



Kilsyth Primary School

May Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to our May Newsletter. I have been writing this newsletter on and off for the last 2 weeks but the information I had planned to share with you kept changing and so here we are in week 3 of the new term already. Where does the time go!

Staffing

I firstly wish to update you all around staffing. We currently have Mrs Burrows and Mr Rankin on long term absence.

Mrs Thomson is currently acting PT in Mr Rankin's absence and is leading on Digital Schools, Reading Schools, Transitions along with teaching P7 with the occasional time out of class to fulfil her PT duties when additional staffing allows.

Mr Carline and Miss Reid are both covering P5/4 in Mrs Burrows absence. Mrs Ayton has been supporting in P7 and P6 on occasion.

I'd like to thank you all for your patience and perseverance at this time. We will keep you informed of any further changes and updates as they occur.

Clubs

There are a number of clubs taking place this term including Outdoor club on a Tuesday afterschool with Mr Lees. They are currently building bird boxes and Gymnastics on a Wednesday afterschool with Miss Kavanagh.

I am most grateful to all our staff who have delivered clubs throughout the session this year. I have been informed by our Active Schools Coordinator that Kilsyth Primary staff deliver more clubs than any other school in the cluster! This is all voluntary on the part of the staff who give up their free time to do so without additional pay. I am most grateful to them all!

I am also most grateful to the parents who have started the Football afterschool club on a Wednesday evening. I was delighted to hear that the first session was a great success!!

Awards

We are very close to submitting our applications for the following Awards, Digital Schools; Reading Schools; Sports Award.

The staff and pupils have been working tirelessly to bring this about with the help of many members of the community including Scotia books, The Library, Active Schools Coordinator, Parent Council, NLC Coaches etc

along with all the help from yourselves. We are very excited to be at this point and wish to thank everyone for all the hard work it has taken to get us this far.

Once again, we will keep you informed of further developments!

Summer Trip

As usual, we love to have a whole school trip at the end of the year for all our pupils. We had tried a number of venues including Stirling Castle and Calendar Park all of which had no availability.

However, we have managed to secure a visit for us all to The Burrel Collection at Pollock Park near Glasgow on Wednesday the 12th June. The trip will include educational trails both inside and outside along with time in the adventure park and playing field area. We have booked the packed lunch areas and the buses to take us there and back. More details will be sent out in a separate communication.

The Parent Council have kindly organised a Fundraising Night to fund towards the costs of the buses as the entry to The Burrel is free of charge. This takes place on Saturday 1st June, and we encourage as many of you as possible to attend and support the children.

Digital Science Week

This term we have a number of planned events taking place including Digital Science Week starting Monday 13th May where we are having a Cyber Focus. We displayed QR codes at parents evening on Thursday giving you links to Parents Net where you can also find a host of useful resources aimed at informing parents in making decisions about your child's digital safety and activities out with school.

Sports Week

Starting on Monday 3rd June, we have planned a sports week. During this time the children will take part in rugby and netball sessions delivered by Active Coaches and Cumbernauld Rugby club. Our Sports Day will also take place on Wednesday 5th June in the school grounds – once again a separate communication will be issued for this. There will also be a sporting assembly to celebrate and recognise the pupils' achievements in and out of school.

Civic Week

Once again, we will be taking part in Kilsyth Civic Week. Our pupils have already been working on their art and poetry entries. Pupils have all been emailed entry forms for the talent show and we will be entering teams for the football, bowling, swimming and quiz. Good luck everyone!

Transitions

We are at the time of year when we are welcoming new P1 pupils into the school on their visit days at the end of May and supporting our P7 pupils in their move up to High School. Already there has been a number of activities taking place for our P7s from enhanced transition, visits from the teachers at the Academy to the class and the planned technical and science visits along with the 3 transition days.

Mrs Pearce has visited all our new P1 children in their nurseries and took the P6 buddies along to meet them too. There have been meetings between staff and key visits with families where appropriate.

Shorts and Shades Day

At the end of term, Tuesday 25th June, we will be hosting our whole school shorts and shades day. This is a informal day where the children take part in lots of activities just to have fun. We'll let you know more about it all nearer the time.

With 7 more weeks to go until the end of term, I will finish this issue with key dates for your diary. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible through-out our summer events.

Best wishes,

Louise Duncan Bain

Head Teacher

Term 4

Monday 15 th May	- Computing Science Week
Thursday 23 rd May	- P1 and P3/2 Kilsyth Kuppa
Friday 24 th May	- School Closed Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 27 th May	- School Closed Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 3 rd June	- Sports Week
Wednesday 5 th June	- Sports Day at Kilsyth Primary School
Thursday 20 th June	- P7 Leavers Service Church
Tuesday 25 th June	- Shorts and Shades Day
Wednesday 26 th June	- Last Day of Term – School Closes 1pm