



Kilsyth Primary School

June Newsletter 2024

Dear Parent and Carers

Welcome to our June newsletter. We are days away from the summer break and I know that you are all looking forward to family time over the coming weeks. Whatever plans you have for your summer, I wish you all a happy time and that the sun shines!

For the staff in school, we are all looking forward to some time to re-charge our batteries and spend time, like yourselves with our families and friends before we begin again in August.

I wish to thank all the staff and pupils for their tremendous hard work this year. Everyone has worked incredibly hard. There have been many exciting things happening in our school through out the year. The main focus has been around 4 main areas:

Digital Schools Award

Mrs Thomson and the Digital Leaders

Award submitted and awaiting validation!

Gold Sports Award

Miss Kemp, Miss McKeown and the Sports Committee

Award submitted and awaiting validation!

Reading School Awards

Mrs Thomson and the Reading School Champions

Award Achieved!

Woodland Leaf Award

Mr Lees and the Woodland Committee

Award Achieved!

I would like to thank all the staff who have led these areas, all the staff in school for all their hard work to deliver the lessons to contribute to these awards, and all the pupils and parents for all that they have done to take part in the activities.

Although these are awards, the activities, planning, learning and teaching that go into making up the evidence are the most important part of the process and are imbedded in what we do here in Kilsyth Primary School. This work will continue to grow and develop into sustainable improvements.

Staff Structures Session 2024 – 25

Next year there will be a number of alterations across the school as budget changes are implemented and some staff leave for pastures new.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to two of our longer serving staff.

Miss Kemp is leaving us on secondment to travel overseas. We are all going to miss her drive and enthusiasm and all the hard work and care she has given the children and her commitment to the school over the years. We wish her well in her travels and that we see her again in the future when she returns! Best wishes Miss Kemp we look forward to hearing about all your adventures 😊

Mr Lees is moving on to one of the village schools in the cluster and so he won't be too far away and we will see him often through our cluster working. We will all miss his singing up and down the corridors and his unique, fun-loving manner with the children. Good luck Mr Lees and see you at the next cluster event! 😊

Other staff who are moving into different roles are:

Miss Mahmood is also moving into a cluster role. She will be working across 3 schools delivering Literacy intervention support work with groups of children as a Cluster Resource Teacher. Thankfully she will be working in our school on a daily basis! 😊

Miss Kavanagh has had a fantastic start to her career as probationer here in Kilsyth Primary! She has also worked extremely hard and has built very good relationships with all the pupils in her class and the wider school community. We wish Miss Kavanagh well in what lies ahead for her next session. 😊

Mr Carline has been so accommodating in substituting for a variety of teachers over the session. He has done what ever has been asked of him, with a smile and a laugh at all times. He has bonded so well with the children with his relaxed manner. Thank you for everything Mr Carline! 😊

Finally, the school budget can no longer sustain a full time Acting DHT and full time Acting PT role. Consequently, Mrs Pearce will be working in her substantive capacity as Principal Teacher 3 days a week with Mr Rankin acting Principal Teacher 2 days a week. I would like to thank them both for all their hard work in their enhanced Senior Leadership Roles. The school has undoubtedly gained from their input in these capacities over the years.

The improvements in our Literacy, Inclusion and Getting It Right for Every Child have been driven by the hard work, dedication, commitment and talent of Mrs Pearce over the years. I cannot thank her enough and she will continue in these roles albeit on a more focused and streamlined approach.

Mr Rankin in capacity as PT has worked tirelessly to improve the school Better Behaviour, Better Learning Policy. His approaches have become firmly imbedded. Mr Rankin has also created a thorough Tracking and Monitoring of school data that has been invaluable in terms of strategic improvement planning. Once again, I extend my thanks to him.

Class Structures Session 2024 – 25

Head Teacher	– Louise Duncan Bain
Principal Teacher 0.6FTE	– Mrs Pearce
Acting Principal Teacher 0.2FTE	- Mr Rankin
P1/2	- Miss McKeown
P2/3	- Miss Quinn – Full time
P5/4	- Mrs Burrows
P6/5	- Miss Reid
P7	- Mrs Thomson

Parent/carers of P2 children will be emailed a separate communication stating which class your child will be in next year.

I have also applied for additional teaching staff and if successful intend to put in place a play pedagogy teacher for P1-P3 to scaffold purposeful play for our infant pupils. This will bring an additional teacher to the P1-P3 classes. I will be in touch when I know more.

In the meantime, I would like to wish each and every one of you a wonderful summer break. Stay safe, have fun and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new term.

Best wishes,
Louise Duncan Bain

Head Teacher

August In-Service Days for staff only

Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th August

All Resume

Wednesday 14th August