



Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.



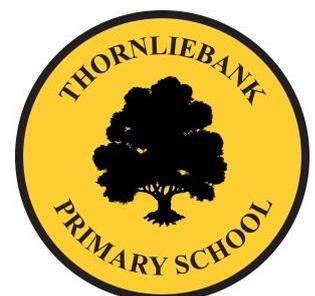
THORNIEBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL



DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Nurturing Growth in our School Community

Excellent Education
Happy and Healthy
Respectful and Responsible
Caring and Considerate Community
Everyone is Equal
Inclusive and Integrated
Motivated
Supportive and Safe



Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your amazing support and effort in making our Christmas Fayre the huge success that it was. It was truly wonderful to see so many staff, pupils and families turn out to show their support, especially as the weather was so awful! Your generosity in the run up to the fair is very much appreciated and we couldn't have done it without you. A massive £1500 was raised for school funds.



We have now had our school and nursery nativities and I am sure you will agree they were a huge success. The children performed with great confidence and talent. A massive well done to all those involved. I hope you all enjoyed the events!

The pupils have been enjoying their Christmas Parties. It has been great to see them dressed up in their party outfits and having such a great time. Thank you to the Parent Council who have donated prizes for the parties.

Tuesday is a Non-Uniform Day. Children can choose to wear their own clothes and we are asking children to bring in a small donation which will be given to Yorkhill Children's Charity. One of our pupils has recently spent time at the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow and the Pupil Council have chosen to support this charity.

With the holidays fast approaching, I would like to remind you that the school closes at 2.30pm on Tuesday 22 December and we reopen on Wednesday 6 January, 2016.

I hope you all have a peaceful and joyful Christmas and I wish you a very happy New Year.

Kindest regards

Siobhan McColgan
Head Teacher



Ace Awards

The focus of our November whole school assembly was to be Effective Contributors. Well done to the following pupils who received the ACE award for November:



December

Primary 1 – Katie Hayes

Primary 2 – Beth Lennon

Primary 3 – Kai Greenwood

Primary 4 – Manahil Ilahi

Primary 5 – Aimee McCann

Primary 6 – Aisa, Nafisa, Alana, Dyllan and Mhairi

Primary 7 – Sameer Baig

Paperless Initiatives

In line East Renfrewshire Council guidelines, we are continually looking at ways we can be more eco friendly. You will remember that one of the ways we agreed on doing this was to no longer send a paper copy of the newsletter home. Last month you were all text the link to the find the newsletter on the school website. Throughout the last month, there has been a huge volume of calls to the school office, with parents asking questions about information that was either text to parents or put on the school website. For this new paperless system to work, we really need your support in using the website to access information. This can be accessed either through your mobile phone or from a computer. January's Newsletter will not be printed out. When it is ready, you will receive a text message with a link to the school website. Please access January's newsletter this way. I appreciate your support with this.



P1 Enrolment

The date for Registering Primary 1 pupils for school is the week beginning 11 January 2015. If you wish to enrol your son or daughter in the school, please come along with the following:

- Birth certificate
- Council Tax letter
- Child benefit letter (or driving licence, utility bill or bank statement if child benefit statement is unavailable)
- Mortgage letter or rental agreement

Cluster Ceilidh

Well done to P7 who attended a cluster ceilidh in Woodfarm High School today. Their enthusiasm and



skill at dancing was commented upon by the high school staff and the pupils all had a great time.

Wrap staff

I had mentioned in the previous newsletter that we are looking to recruit some more wrap staff in our nursery. Wrap staff are employed to look after the children in nursery either before nursery starts, during lunch time or after the nursery finishes. The exact hours are 8am -9am, 11.50am-12.50pm and 4.00pm-6.00pm. The current rate of pay for wrap is £8.26 per hour. In order to be eligible to do wrap you would need a PVG with East Renfrewshire Council and be registered with SSSC. If you are interested in this or would like any further information, please contact Gemma McLaughlin (Senior CDO in Thornliebank Nursery) via the school office.

Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Flanagan who was successful in obtaining a PT position in a school in Irvine. This is closer to where Mr Flanagan lives. On behalf of all the staff and pupils in Thornliebank Primary School, I would like to wish Mr Flanagan all the best in his new post. This means we will be advertising his post in the new year.

I am delighted to say we have appointed a clerical assistant called Caroline Parfery, who has been working in OLM. She will start with us on Wednesday 6 January.

Christmas Card Competition

Well done to the pupils in P6 who took part in the Parliamentary Christmas Card Competition.



Please Support

I had mentioned in the last newsletter that we have had an increasing number of children not being collected at 3.00pm each day. Since the last newsletter went out, unfortunately this has not improved and if anything, we are seeing more and more children waiting at the office at 3pm. Again I would reiterate that I understand that sometimes parents can be running late, especially at the moment with this awful weather, however we would appreciate if you could make every effort to try and collect your child on time. We will, of course continue to keep children at the office until they have been collected but we would appreciate your help with this.

