

MRS N'S NOTES



YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE OF LIFE IN KIRKSHAW'S



HEALTH & WELLBEING

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All pupils from P.1-7 are timetabled for 2 hours of PE each week. Everyone is welcome to leave their gym kit in school, hanging on their peg, or bring it on their designated gym days. A school polo shirt can be worn for PE; there is no need to change into another t-shirt. Pupils can change into shorts, or leggings, and soft shoes before the lesson.

Our nursery pupils visit the gym every week too. They do not need any additional changes of clothes. We love to see them visiting the school!

LITERACY

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We are looking forward to welcoming P.1-7 parents to our Homework workshop next week (29.8.19). We have many useful tips on how to support Literacy at home. New parent guides have been added to the school website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/kirkshawswebsite/homework/>

PARKING

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Please remember there is no space to drop off or pick up in the staff car park.



Smiles All Around



As I have buzzed around the school and nursery this week, there is one thing I just can't get over: how calm and happy everyone is. It doesn't matter where you go, you will see wall-to-wall smiles!

I have heard parents comment on it first thing in the morning and I have witnessed it myself; Kirkshaws continues to be the happiest place to work, play and learn.

So how does this come about? Does it happen by chance? I don't believe it does. Kirkshaws staff set the tone and our learners follow suit. Through our cycle of continuous improvement, we are reviewing our Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy. One suggestion has been that we rename it our Positive Relationships Policy. This reflects our belief that mutual respect and understanding lie at the heart of all we do. Our School





NURSERY NEWS

This week I enjoyed spending time in the nursery; getting the chance to join in some play experiences, as our new pupils explore the nursery environment. I am delighted at the way everyone is settling in so well. New routines are being established and relationships are being built amongst the children, as well as between key workers and families. Please remember, we want to get it right for EVERY child. We value your input as we shape a curriculum to suit your child as part of a larger group. Nursery staff are more than happy to discuss any concerns or issues you have as they occur.

We are very excited about changes planned for next week. Thanks to our Fundraisers, we have money now available to upgrade our snack area. We have lots of plans as to how we can make it feel more like home. Our staff will continue to work with our young learners to make this area safe, inviting and exciting for all. Make sure you get the chance to see all our new equipment as it appears!

Values of Respect, Trust, Friendship, Honesty and Resilience are evident in everything we do.

Yesterday, in the nursery, I watched children take on practical problems and find their own solutions through trial and error. In a safe environment, where not managing to succeed first time is not the same as failure, we foster a culture of supportive challenge. In the dinner hall today, I ate lunch alongside a P.4 boy who told me how well he was doing at Maths this year. I was thrilled at his final statement, said with a proud grin: "I got some sums wrong the other day. That means I'm learning!" He's got it! In a school where mistakes are expected, accepted, inspected and corrected, we applaud this mindset. No one in Kirkshaws is expected to get it all right first time. We will always strive for excellence, but we will not be despondent if it takes a wee while to get there.

So, with that same approach we launch ourselves into a new session. As we aim to review our homework and behaviour policies, we might not get it spot-on right away, but we will persevere until we get it right for YOUR CHILD!

Don't forget...

Next week we will have **Week 3** Lunch Menu, plus the following events taking place:

Monday 26.8.19	Our new Breakfast Sports Club starts 6.00pm: Fundraisers AGM 7.00pm: Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 27.8.19	Drama workshops will be taking place throughout the day, with all classes taking part.
Wednesday 28.8.19	We are accepting pantomime ticket payments daily. Please remember if you need more time to pay, speak to a member of staff; we'll work out a plan.
Thursday 29.8.19	Green Gang gardening continues 6.00pm: Homework Workshop for parents
Friday 30.8.19	Celebration Assembly Fun 31 starts
The Following Week	The school photographer will be in school. Fluoride varnishing from nursery to Primary 4. P.6 Sports' Leaders training starts.