

CROFTFOOT PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025



HEAD TEACHER WELCOME

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday season. It's wonderful to see our students return to school with such enthusiasm and energy, ready to embark on a new term full of exciting learning opportunities.

January marks the beginning of a fresh chapter in the school year, and we are looking forward to all the possibilities it holds. This term we will be focusing on developing project based learning through The Leonardo Effect, which is based upon exploring "big questions" from the children, relating to Science and Expressive Arts. The children will be exploring themes such as space, habitats and the effects of climate change. We can't wait to share their learning with you.

We have a busy term ahead and lots of exciting things planned for the children. Keep an eye out for our monthly "What's On" guide.

Kind Regards

Mrs Leitch

(Head Teacher)



SCHOOL OFFICE

Our school office is run by Mrs Paterson (Mon - Fri) and Ms Innes (Tues - Fri). Please note that Ms Innes does not work Mondays and Mrs Paterson should be your main point of contact on this day

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Firstly, I would like to thank our Family Partnership and parent volunteers for helping to make our Winter Fair a great success. We raised almost £1200 and it was great to see so many members of the local community come along to support this event.

Secondly, I would like to thank Mr McDermott from our support for learning worker team for organising our sponsored Santa Dash. Thank you to all of the staff who helped set up on the day. The children had lots of fun completing all of the challenges set and we raised over £2000!

The children are keen to discuss how we can best use these funds to help improve our school/offer wider experiences.

CONTACT US:

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PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

At the start of each term, we focus on revising our school rules and what these mean to us. We discuss what it means to be READY, RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE. Classes have been busy discussing which of our values and rules they would like to focus on this term, to be "Good Croftfoot Citizens".

Children are awarded a class star when displaying our school values and modelling being Ready, Responsible and Safe. The stars are counted each week and the class with the most stars receives an additional playtime. If a class receives "Class of The Week", three times with a term, they can choose a special reward for their class.

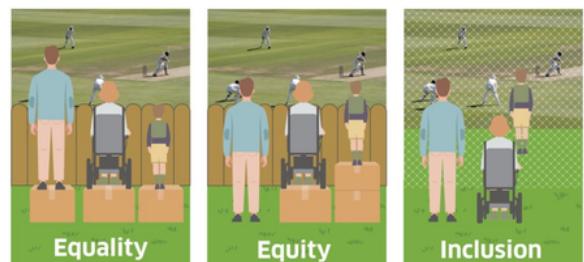
We also celebrate individual success through with "Pupil of the Week" certificates. Mrs Leitch (HT) also sends home HT postcards to children who have gone above and beyond what is expected of them.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Our Rights Respecting School Steering group have been working extremely hard with Mr McDonagh to raise awareness of the UNCRC.

This term we will be exploring the issue of Equity Vs Equality. We will be exploring what this means to us at Croftfoot and how we can ensure that everyone feels that they are treated fairly

We will be supporting the children in understanding that there may be times we need different things to help everyone to feel safe and included.



A Croftfoot Primary Citizen is ...

Ready	Responsible	Safe
To learn To listen To follow instructions To challenge ourselves	For our words and actions For the choices we make For our learning For our looking after our learning environments and resources	Keeping ourselves safe Keeping others safe Helping to create a safe environment
		

"Citizenship is the chance to make a difference to the place that you belong"

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ROAD SAFETY!

Last term, we had a significant number of incidents at drop off and pick up times. As a result, we are working in partnership with our local community Police officer, JRSO co-ordinator Lorna Young and the Road Traffic Enforcement Team. Over the next few months there will :

- Spot checks from Transport Police to issue fines to parents/carers who continue to park on the zig zag lines.
- Warnings issued to parents/carers who double park and place their children/other children at risk of harm.
- Community Campaigns / Parking Pledge Campaign
- Funding received to make a campaign video
- Regular review of this issue with the Chair of our Family Partnership



P7 EVENTS

Primary 7 and Primary 7.6 have been working hard over the last few weeks to prepare for hosting our annual Burns Supper on Wednesday 22nd January at 1.30pm.



STEM EVENT AT KPSS

P7 pupils have been invited to attend Kings Park Secondary for STEM workshops on Friday 24th January at 9.15am - 11.15am

P7 Swimming Blocks - Further information will be provided.

PUPIL EQUITY FUND (PEF)

PEF is allocated directly to schools and targeted at closing the poverty related attainment gap. Every council area is benefitting from PEF and 97% of schools in Scotland have been allocated funding for pupils in P1-S3 known to be eligible for free school meals.

Since 2021, our allocated PEF amount has decreased due to the number of parents/carers not applying for free school meal entitlement for children in P1-P5.

This is partly due to meals now being free in P1 - P5 and many parents waiting to P6 until they apply for this entitlement.

As a result of this, we are now receiving £12,000 less PEF. Last session, we also lost our additional staffing entitlement which resulted in a reduction in our teaching allocation.

Important

If you are currently not in receipt of free school meals and think you are entitled, please access the application by clicking this link [Application Form](#)

Further Information regarding grants and funding can be found on Glasgow City Councils website

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/2492/Clothing-Grants-Free-School-Meals>



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LUNCHTIME AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS



Lunchtime Clubs

Monday Lunchtime 27/1 - 17/3	Queen's Park Football Playmaker P1-P3 girls
Tuesday lunchtime 21/1-11/12	P1 and P2 multi-sports
Tuesday lunchtime 25/2-25/3	P3 and P4 multi-sports
Wednesday lunchtime 22/1-12/2	P4 and P5 multi-sports
Wednesday lunchtime 26/2-26/3	P1 and P2 multi-sports
Friday lunchtime 24/1-28/2	P4-P7 Karate

After School Clubs

Monday 20/1- 10/2	P2 and P3 multi-sports
Monday 24/2- 31/3	P4 and P5 multi-sports
Tuesday 21/1-4/3	P6 and P7 Football
Wednesday 13/3- 2/4	P1-P3 Fun Games
Thursday 16/1- 6/3	P4 Determined to Dance



pns PARENT NETWORK SCOTLAND

Family Wellbeing Toolkit

Parenting with heart & head

Parent Network Scotland is an organisation by parents for parents who offer safe group spaces to relax, learn, share and practice new tools to promote calm for you and your family. If you would like to find out more come along to our Introduction Session;

Date 23/01/25 Time 9am-11am

Venue
Glencroft Community Hall
Glencroft Road
Croftfoot
G44 5RD

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www.parentnetworkscotland.com

PARENT NETWORK SCOTLAND

We are delighted to be working with Parent Network Scotland again. Parent Network Scotland is a national charity that uses a unique combination of parent support, training, gaining qualifications and peer-led methods.

Parents who have participated in these workshops have spoken very highly of this experience and in particular the benefits of having a safe space to talk with other parents. PNS are hosting an information session at Glencroft Community Hall at 9am on Thursday 23rd January.

