Ayrshire's final challenge took place at Kilmarnock College on Friday 15th June and we were delighted that one of East Ayrshire's winning pairs came from Kirkstyle Primary School representing Kilmarnock Learning Community.

Jade Cunningham and Megan Donnelly competed alongside the best in engineering and technologies future talent and did us all proud.

Olympic torch procession past Kirkstyle

The school closed for the hour and everyone left in high spirits; flags in hand! We lined the streets in style all decked in red, white and blue waving furiously to welcome the torch to Killie. For more photos from the event :

Google search - Kirkstyle Blog and hit the link!



M&M theatre productions 'The Little Princess'

The last of this year's Shiny Golden Time activities took place in our Hall with all winners of 40, 80 and 120 stickers invited to join the cast and crew of M & M productions to watch The Little Princess. The pupils gave such a fantastic review that we have booked them again for next year for a similar event.

Loch Ken trip and induction days at Kilmarnock Academy, St. Josephs & Girange

Our Primary 7 pupils are more than ready for their next education challenges and have thrived in their recent experiences at Loch Ken and during their visits to their prospective academies. We will be sad to see them go but wish them well for their future.

DIARY DATES _____ JUNE - AUGUST 2012

26.06.12 – Potted Sports for Pr.1-3 and Nursery – 9.30 – 10.30 am.

27.06.12 – Church Service – 10.00am

28.06.12 – School closes for summer holidays at 1.00pm

16.06.12 – Pupils return.

