**Weekly Update – Term 2 – 22 November 2022**





**News**

**Scottish Book Week**

Our Reading Ambassadors organised some activities to celebrate Scottish Book Week. Every day we had a Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) session. Some of our Reading Ambassadors read stories to children in nursery and our younger classes on Monday. On Wednesday the Reading Ambassadors joined our younger classes to read a story and draw their favourite character or part of the story. They all said that it went well. All children in primary classes had an opportunity to vote for their favourite animal from fiction from a short list created by the Scottish Book Trust.

The classes voted for:-

Primary 1 – Mouse from The Gruffalo, Paddington Bear & Peter Rabbit

Primary 1/2 – Paddington Bear

Primary 2 – Paddington & Peter Rabbit

Primary 3 – Mog from Judith Kerr Mog Stories

Primary 4 – Aslan from The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

Primary 5 – Tigger

Primary 6 – Elmer

Primary 7 – Cat from The Cat in the Hat

Here are the overall top ten from all votes cast in Scotland

The top 10

1. Paddington Bear, from the Paddington books by Michael Bond
2. Mog, from the Mog books by Judith Kerr
3. Tigger, from the Winnie-the-Pooh books by AA Milne
4. Aslan, from The Chronicles of Narnia books by CS Lewis
5. Charlotte, from Charlotte's Web by EB White
6. Mr Fox, from Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl
7. Black Beauty, from Black Beauty by Anna Sewell
8. Elmer, from the Elmer the Patchwork Elephant books by David McKee
9. The Cat, from The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss
10. Cheshire Cat, from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

**School Grounds Committee**

On Wednesday the School Grounds Committee spent some time planting daffodil bulbs at the entrance to the school. We look forward to seeing them in the Spring.

**Primary 6 Sharing Learning Session**

This was originally in the diary for Friday 2nd December where the children would share their adventures at Lendrick Muir. As the residential has been moved to 5th and 6th of December, we have rearranged the sharing learning session for Friday 9th December at 2:15pm. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

**Parent Council Christmas Fayre – 3 December 2022**

Dear all

Can you hear the jingle of bells?! The Christmas Fayre is coming soon. Many thanks to all who have already provided donations. As a wee reminder in advance of the Fayre we are looking for the following to be dropped off at the school office by the 25th Nov:

Raffle prizes, these can include vouchers or experiences, a great way to introduce someone to your business

Second hand toys, games or cuddly toys

New, good quality prizes for the tombola

Bottles of alcohol

On the 2nd and 3rd Dec we will welcome donations of home baking (no other items on the day please!)

Please can we also remind you to return raffle tickets, with your name and number on EVERY ticket.

Please do not write anything on the money tree envelope.

The success of the Fayre is dependent on all those who come along and those who volunteer. Please spread the word and invite neighbours, grandparents etc! Also if you can spare anytime on the Friday afterschool or on the Saturday we would love your help. Just drop an email to crossfordparentcouncil@gmail.com or respond on the Parent Council Facebook page.

Many thanks and Ho Ho Ho

Parent Council

**Christmas Swap Shop**

Our Sustainability Committee will be running a Christmas jumper and party clothes swap shop this year. If you have a Christmas jumper and/or party clothes that no longer fit or you fancy a change you can bring them in to school from 28 November and you will receive a ticket. The ticket will mean that on 7 December you can choose a new jumper or party clothes from the donations that we have received. Christmas jumper day is on 8 December 2022. School Christmas parties are on 19th December (P1-3), 20th December (P4-5) and 21st December (P6/7).



