



King's Oak Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Welcome to our first newsletter of Term 2 and a busy term it is setting out to be. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide important information about staffing, administration and to share important dates. As always, if you have any queries, please contact the school office on 01475 714680 or email INKingsOak@glowscotland.onmicrosoft.com and a member of staff will get back to you.

Kind regards, Kirstin Glancy

Roots of Empathy Programme

P4 are engaging with an exciting new classroom programme in Health and Wellbeing known as Roots of Empathy. This programme is designed to raise social and emotional competence and increase empathy, resulting in the development of social behaviours such as sharing, helping and including others.

Mrs Grieve is our newly trained Roots of Empathy instructor. Over the course of this school year, she will deliver 27 sessions in P4.

At the heart of this programme, a parent and baby attend a number of classroom visits. We are so lucky that baby Luke and his mummy, have agreed to work alongside primary 4. During these visits, children observe the baby and are prompted to explore their own feelings and temperaments, and of their classmates.

Miss McClurg and Mrs Grieve are looking forward to using Roots of Empathy as a curriculum resource to continue teaching key emotional literacy skills.

Watch out on X (formerly Twitter) to see updates of our Roots of Empathy journey this year!



Parents Evening

It was great to see so many of you attend our first parents meeting of the year on Thursday 12th October. Teaching staff enjoyed catching up and sharing your child's progress so far this school year.

Upcoming Strike Day – 1st November

Currently we are still expecting a strike day to go ahead as planned on Wednesday 1st November. You will have received a letter last week sharing learning arrangements for this day. Should anything change, we will keep you informed.

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Family Learning sessions in classes

We know that as Parents and Carers you love being in our classrooms and seeing what learning looks like in King's Oak. This year, we are in our second year of delivering our social and emotional learning programme through Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS). We work regularly with our PATHS coach Katrina and she will be delivering a parent workshop as well as team teaching alongside teachers, what learning in PATHS looks like in King's Oak. These sessions will be on Wednesday 22nd November and Thursday 23rd November. Another letter will follow with specific times for individual classes. We look forward to you joining us!



Christmas Craft Fair – Save the Date and other info.

The Parent Fundraising Group are busily organising a Christmas Craft Fair. This will take place on **Friday 8th December from 3pm – 4:30pm.**

To support this event, on **Friday 1st December we will be having a non-uniform day.** In exchange for coming to school in no uniform, children are asked to provide either a **bottle** (any bottles at all from shampoo, juice, something for the adults) or **chocolate**. The chocolate will be for a chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair and the bottles will be for a regular tombola staff. If you are donating alcohol, can this please be delivered by an adult to the school office to ensure safety for all. This dress down day has been massively popular in the past and will help offer a wider variety of stalls available at the fair.



HUGE Thanks!

We want to thank everyone who generously donated to our Harvest Assembly Foodbank Donation. Your kindness was overwhelming. The foodbank were blown away by the volume of donations. You may have noticed this in the local press following the Harvest assembly. Well done all. ☺

Our Parent Fundraising group also did a fabulous job of selling pre-loved Halloween costumes that were donated on Wednesday last week. Some amazing bargains were had by families. Thank you as always for new and creative ways to ensure our school community is included in the life of the school! New members are always welcome to this group. Contact Amanda Unsworth if you are interested.



Flu Vaccinations - REMINDER

A quick reminder that important flu vaccinations for children will take place in school on Wednesday 8th November. This annual event runs smoothly and provides children with protection against becoming seriously ill with flu.

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Diary Dates



Mon 30th Oct	Halloween Discos
Wed 1st Nov	Possible Strike Day
Thursday 2nd Nov	P7 Heartstart Training
Wed 8th Nov	Flu Vaccinations in school today
Tues 22nd Nov and Wed 23rd Nov	Family Learning Sessions. Our learning in PATHS.
Fri 1st Dec	Non-uniform Day. Chocolate or bottle donations please.
Tues 5th Dec	P7 Visual Screenings today in school.
Fri 8th Dec	Christmas Craft Fair at 3:00 – 4:30pm.
Wed 6th Dec	Nursery – P3 Nativity. 2 performances. More details to follow.
Wed 13th Dec	Christmas Lunch today.
Thurs 14th Dec	P4-P7 Christmas show. PM and Evening Performance. More details to follow.
Fri 15th Dec	P7a and P7b Christmas Parties AM. Nursery Christmas Party PM.
Mon 18th Dec	Christmas Assembly in gym hall at 2pm. Parents welcome.
Tues 19th Dec	Panto in school (Robin Hood) and P6/5 Christmas Party (PM)
Wed 20th Dec	P1, P2/1, P3 and P5 Christmas Parties today.
Thurs 21st Dec	P3/2 and P6 Christmas Parties today.
Thurs 21st Dec	Term 2 winning house treat today.
Thurs 21st Dec	P7 outing to St. Mary's Cathedral from 4pm to see Dunedin music concert.
Fri 22nd Dec	P4 and P5/4 Christmas Parties today.
Fri 22nd Dec	Close at 2:30pm for Christmas holidays.