

King's Oak Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,



I wish to thank you all for your continued support and efforts to keep everyone safe during recent times. I also wish to thank the increasing number of parents and carers who are now wearing face masks outwith our school gates. Any parent or carer now entering the schools grounds, particularly nursery parents, must wear a face covering unless they are exempt. Staff must wear face masks in corridors as well as if they are working at a distance of less than 2m from adults or children. Let's keep working hard to stay safe!

Kindest regards, Kirstin Glancy, HT

Staffing Updates

Our Nursery Class has had a change of Acting Senior EYECO. We warmly welcome Miss Emma Love who joined us after the October week. Miss Love is settling well and is becoming reacquainted with the children as she had a short spell in King's Oak earlier this year. We thank Miss Henderson for all her work with our Little Oakers and wish her well as she returns to her base establishment.

ASN staff member, Mrs O'Donnell, has sadly left us. She has taken up a similar post elsewhere in the authority. We wish her well and thank her for all she did in King's Oak, particularly with our athletics team. ASN interviews are happening across the authority at present as they are looking to recruit a large number of posts. From this recruitment process we will be getting replacement staff members for two ASN posts.

Attendance

In term one our overall attendance as a school was 93.66%.

This is slightly above Scotland's national average at present which is an upturn for us as a school. Well done all! In term one the highest attending class was **P7** with a fantastic overall attendance of 95.4%. A HUGE well done to them!



Barnardos

Please see below a brief message from our partners at Barnardos.

'As you'll be aware COVID has changed how families are able to access support, especially face to face support. This is a reminder to let you know that your family support worker (**Louise**) is available via telephone for advice and guidance for a whole range of issues, including any worries you may have about your child. If you are unsure if your family support worker is able to help then why don't you give them a ring and they can signpost you in the direction of appropriate help and support. The contact number is 01475 728493.'

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Rights Respecting Class Reps

As we carry on in our journey to becoming a Rights Respecting School and Nursery, classes have now elected a representative. Caroline from the hub is leading this project working alongside Mrs Stevenson and Miss McAlister from our Nursery Class.

Our class reps are now:

P1 **Luke and Jack**

P2 **Miller**

P4/3 **Kyle M**

P5/4 **Mason**

P6 **Isla**

P7 **Adam**

P2/1 **Millie**

P3 **Sophie Mc**

P4 **Kyle L**

P5 **Arianna**

P7/6 **Gregor**



We are currently working on 'The Right to a Name'. Our Little Oakers filmed a short piece for our assembly last Friday about this. Well done to them! P1 and P2/1 are nominating our next right to learn more about.

Playground Improvements



We have started the process of making some improvements to our school playgrounds. We have located a relevant company, received some quotes and are now awaiting designs to show the children. The Parent Circle had previously raised funds for some line markings and they have contributed this money towards our upcoming project. Thank you to their previous fund raising efforts for this!

Parent Circle

At our recent AGM on 8th October, some new Parent Council Core Members were elected. They have gotten to work straight away and many thanks to the parents and carers who took the time to respond to their recent survey.

All parents and carers of the school are known as the Parent Forum. Joining the Parent Council (Parent Circle in King's Oak) means you wish to attend meetings and become involved in activities to support and promote the school.

The Core Members/ Office Bearers are the four positions voted by the Parent Circle Members. These are Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The core members are now:

Chairperson – Carolanne McFadyen

Vice Chairperson – Allannah Gunn

Secretary – Jackie Thomson and Linzi Miller

Treasurer – Kirsty Geary

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Fancy Dress



Last Friday we had a fantastic fun dress up day in school. Thank you for all the effort you went to to have your children dressed to celebrate this. All children enjoyed some treats kindly donated by the Parent Circle and Belville Gardens. The staff thoroughly enjoyed this too.

Achievements

Well done to the following children who have celebrated their out of school achievements with us.

Ryley in P4 for Taekwondo

Holly in P4 for Taekwondo

Tia in P7/6 for completing a sponsored walk to support a charity very close to her. A great achievement and also very healthy Tia, Well done!

If your child has an achievement that they wish to share with us then we love hearing about them! This does not have to be a certificate or a medal but could be a new skill or talent.



Festive Dates

Although limited, Dates for festive events such as Christmas lunch and class parties will be released in the coming weeks. When we have this calendar finalised we will let you know.

