



Tannochside Primary

DECEMBER 2011

Mrs Bryson's News

Christmas is almost here, Mrs Denney will be returning from her post as Acting Head Teacher at Kilsyth Primary. Thanks to Mrs Ferrie for taking on the responsibility for Acting DHT and to Ms Stevenson who has joined us in P5.

Balfour-Beattie staff have worked hard to clear pathways into the building this week as a result of the wintry weather, hopefully all will be well in the last two weeks of the term. May I remind parents to ensure that the children wear appropriate outer clothing and footwear, including hats, gloves and scarves (no team colours please). The children change their shoes when coming into the building and although we do have indoor intervals at times it is great if they can spend some time outdoors.

On behalf of the staff at Tannochside, I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Christmas Activities 2011

Thursday 8 December	Nursery Carol Concert
Monday 12 December	P7 Party
Tuesday 13 December	Infants -The Stars Come Out at Christmas 10am
	P6 Party
Wednesday 14 December	Infants -The Stars Come Out at Christmas 10am
	P5 Party
Thursday 15 December	Nursery Party am/pm
	School Christmas Lunch
	P4 Party
Friday 16 December	P3 Party
Monday 19 December	Panto: Beauty & the Beast
	P2 Party
	Carols by Candlelight 7pm
Tuesday 20 December	Christmas Service 10am
	P1 Party
Wednesday 21 December	Dress Down/ Christmas Sparkle School Closes 2.30pm

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Christmas Service

Parents and friends are invited to join us for our Christmas Service on Tuesday

20th December at

10.00am in the school hall.

End of Term

The school and nursery close at 2.30pm on Wednesday 21st December.

We return on Monday 9th January 2012 at 8.55/8.45am respectively.



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School Website

Please remember to look on our website regularly for news and information about what's happening in our classes. The website address is www.tannochside.n-lanark.sch.uk or Google "Tannochside Primary". Check out the Tannochside Blog section for the latest updates.

We know people are looking at our site but we're not getting a lot of comments. We would be delighted if more parents and friends of the school did this for us.

To comment on the blog, simply click on the title of an article and then fill in the form at the bottom of the page. Alternatively you can send comments via e-mail to enquiries@tannochside.n-lanark.sch.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.



School News

Important Diary Dates

School Session 2011/2012

Christmas

School closes Wednesday 21st December

School re-opens Monday 9th January, 2012

Inservice Thursday 9th February

Tuesday 14th February

Mid Term Friday 10th February

Monday 13th February

School re-opens Wednesday 15th February

Easter

School closes Friday 30th March

School re-opens Monday 16th April

Inservice Thursday 3rd May

May Day

School closed Monday 7th May

Mid Term

School closes Thursday 31st May

Bank Holiday Monday 4th June

Queen's Jubilee Tuesday 5th June

School re-opens Wednesday 6th June

Summer Holiday

School closes Friday 28^h June, 2012

School Session 2012/2013 (proposed)

School re-opens Wednesday 15th August

September Weekend

School closes Thursday 20th September

School re-opens Tuesday 25th September

October Week

School closes Friday 12th October

School re-opens Monday 22nd October

Inservice Monday 19th November

Christmas

School closes Friday 21st December

School re-opens Monday 7th January 2013

Christmas Gift Appeal



This year the Pupil Council are supporting Viewpark Parish Church's Christmas Gift Appeal to help less privileged children at Christmas. Please remember to wrap your gift, label it to say whether it is for a boy or a girl and what age it is suitable for. All gift donations need to be handed in by Friday 9th December. Thank you for your support in helping to make it a happier Christmas for everyone.

School Improvement Plan 2011-2012

Our School Improvement Plan priorities for this session are:

- To improve the quality of teaching and learning experiences for all children, taking account of Curriculum for Excellence to ensure progression, consistency and raise attainment.
- To develop and implement assessment strategies and arrangements for children in line with Building the Curriculum 5.
- The development of rigorous self evaluation procedures to improve outcomes for learners.

