



# Sgoil Àraich Tollbrae

## December 2016 Newsletter



### What are we learning about in Sgoil Àraich this month?

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas in Nursery this month. The children will be spending time learning about Christmas (Nollaig) traditions in Scotland and why we celebrate Christmas. We are learning lots of Gaelic Christmas songs and we are looking forward to performing them for you at our show.

Our Book of the Month is *An Sgeulachd na Nollaig* (the Nativity story) and our Rhyme of the Month is *Priobadh Piobadh Rionnag Bheag* (*Twinkle Twinkle*). We will be thinking about the moon and the stars and encouraging children to do some 'stargazing' at home.

This year, we are working towards our Fairtrade 'FairActive' award. The children have been introduced to the Fairtrade symbol and we have been learning about what Fairtrade means. As our Advent calendar is Fairtrade, we watched a short film about how a day in the life of a Fairtrade chocolate farmer. We are also making sure that we use Fairtrade products at our Christmas events where possible.

Children thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the playroom at Sgoil Àraich Chondobhrait and meeting the staff and children. It was a great opportunity for children to see the school that they will be attending in Primary One. We have other visits planned this month, which include a joint Christmas party and our children will perform at the Bunscoil Chondobhrait Christmas show.

### Opening up learning

#### Opening Up Learning afternoon

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who attended our Opening Up Learning session in November. Since then, we have introduced Sid and Shanarri to the children and have begun to share their stories. If you haven't completed and returned a SHANARRI wheel, I have attached a copy to this newsletter. Please see a member of staff if you have any questions.

Our next Opening Up Learning session will be in February. The focus will be Early Literacy and the Scottish Book Trust Book Bug Bags. We hope to arrange some Gaelic storytelling that day too.

#### Follow Me Folders

This term's Learning Stories will go home at the end of term. After the Christmas break, we will send home your child's Follow Me Folder for you to look through. These are available in the playroom for you to look at any time – please ask a member of staff if you wish to do so.

#### Christmas Events

We have lots of Christmas events and celebrations going on in Nursery this month. Can we thank you in advance for your continuing support, it is much appreciated.

## Rhyme of the Month for December – Priobadh Priobadh Rionnag Bheag

Priobadh priobadh rionnag bheag  
Saoil dè tha thu a' dèanamh an siud.  
Suas os chionn an saoghal gu leir  
Priobadh priobadh anns an speur.  
Priobadh priobadh rionnag bheag  
Saoil dè tha thu a' dèanamh an siud.



### English translation

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star,  
I wonder what you are doing there?  
Up above the whole world,  
Twinkle Twinkle in the Heavens.  
Twinkle Twinkle little star,  
I wonder what you are doing there?

## Hi 5 for Fruit Bags

Thank you to all parents who have been supporting us by buying the Hi 5 fruit bags – it has been a great success. We are having a break over Christmas and will begin selling fruit again in the New Year.

## New Nursery building

The new Nursery accommodation is almost finished. We are waiting for the outdoor area to be finished and then we will be able to move in. We will keep you updated as we hear more.

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Sgoil Àraich Christmas Fayre

Monday 12th December – Sgoil Àraich children will watch Tollbrae P2 & 3 children in their Nativity performance

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Sgoil Àraich visit to Bunscoil Chondobhrait for their Nativity

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Sgoil Àraich Christmas Nativity performance

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Sgoil Àraich Christmas party at Bunscoil Chondobhrait

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Sgoil Àraich Christmas dinner

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – outing to Cumbernauld Theatre for Christmas production for all children during our morning session – 8.40 – 11.50am

Monday 26th December – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January inc. - Sgoil Àraich closed for holidays.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Sgoil Àraich re-opens

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Opening Up Learning morning (details to follow)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Sgoil Àraich closed for February weekend

