**Weekly Update – Term 3 – 6 February**





**Scottish Celebration Assembly**

Our Scots assembly will take place on Friday 10 February at 1:45pm. Unfortunately we will only have space for one adult per family to attend and there are a limited number of seats available. Winners of Scots poetry competition will have a reserved seat for their family member. Please contact the school if the adult attending requires a seat to be reserved to support mobility issues.

**Thinking/Founders Day – 22 February 2023**



Children who are part of Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts community are welcome to wear their respective uniforms to school to celebrate Thinking/Founders Day.

**Decider Skills Training for Parents and Carers to support their own, and their children's emotional wellbeing**



After lots of success last year running the decider skills course for parents online, we are committed to continuing this throughout this year. Our first programme is beginning in February online over an evening, starting on the 9th. We will continue to run this throughout the year in April, June, September and November. We will send out sign up information the month prior.

The link to sign up is here: <https://forms.office.com/e/ncfy9E9EMK>

This course will run for 4 weeks online and will cover skills for parents/carers to utilise themselves as well as look at how they can use the skills to support their child/young person.

Contact wellbeinginfife@barnardos.org.uk if you have any further questions.

**Supporting Health and Wellbeing**

Please find below some information for parents/carers and young people about supports available for those children and young people suffering from anxiety.

**Shine**

The Shine group is a free, 6 session group aimed at helping young people aged 12-17 learn about anxiety and to find out about helpful coping strategies that you can use when you feel anxious. To self-refer, or for more info, click here: https://www.accesstherapiesfife.scot.nhs.uk/shine/ The next Shine group is running online from 7th Feb-14th March 2023 from 4.15-5.15pm.

**Glow**

Glow is a free anxiety management resource for parents/carers of children aged 8-11 years. Glow has 7 online modules (3 for parents, 4 for children) for families to work through at their own pace, with helpful videos and workbooks. To self-refer, or for more info, click here: https://www.accesstherapiesfife.scot.nhs.uk/glow/

**Silvercloud**

Silvercloud is a collection of online programmes for parents/ carers of children aged 5-18 to help them learn techniques to reduce their child’s anxiety, which parents can self-refer in to. There is also a teenage module on anxiety for teens aged 15-18, which requires a referral. To self-refer, or for more information, click here: https://www.accesstherapiesfife.scot.nhs.uk/silvercloud/

**Star Writers**

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Each week we will be recognising Star Writers in each class at assembly. Star Writers for this week are:-

Primary 1 – Holly – for writing a sentence independently describing the Isle of Struay.

Primary 1/2 – Olive – for using brilliant adjectives like ‘bright’ and ‘stripy’ to describe the lighthouse on the Isle of Struay.

Primary 2 – Tommy – for including a date, time and place in his invitation.

Primary 3 – Oliver – for putting in so much effort while writing instructions on the laptop.

Primary 4 – Sam – for including all of the features of a formal letter and writing with great detail.

Primary 7- Nyla - for consistently using a variety of sophisticated openers and writing a story with an unexpected ending

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Primary 7 – Olivia – for using a fantastic range of interesting openers and remembering to separate them with commas.

Well done. We are very proud of you.

**Star Listeners**

Each week we will be recognising and celebrating good listening skills

* Sitting still
* Being quiet
* Looking at the person who is talking
* Listening to all of the words.

Our star listeners this week are:-

Primary 1 – Blair

Primary 1/2 – Imogen

Primary 2 – Isabelle

Primary 3 – Mason

Primary 4 – Blaire

Primary 7 – Jaden & Hannah

Well done and thank you!

**Drop Everything and Read**

Our reading ambassadors are introducing weekly ‘drop everything and read’ (DEAR) sessions on a Monday afternoon. All children and staff will have some time where everyone stops what they are doing has some time (around 20 minutes) to read any text of their choice. Children can bring in their own book from home for these sessions or choose a book from the classroom libraries.



**Dropping off and picking up times**

Whenever possible we encourage children and families to walk to school. This is good for our health and eases congestion around the school grounds at these busy times of day. It also makes walking safer if there are less vehicles around the school grounds. If you do need to drive children to school please consider parking away from the school gates and be mindful of children crossing the road particularly as you approach the school gates. Thank you for your support with this.

**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.

**All schools in Fife have stretch targets to support improvements in attendance. The stretch target for Crossford Primary School this session is 95.99%. We are currently sitting as 95.26%.**

**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 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.

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| [**Is my child too ill for school?**](https://sway.office.com/FIfiO81RKsncHXQJ?ref=email) |
| **It can be tricky deciding whether to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they’re unwell. It can be tempting to keep our children at home to stop them spreading or catching…** |
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| [**Go to this Sway**](https://sway.office.com/FIfiO81RKsncHXQJ?ref=email) |

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**Child Protection & Safeguarding**

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

**Mrs Lorna Bernard –** lorna.bernard@fife.gov.uk

**Mrs Sharon Logie –** 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**

**Enrolments for Primary 1 and Secondary 1**

Parents and carers of children transitioning into S1 in August 2023 must enrol before 15/03/23  using the link below:

[Enrol in secondary school | Fife Council](https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/education2/schools-in-fife/apply-for-a-school-place/enrol-in-secondary-school)

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| [Enrol in secondary school | Fife Council](https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/education2/schools-in-fife/apply-for-a-school-place/enrol-in-secondary-school)If you apply for a catchment school only, we will send out an email before the 30th of April to confirm your child's place at that school. If you make a placing request for a school out-with your catchment area, we will send out a letter in the post with the outcome of your request before the 30th of April 2023, as per Fife Council policy.[www.fife.gov.uk](http://www.fife.gov.uk/) |

Parents and carers of children transitioning into Primary 1 in August 2023 must enrol before 15/03/2023 using the link below:

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| [Enrol in primary school | Fife Council](https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/education2/schools-in-fife/apply-for-a-school-place/enrol-in-primary-school)Enrolling in primary school \*\*Applications for Primary One open from 9th January 2023 and close at midnight on 15th March 2023.\*\* Parents and carers enrolling their child(ren) for Primary one or looking to request a place for their child(ren) at another school, which isn’t their catchment school, can now do this quickly and easily online.[www.fife.gov.uk](http://www.fife.gov.uk/) |

**Next week – Week beginning 6 February 2023**

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| **Monday** | * Scots Poetry Final with guest judges.
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| **Tuesday** | * PE – **P1/2 (change for this week only),** P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 (including badminton coaching for Primary 4 and 5)
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| **Wednesday** | * PE – P1, P1/2, P2 & P3
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| **Thursday** | * PE – P1, **P2 (change for this week only),** P4, P5, P6 & P7
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| **Friday** | * 1:45 – Scots Celebration Assembly
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Class Scots Poetry competition this week. Finalists will perform for our judges on Monday 6 February.

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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
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