

Mavisbank School



Winter Newsletter



After my first term as new Head Teacher I would like to thank you all for the welcome and support you have given me and look forward to working alongside you as we take the school forward.

We had a very busy first term and especially enjoyed taking part in a drama production which was jointly developed by the pupils, staff and Empty Pockets Theatre Company. Our Roman Catholic pupils have also been given the opportunity to take part in lessons at St Mary's Cleland.



Did Santa bring you a new mobile phone? Has your contact number changed if so please inform the school

We received the sad news that Tommy Dunn (driver) passed away in November. Our thoughts go out to his wife Anne at this sad time. Our sympathy also goes to Mhairi Sadiq (ELP) and Diane Sloan (OT) who both lost their fathers over the holiday period. Taylor Drummond (big brother of Evan Hughes) also passed away at the end of last year. On a happier note our music therapist, Allan McKeown, became a dad to a bouncing baby boy named Ivor and Rio Veldon is now a big brother to Frankie



Sadly some of our staff were redeployed to other establishments after the Christmas break and we have had to say goodbye to three Early Learning Practitioners—Diane Cody, Maria Bradley and Mhairi Sadiq. The three ladies had 32 years service between them at Mavisbank and will be greatly missed. We wish them all the best in their new positions



Anne O'Rourke, our ASNa and Bus Escort retired on 22nd December after 30years sterling service to Mavisbank School. We wish her a long and healthy retirement.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Many thanks to everyone who helped at/donated to the Christmas Fayre. The fantastic amount of £831 was raised for school funds. The tombola was a hit as usual and our thanks go to Lloyds bank staff for doing such a sterling job setting it up and manning it on the day



Please keep sending in old clothes, shoes etc for our Rag-bag scheme

NEWSBITES

The Macmillan Café which was held in September raised the huge amount of £425 and a cheque was duly forwarded to Macmillan Cancer Relief

Drumpellier Golf Club again remembered Mavisbank when they were distributing monies raised from their ProAm Day. A donation of £350 was gratefully received



Steve Gray, who was a supply teacher up till last summer, bravely agreed to have his hair shaved off to raise funds for the school. Katie O'Brien's mum did the deed and £349 was raised

School staff donated £53 to Helping Hands Soup Kitchen instead of sending Christmas cards to each other. £50 was also sent to Children in Need from the 'Christmas Jumper Day' fund-raiser

£93.40 was raised at the 'Spotacular' event for Children in Need

Two ponies, Fudge and Buttons from 'Ponies Help Children' visited the school and we don't know who was more excited the pupils or the staff

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the 'Shoogalie Road' production of Beauty and the Beast on the last day of school before the Christmas holidays

Pupils from Brannock HS gave a brilliant performance of 'ELF' (even if it was in January)

Dates for your diary

12th & 13th Feb— Holiday
14th Feb—In-Service
30th Mar—13th Apr (incl) Easter Holidays
7th May—Holiday
8th May—In-Service



TO OUR NEW STAFF!

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NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Due to staff redeployment and retirement we have several new members of staff:
Denise Mooney —ASNa
Diane Grant—ASNa
Isobel Boyle— H & WP
Gail Jackson—ASNa
Michelle Tonner—ASNa
Leanne More—ASNa
Jean Morrison and Linda Gallagher have each taken on an extra day—ASNa
Margaret Stephenson—Escort

Friends of Mavisbank

Ragbag	£113
Lloyds	£66
M Saunders	£30
H Swan	£50
Airdrie Job Centre	£65
B Higgins	£20
Hebridean Preserves	£100
Danny Findlay	£290
Jean Rankin	£50
District Grand Priory	£50
Margaret Scott (Jay's Gran)	£500
Airdrie Probus	£400



A huge thank you to Lodge Whifflet St John who donated £821 and Lodge Old Monkland St John who donated £1000