

MRS N'S NOTES



YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE OF LIFE IN KIRKSHAW'S



CHILD PROTECTION

All Child Protection concerns should be directed to Mrs Nicolson, Head Teacher & Child Protection Co-ordinator

HEALTH & WELLBEING

In our attempt to tackle period poverty, sanitary products are available to all pupils, staff and visitors who require them. Next week, Mrs McGarry will remind our senior girls where and how to access these. If your daughter needs these and is worried or still unsure of the arrangements, please make an appointment to meet with Mrs McGarry together.

DOGS

You may have noticed new signs at the gate. During the past week we have had to deal with two instances of dog fouling in the school playgrounds. Pupils use all areas of the school grounds, including the grass areas, trim-trail, pitch and pirate ship. Can I please ask all families to ensure no dogs are brought into the school grounds. This includes the area outwith the low fence around the infant playground.



PEF Update



This year we have been granted £66,000 through the Pupil Equity Fund. Through analysis of our attainment results over recent years, it is evident that the most effective way for us to close our poverty related

attainment gap is by employing skilled staff who can support and challenge our learners. As a result, most of the money this year has been spent on employing an additional teacher and additional hours for an Additional Support Needs Assistant. In this way we can meet the needs of our learners in a more personalised way. Additional Maths resources have also been purchased in order to enhance our mental agility work, particularly at Early & First Level. We have also bought a range of assessments to help us analyse gaps in learning and how to best address these.

However, in order to promote Health & Wellbeing as you requested, we have also allocated funds towards upgrading our outdoor learning areas. We are delighted





NURSERY NEWS

Bookbug is back next week! Miss Ralston is looking forward to welcoming your family to join her in a fun time of story, rhyme and song on Wednesday 18 September at the start of your child's nursery session.

Mindfulness continues, with the children enjoying these sessions on a weekly basis. In addition, the 3 Read Project is up and running again, with Miss Findlay taking the lead here.

Please remember the Jellybean Man if you are able. Nursery families are invited to contribute £2 per week to our nursery fund. This money goes right back to your child in the form of daily snacks and local outings.



BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SUCCEED

at the improvements in our garden already and we're not finished yet!

In Other News...

Remember to return any photograph orders by **Friday 20th September**. There is no expectation that you will place an order, but we wouldn't want you to miss out if you would like a photograph as a keepsake.

Our Junior Road Safety Officers took part in a training session this week. They met with many other JRSOs from across North Lanarkshire to plan their campaigns for the year ahead. Road Safety remains a priority for us across all classes. Please continue to reinforce this message at home too. Our children will take their lead from the positive example of the adults around them.

Primary 7 pupils enjoyed their first transition event of the session to Coatbridge High School. Everyone took part in a PE lesson delivered at the high school. For some of our pupils this was their first experience of high school life. As we move through this school year there will be many further opportunities for our learners to work with high school staff here in Kirkshaws and up at the high school itself. Details of more transition event coming soon for both Primary 6 and Primary 7.

Don't Forget...

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

Monday	Breakfast Sports Club
16.9.19	
Tuesday	Mini Movers in the Nursery am and pm Healthy Families Club continues
17.9.19	Meeting to discuss Club 365 with interested families
Wednesday	Book bug sessions am and pm for nursery families
18.9.19	
Thursday	Our Garden Warriors continue to work with Toni P.6 Sports Leader Training Sports Committee Meeting
19.9.19	
Friday	ALL PHOTOGRAPH MONEY TO BE RETURNED BY TODAY Celebration Assembly for P.1-7 Kodaly Music for P.5 Snap Shot Jotters coming home
20.9.19	
The Following Week	Parent Council Coffee Morning (26th) P.1 Literacy Open Mornings - see invitation for times International Day of Languages Local holiday - long weekend