



King's Oak Primary School

September 2024



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Our Vision: From tiny Acorns, Mighty Oaks Grow!

Hi everyone,

Welcome to our September newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information about staffing, administration, what is going on in King's Oak and to share important dates. Please take a few minutes to read over the newsletter.

With kind regards,

Kirstin Glancy, Head Teacher

Asda Cashpot Fund



Do you shop in Asda?

If so, be sure to opt into the Schools Cashpot Fund on your Asda Rewards App and choose your local school – it won't affect your personal Cashpot savings and will help raise money for your school just from doing your weekly shop!

Share with all your friends and family and encourage them to support it too!

School Photographs



Thank you very much for your understanding last week during school photographs. The plan changed a number of times and we know this caused some confusion and lots of smart uniform throughout the week. Your patience and understanding are appreciated when we had no changes. You will receive an email this week when the QR codes for the photographs become live. If we can be of any assistance with ordering, please reach out and we will do what we can to assist.

Be Prepared

It would help our amazing office staff if you could ensure children come to school with everything that they need for example, water, break time snacks, packed lunches and knowing what is on the school menu on a daily basis if they are selecting a school lunch. Children should also know what their end of day arrangements are, particularly P5-P7 children attending athletics. The office staff will always ensure essential messages are passed on, however, it does take the staff away from the office, which can result in the entry buzzer or telephone calls being missed. Thank you for your support with this.

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Diary Dates



Friday 20th September: Nursery Coffee Afternoon from 2pm

Mon 23rd Sept – Thurs 26th September: STEM Week and Maths Week

Scotland

Wednesday 25th September: Fluoride Varnishing in school and nursery

Thursday 26th September: Imagination Island School Library opening with visiting author to see P5-P7

Friday 27th September: HOLIDAY. School Closed

Monday 30th September: HOLIDAY. School Closed

Tuesday 8th October at 2pm: Harvest Assembly- families welcome to attend. Please enter via gym hall door.

Thursday 10th October: Parents Evening 3:10 – 6:10pm

14th Oct – 18th October: October HOLIDAY

Monday 21st October: Inset Day 3. School Closed.

Weekly Clubs: Athletics with Mr Thomson (P5-P7) on a Thursday from 3:00 – 4:30pm and Netball (P5-P7) with Miss Johnston is a Tuesday from 3:00 – 4:00pm.



X (Twitter)

Every week each class teacher will post at least one update of learning from their class. This is where you will find pictures and videos (of permitted pupils) from school events. Please follow us @KingsOakSchool.

P1 Greenock Telegraph Photographs

P1 had their photographs taken for the annual Greenock Telegraph P1 publication this week. Look out for seeing the Mighty Oakers in the newspaper soon.

Staffing

Every teacher receives Non-Class Contact (NCC) Time. This is usually planned in 2.5 hour blocks. We therefore have NCC Teachers who teach classes for these periods of time. Mr Jamieson covers the P5-P7 classes, Mrs Campbell for P2a, P2b, P5/4 and Mrs Duncan for P1a, P3 and P4. Mrs Grieve takes P1b to allow Miss Agnew her time. This means your child has a different teacher at some point in the week. This is common practice in all schools across Scotland.

Friday Assemblies

Most Fridays we have an assembly in school. We enjoy this time to gather as a school community, sing, celebrate achievement and talk about wider school initiatives such as PATHS, Talk for Writing and Children's Rights. Why not ask your child about assembly and hear more about it.

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Playground safety- Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds. This includes dogs being held in arms or at the school office. We have a responsibility to any allergy sufferers and also for anyone who has a fear of dogs. Thank you for your understanding.



Playground safety- Adults calling children from the street

As part of our work on keeping children safe, can we please ask families to refrain from calling children over to school fences and gates during breaks. Support staff have a responsibility to ask adults if there is a problem as this is part of their role. Staff are not always aware if an adult is a family member or a stranger approaching children. This would help us greatly. If you have questions or concerns about your child during a break please get in touch with us via the school office.

Children's Rights

On 16th July 2024, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) was incorporated into Scots law.

The UNCRC is the 'gold standard' across the world for children's rights. It covers all aspects of a child's life and sets out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights that all children everywhere are entitled to. It also explains how adults and governments must work together to make sure all children can enjoy all their rights.

Incorporated means that Children's Rights are legally protected in Scotland. This means that public authorities must take steps to respect children's rights in their steps and actions. As duty bearers, the adults who work in education, have this as one of their responsibilities.

Mrs Cunningham leads our Rights Respecting School Group ensuring that every class is learning about rights and through children's rights. This is a focus across our school and nursery, with even our littlest learners becoming more informed about their rights as young as 3!



We have a right of the week and this is talked about in classes and assemblies.

Parent Workshop/ Family Learning on Child Protection and Safeguarding

At our recent Meet the Teacher event, we asked if there was any interest in learning more about this topic. We had an overwhelming 'yes' and have now organised a workshop on 24th October both during the day and in the evening. Look out for some questions about how you would like these sessions to look. We can make them for both parents and children or just adults. Your views will help shape what is included in the sessions.



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