



Kilsyth Primary School
October 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to our October newsletter!

The end of term is upon us and I can't help but wonder, where did the time go?!

It has been a very busy start to the new school year. We have had all the success of our Awards and Accreditations.

I was delighted by the turn out of parents and carers, family and friends who came to our Come and Learn day. As always it was great to welcome you all to our school and my thanks to you all for your attendance at our Showcase.

Committees

Tomorrow will finalise the sorting of the children into our committees. These being:

- Enterprising Learning Council led by the House Captains and Mrs Duncan
- Sports Committee led by Miss McKeown and Mr Rankin
- STEM Committee led Miss Reid and Mrs Thomson
- Reading Committee led by Mrs Thomson
- Eco Committee led by Mrs Burrows and Miss Quinn
- The Enterprise Crew led by the Enterprising Pupil Council

Each club will meet on a Friday after assembly on a rotation as described in my last newsletter. Each Committee will be encouraged to develop their metaskills as part of the work they do. To do this Mr Aitchison the Enterprise Officer for NLC will be working with the school to pilot a new metaskills development programme. It is hoped that it will be rolled out across the cluster schools too and will link in with the pre-existing metaskills work already taking place in Kilsyth Academy.

The first committee to meet will be the Pupil Learning Council to organise the first rounds of Enterprise activities for The Enterprise Crew.

Clubs

The after school and lunch time clubs are now up and running. So far we have the running club for P5-P7 children taking place on a Wednesday in preparation for the Active Schools Cross Country Competition. We also have the P6-P7 STEM club also running on a Wednesday.

The P7 pupils, after extensive training from our Active School's Coordinator, deliver Young Sports Leader Clubs to the P1/2 pupils each week at lunchtimes.

After the October break there will be a P1-P3 Fundamentals club running on a Thursday afterschool along with a lunchtime choir club on the run up to Christmas. There are many more planned through out the year.

Make it Happen Club

Earlier this month, the people from Make it Happen Club came into school once again to work with the children to design their own app. This is the 3rd year that the school have participated in this project and has always been very well received by the pupils.

Author and Library Visits

P1 – P3 children enjoyed a trip to the local library where they met the author.... P4- P7 were also visited by author..... and P6/5 and P7 has visited the library too. P4/5 will be visiting the library next term.

Forest Schools

Miss Quinn and Miss McKeown have both been trained in Forest School and have set up a Forest Schools Nurture Group for P1-P3 children that has been very well received. The other teachers will all receive their training in March and will be implementing Forst Schools at that Point. Our Polytunnel is now covered, we await the doors being re-fitted but we can begin looking at how to use the space. I have contacted the ranger at Dumbrek march who will be meeting with me after the October break to plan more outdoor learning activities for the school and the community.

Film and Screen

When Miss Quinn and Miss McKeown are working with the Forest School group, I am in p1/2 and P2/3 on alternate days to test the new Film and Screen Curriculum. We will be learning all about film and film making and making our own films. The children are already showing a great enthusiasm for it.

Parent Council

Thank you to the new member who have joined our parent council. The work you do to support the school is so much appreciated. The parent Council have organised a Psychic night that I highly recommend to everyone to support and the children's Halloween disco is fast approaching!

Strathclyde Park

P7 will be heading to Strathclyde park as soon as we return from the October holidays. I know they will all have a fantastic experience.

Finally, I wish to finish by extending my best wishes to you all for a happy and fun-filled October break I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 21st October.

Kind regards,

Louise Duncan Bain