**Scottish Child Payment**

Please see below from Social Security Scotland

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| |  | | --- | | **Scottish Child Payment extends to under 16s and automatic payments for other benefits**  •Scottish Child Payment has extended to include all eligible children from the age of six until they turn 16   •It is a payment of £100 every four weeks for each eligible child under the age of 16   •Check if you are eligible for Scottish Child Payment and apply now at mygov.scot/benefits or by calling 0800 182 2222  •Families are also being urged to make sure they don’t miss out on a double December Bridging Payment of £260   •The December Bridging Payments will be made before the start of the Christmas holidays for children who receive Free School Meals on the basis of low income on 30 November. Payments for children who are subsequently registered and become eligible for Free School Meals ahead of the Christmas holidays will be made as soon as possible in the new year   •You may also be eligible for other benefits, you can find out more [here](https://scot.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=11fdff413e50ba7bc51890111&id=5e886dddc9&e=4932b169c2) | |

**Attend to Achieve!**

Regular attendance at school is an important part of a child’s academic journey. Pupils who attend school regularly are less likely to fall behind.

**Regular attendance gives your child the opportunity to:**

* Learn new things daily
* Develop and practise skills
* Make friends and feel included
* Increase their confidence and self esteem
* Improve their social skills
* Increase their attainment and achievement
* Achieve their potential and fulfil their aspirations and ambitions
* Have a good daily routine

**Every Day Matters!**

In an average school year there are 190 school days.

So, at the end of the school year –

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| **If your child’s attendance is** | **Days of school missed** | **Weeks of school missed** |
| **95%** | **9 ½ days** | **Almost 2 weeks of learning missed** |
| **90%** | **19 days** | **Almost 4 weeks of learning missed** |
| **85%** | **28 ½ days** | **Almost 6 weeks of learning missed** |
| **80%** | **38 days** | **Almost 8 weeks of learning missed** |
| **75%** | **47 ½ days** | **9 ½ weeks of learning missed** |
| **70%** | **57 days** | **Over 11 weeks of learning missed** |
| **65%** | **66 ½ days** | **Over 13 weeks of learning missed** |
| **60%** | **76 days** | **Over 15 weeks of learning missed** |

Help your child get the most out of their education by helping them come to school every day.

**Learning’s great…so don’t be late!**

Children who arrive on time settle quickly and feel included in the routines of the school day and get the full benefit of all the teaching and learning in their classroom environment.

* A child who is 10 minutes late every day has lost nearly an hour of school a week. Over a year this adds up to losing over a week of school time.
* Late children miss the introduction of their day and the first part of teaching of the morning.
* Lateness causes disruption to the whole class as well as the child who is late.
* Arriving late can often be embarrassing or stressful to the child involved.

**We’re here to help.**

If there is anything we can do as a school to support you with your child’s attendance please contact us through Seesaw, [crossfordps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk](mailto:crossfordps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk) or by phoning 01383 602451

**Term time holidays**

We are unable to authorise term time holidays. Please think carefully before arranging holidays. Up to date school holiday dates can be found on our website or by searching for *Fife School holidays* online.

**Child Protection & Safeguarding**

**Our current child protection co-ordinators are:-**

**Mrs Lorna Bernard –** [lorna.bernard@fife.gov.uk](mailto:lorna.bernard@fife.gov.uk)

**Mrs Sharon Logie –** [sharon.logie-qh@fife.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.logie-qh@fife.gov.uk)

**If you are ever concerned about the immediate safety of a child then do not hesitate to contact Police Scotland on 999.**

**If you need to share any concerns outwith school working hours, please contact Fife Social Work using the contact details below:-**

**Social Work Contact Centre – 03451 551503**

**Out of hours Social Work (evenings and weekends only) – 03451 550099**

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| **Monday** | * P4 outdoor learning in Dunfermline |
| **Tuesday** | * PE – P2, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 |
| **Wednesday** | * 8:15 – Craft Club with Mrs Logie * PE – P1, P1/2, P2 & P3 * Nursery visiting the woods * School P4-7 committees |
| **Thursday** | * PE – P1, P1/2, P4, P5, P6 & P7 |
| **Friday** | * Nursery soft finish * Learning Journey Jotters home to share with families – please return by 7 December |
| **Saturday** | * Parent Council Christmas Fayre |

**Next week – Week beginning 28 November 2022**

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| **Reminders!** |
| * Please ensure your child has a gym kit which can be kept in school. * Please ensure ONLY water in bottles. * Keep up to date with class work and pictures through SeeSaw |