

MRS N'S NOTES



YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE OF LIFE IN KIRKSHAW'S



CHILD PROTECTION

Any child protection concerns should be shared with the child protection coordinator for the school and nursery: **Mrs Alison Nicolson, Head Teacher**. In her absence, Mr Sharp and Mrs McGarry (Principal Teachers) will take on this role.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Local traffic congestion continues to be an issue, particularly at 3pm. As well as illegal parking it is also a concern that some drivers are speeding or driving erratically near the school gates. Could I ask all parents and carers to be particularly careful when dropping off or picking up at school? As always, it would be our request that you park a short distance from the gates and walk in.

CATERING

Our new school menu comes into effect on Wednesday 20 November. There are a number of changes that will come into place as the council catering team work towards the **Food for Life Served Here** bronze award. See <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=5594> for a full explanation of how this will work.



All Heroes Don't Wear Capes!

It was a day of mixed emotions on Friday as we celebrated Mr Bradley's retirement. Mr Bradley has been a janitor in Coatbridge for the past 29 years and has seen many changes to his role in this time. The bulk of his career was spent in Shawhead Primary School, with him joining the Kirkshaws team only 3 years ago. However, over the past few years he has become an integral part of life at Kirkshaws. Over recent days tributes have come in from staff and parents at both schools, pupils, ex-pupils and staff from Community Learning and Development. Anyone who has worked with Mr Bradley knows he would bend over backwards to help. He is a gentleman, who has been a fine example to our young people in upholding our school values at all times. Whilst we were all very sad to see Mr Bradley go, we hope he will have a long and happy retirement, spending precious time with his friends and family. The restructuring of the janitorial service, sees us welcoming Mr Ian Evans as our new Facilities Officer, starting on Monday 18 November. I know you will offer him a warm welcome when you meet him over the





NURSERY NEWS

Please remember to ensure your child has a change of clothes in nursery every day. Our inquisitive learning activities can lead to some messy situations at times. Scottish weather does not put our youngest learners off from wanting to work outside. As you know we have all-weather suits our children wear outdoors, but accidents still happen!

Mindfulness, Language Land and the 3 Read approach to literacy continue on a weekly basis. It may look and feel like play, but carefully planned learning experiences run through every nursery day.

Please remember the Jelly-Bean Man. Our nursery fund is running very low at the moment. A small weekly donation will allow us to continue to provide a healthy snack during the play session and also let us take part in more community outings.

Thank you.



coming weeks.

In Other News...

We were delighted to welcome 12 parents to our Literacy Workshop last Tuesday evening. These workshops have come about due to parental requests, so it was most encouraging to hear the feedback that they are informative, helpful and worthwhile. Look out for our next one, when we will focus on Numeracy and Maths.

Our Parent Council met last week, looking ahead to their plans for the coming months. This year they will take on a fundraising role for the first time and would welcome any support from the wider Parent Forum. They are currently running after-school classes each week, making items to sell at their upcoming Christmas Market. If you would like to be more involved you can contact the Chairperson, Cheryl Grant, through the school office.

Our most recent Inter-House event was a great success. Our Modern Languages Quiz tested the knowledge of our pupils (and staff!). Many thanks to Mr Sharp for organising it.

Don't Forget...

Next week, we will start our NEW MENU. There are a number of changes that will come into place, so please take time to discuss the options with your child to ensure everyone selects a meal they will enjoy. Please note, ham sandwiches no longer appear on the menu. Drinks are now limited to plain water and milk.

Monday 18.11.19	In-Service Training Day for all staff. Pupils should not attend.
Tuesday 19.11.19	In-Service Training Day for all staff. Pupils should not attend.
Wednesday 20.11.19	3pm Art & Craft Club P.4-7 Multi-Sports Club after school
Thursday 21.11.19	Parents' Night PLEASE 'PHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE AN APPOINTMENT
Friday 22.11.19	Celebration Assembly Kodaly Music for all P.5 pupils School Choir Practice
Following Week	Jupiter Artland continues to work with Room 16 IDL Open Hour, Literacy Across Learning CHS Public Speaking Event