This work will build on our previous improvements in taking on board the principles of a Curriculum for Excellence and link to the priorities for action in our HMIE report.

Christmas Sparkle/Dress Down Day

On the last day of term it we will be having a dress down day and children and staff are encouraged to wear a little sparkle in the form of hats, sparkly headbands/tinsel etc. for a £1 pass, any money raised will go towards school funds. Children who are taking part in Carols by Candlelight will be performing for all the children.





BOOK FAIR

Mr Clark would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our recent bookfair. An amazing £2,300 was collected, this allowed the school to select £ 1,398 worth of books for the school ensuring that all of our children will benefit.

Many thanks once again to parents, pupils and staff who made this year's venture a great success.

Registration & Enrolment of Pupils Starting School in August 2012

Children who will be 5 years old between the 1st March 2012 and 28th February 2013 should be registered for school in January. The dates and times for this are detailed below:

Tuesday 17th January

Wednesday 18th January } 9.00-11.45am & 1.45-3.00pm

Thursday 19th January

Please bring your child's birth certificate and proof of address. To support your application (Council Tax notice or a copy of missives/let agreement)

A flyer is available from the school office for you to give out to anyone to whom this information would be helpful.

If you have any queries please contact the school on 01698352524

Parent Council

Our Parent Council has held meetings in September, October and November. One of the first ventures this year was the Hallowe'en Disco which was an outstanding success due to the support of parents who volunteered to assist. Thank you.

The Parent Council have also paid for our pantomime The Beauty and the Beast which will visit the school on the morning of Monday 19th December.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 30th January at 7.00pm in the Community Room.





Nursery Carol Concert

The children really enjoyed rehearsing for their concert. We hope you enjoyed all of their hard work! Thanks for all your help in assisting with costumes on the day.

Christmas Enterprise

This year as well as the annual Christmas hamper the nursery sold Christmas crafts made by the children as part of our enterprise programme. Thank you to those who volunteered to assist. The hamper raffle tickets will be on sale at £1 a strip which can be bought in the nursery cloakroom. The draw for the hampers will take place at the Christmas party both AM and PM along



Planning

Please remember the nursery has a section on the school website. Please visit this to see what the children have been learning, the 'Learning Journey' board is also in the cloakroom. This board is our way of allowing you to contribute to our planning. Please add things the children have been learning at home and suggestions for future learning. These would be very much appreciated.

Contexts for learning over the coming months are:

January Chinese New Year

February, Gardening and Seeds

March Nursery Rhymes

April Minibeasts; Easter

May Planting; Getting Bigger

June Olympic Games; Moving our Bodies

As always please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns, queries or suggestions.

Security

Having deployed a member of staff on door duty for several months, we have noticed an improvement in security at the end of the nursery session. Due to positive feedback this will continue. Please remember that the cloakroom is part of our playroom and must be kept safe. All parents/carers are welcome to wait in the foyer until the security doors are opened.

Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be in the nursery playroom on Thursday 15th December at 9.00am/1.00pm.

Children will play party games and enjoy a party snack. Parents are invited to come along to see their child receiving a gift from Santa! Please arrive at the nursery by 10.15am/2.00pm

Gym Shoe Enterprise

This enterprise is still available! For only £1 your child can have their name written on their gym shoes. This means that not only do we raise funds but we are also ensuring health and safety in the gym hall and reunite lost shoes with their owners. Please speak to Mrs Weir if you are interested.

Personal Bags

It has been noticed that some children have brought snacks into the nursery cloakroom in their bags. We encourage children to only eat the snacks provided by the nursery as part of our healthy eating strategy however due to the 'free-flow nature of play some children have eaten not only their goodies but also those of others. Your support is appreciated in not leaving edibles in their bags.

Allocation of nursery places

New applications for nursery places for next session 2012-2013 are normally asked to be completed for the end of February. If your personal circumstances have changed please update the details in your application or complete a new application form to allow us to take these changes into consideration. The new application forms will hopefully be available week beginning 9th January.



Merry Christmas to All

