



## December 2022 Newsletter

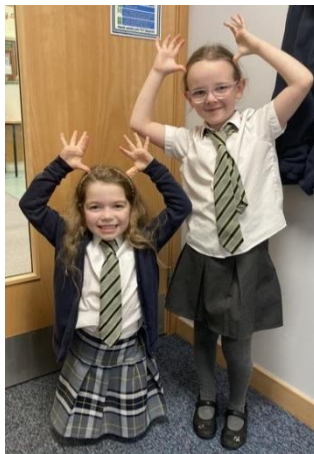
Dear Parents/Carers

The final month of the year is finally upon us. There have been so many highlights but there is also so much still to come before we part for the Christmas Holidays. Please remember that school closes at **2.30pm** on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

My letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> November gave details of many of the events we have planned for the children this month and I will not, therefore, repeat these in their entirety here; rather, this newsletter will mostly focus on some of the key recent events in the school and includes a list of important dates for your diary prior to the end of term.

### Christmas Concerts

Preparations and practice are well underway and I hope you are enjoying the daily, repeated renditions of Christmas tunes as much as I am! 😊 Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets for one of our shows; we look forward to welcoming you into school later this month. If you are still looking to buy tickets, please contact the school office.



### P5/6 & P6 Christmas Toy Event: “Supportive Sustainable Shopping”

Please save the date for this child-led activity! On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, please join P5/6 and P6 as they provide an opportunity for some Christmas “Shopping” and Christmas activities, all linked to their Social Enterprise work. Adults only from 2pm to 3pm and then children can join between 3pm and 4pm. My thanks go to Miss Calderhead and Miss Gallagher for their work supporting the children with this and to Mr Rutherford for his work leading our Social Enterprise generally.

## **Parent/Carer Consultations & Parent Council (“PC”) Winter Fayre**

Thank you for visiting us for “Parents’ Night” and the Winter Fayre. These events gave us the opportunity to report on the children’s progress and to come together, once again, as a school community, including an opportunity to see Santa! Thank you to all those who contributed to and helped with the Winter Fayre; the sums raised will help support the work of the PC.

### **P2 Assembly**

It was a very special moment when P2 hosted the first class assembly for 3 years! We were so proud of the confident manner in which some of our youngest children presented on Children in Need and it was fantastic to welcome so many supporting adults to share this and to see the other children have the opportunity to watch (and sing along with) the performance.



### **Trips**

In another first for a while, P7 went on the first school trip of the session. They enjoyed their day at Stirling Castle, including a workshop, tour of the Castle grounds and the obligatory visit to the gift shop! My thanks go to Miss Mercer, Miss Wilson, Mrs McNaught and parent helpers Mrs McLaughlan and Mr Fleming for supporting our children on this trip.

The classes in our Senior Area also attended a viewing of “The Railway Children Revisited” at Vue Glasgow Fort as part of the Into Film Festival. Our group of more than 100 children and adults (including some very appreciated parent helpers, Mrs Ahmad, Mrs Breakell and Mrs McLaughlan) were complimented for their exemplary behaviour during the film showing; well done everyone!



## Clubs

Children from P2 and P6 have been reading together in our “Page-turners” after school club, hosted by Miss Calderhead and Miss McManus. Children from P3 have been participating in an after school “Fundamentals” sports club led by students from New College Lanarkshire (who have also been supporting some of our PE lessons). Children from P6 & P7 have been taking part in a Multi-sports after school club at Greenfaulds High School (“GHS”) ran by PE Teachers and Sports Leaders from GHS. I hope all participating children have enjoyed these clubs (the “Page-turners” club is continuing into December) and my thanks go to all those helping to provide and support these opportunities.

## Sports

A record 48 children from P5 to P7 competed on behalf of the school in the NLC Active Schools Cross Country Qualifier. All of our runners completed the course in what can generously be described as challenging weather conditions and should be proud of their efforts. I am delighted to advise that our P5 Boys and P6 Boys teams finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their categories and our P6 Girls and P7 Boys Teams finished 1<sup>st</sup> in their categories. As a result of these and individual results in the P5 Girls category, a record 18 children have qualified to represent the school at the Final in March 2023. My thanks go to Miss Wilson and parent helper Mrs Roy for their help on the day and to all those who braved the weather to support our runners.



At the recent NL Active Schools Football Festival, 42 children from P5 to P7 played for the school across 5 teams making us the largest represented school participating in the event. The quality of play and teamwork on display, along with the improvements our children make each time they play, were noteworthy. My thanks go to parent helpers Mr and Mrs Brown, Ms Craigmile, Mr Maguire, Mr and Mrs Reader and Mr Watson for their help on the day and to all those who came to watch.

Thank you also to our Active Schools Coordinator, Lee McParland, for all her support in creating memorable opportunities for our children.

## Reindeer Dash

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations for the PC Reindeer Dash. The children enjoyed decorating their antlers (kindly provided by the PC) and “dashing” through the playground. Further information regarding the sums raised will follow.



## Conclusion

I hope the content of this newsletter has been informative and gives a flavour of the experiences and opportunities that form part of the children’s learning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff within the school and nursery, and our external partners, for their outstanding efforts so far this school year and for the level of care they have for our most valuable asset, your children. On a personal level, I would also like to thank them and many others within our school community for their support and encouragement this term; it has been genuinely appreciated. Finally, I hope that our children enjoy the final month of learning and activities for this year and we look forward to seeing many of you over the next few weeks.

Kind regards

Mr Miller

(Acting Depute Head Teacher)

## Dates for the Diary

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December: P1-3 PC Movie Night (“Arthur Christmas”);
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December: P4-7 PC Movie Night (“The Grinch”);  
P4 Broadwood Multi-sports Trip 1;
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Hamper Donations Deadline;
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Lunch;
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: P5/6 & P6 Christmas Toy event;
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December: P4 Broadwood Multi-sports Trip 2;
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Week;  
Christmas Concert (Afternoon and Evening);
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Concert (Morning and Afternoon);
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Dress Down Day – Christmas Fun Day;  
P7 Christmas Choir (Tesco Craigmarloch);
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Pantomime (“Jack and the Beanstalk”); and  
**School closes at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays.**