

Tollbrae Primary School and Nursery Class



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Dear Parents,

Happy new year from the staff and pupils of Tollbrae Primary!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and we are delighted to have our children back ready to start another busy term.

We would also like to welcome Mrs. Hosie to P4/5 and Mr Flannigan to P6. Mrs. Hosie will be now sharing the class with Mrs McQuade and working on a Thursday and Friday. Mr Flannigan will work on a Monday, Thursday and Friday, sharing a class with Mr. Bissett.

Primary One Enrolment

A reminder that P1 enrolment took place across North Lanarkshire this week. If your child is due to begin school in August 2017, our enrolment was Tuesday 17th or Wednesday 18th January. If you had difficulty making the times above or have any questions about enrolment, please telephone our office.



Building Update!

Work is almost finished on our new Nursery accommodation within the main building. We are awaiting sign off from Building Control and the Care Inspectorate and then we will be able to move in. Work on our new shared campus with St Edward's Primary School is planned to begin next month. We will keep you posted as we hear more about both exciting developments.

Wellbeing Survey

Pupils in Primary 5, 6 and 7 have been asked to take part in a Scottish Government/North Lanarkshire Council survey on wellbeing. The survey is anonymous and takes the form of an online questionnaire. The Council and its partners will use the information to help improve local services for children in our area. The parents of every child in P5 - 7 should have received a letter about the survey in their bags last week. If you haven't, please let us know. On the letter is a tear off slip to return only if you DO NOT want your child to participate.



School Choir



Well done to our school choir for their super performance at Airdrie Town Hall on 4th December followed by a visit to Tesco on 22nd December where they raised the grand total of £200 for St. Andrew's Hospice.



Winter Weather Arrangements

If weather conditions become dangerous, please check that your children can make it safely to and from school before setting out. Some transport may not operate as normal, so if your child comes to school by bus, you may need to make alternative arrangements. Please note that North Lanarkshire Council will update their website and Twitter feeds, @nlcwinter and @nlcpeople.



Continuing Professional Development



As a staff we have been very busy with training on **Better Movers and Thinkers** for all classes and their teachers and **Number Talks** developing our Numeracy skills and strategies. Also Mrs Gibson is currently undertaking VERP training. Our Early Learning Practitioner, Michelle Liddell has enrolled on a Gaelic language course and will begin in February and Mrs. Flannigan, our classroom assistant, is about to begin Indirect Dyslexia Training as part of a North Lanarkshire pilot.

RME Information

Mrs Mackie teaches the children Religious and Moral Education at Tollbrae and over the next few weeks pupils in P2, P3 and P4/5 will be looking at places of worship and how people worship in Christianity (P2), Judaism (P3) and Islam (p4/5).

Primary 1 will be looking at a special time in the Jewish calendar called Rosh Hasannah (Jewish New Year).

Primary 5 will be looking at symbols of the 6 main religions of the world and what they mean. Primary 6 will learn about Passover and the Sedar Plate and its importance. P6 and 7 will be learning about different aspects of Islam - Weddings (p6/7) and looking inside a Mosque (P7).

We hope to learn lots and get a better understanding of the different religions we have in the world.

Health Promotion

PE Kits: Participation in physical education is compulsory, children must bring their PE kits on the days they are taught PE



Headlice: Please check children's hair on a regular basis. If you need any support with this, please contact the School Nurse Team on 01236 772267.

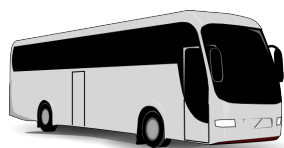
Winter bugs: NHS advice states that children who have sickness and/or diarrhoea should not return to school until 48 hours after symptoms have ceased. Please help us to stop the spread of Winter germs by adhering to this guidance.

Scottish Month

January is Scottish Month at Tollbrae. We are holding our annual Scottish poetry competition for P1 - 7, P7 pupils are hosting a Burns Supper for parents and our choir are learning some traditional Scottish songs and are even singing in two songs in Gaelic. Nursery/Sgoil Araich children are learning about sports in Scotland and will try their hand at curling, shinty and take part in a mini Highland Games. Please see our Twitter feed for photos and more information



Educational Excursions - York , Dounans and Kilbowie



We are thoroughly looking forward to our forthcoming educational excursions in 2017. Dates of the trips are below and more information will follow.

York and Scarborough P6 and P7 – Tuesday 18th-Friday 21st April

Dounans P5 –Tuesday 2nd-Friday 5th May

Kilbowie P7- Monday 19th –Friday 23rd June



Opening up our Learning

Share My Learning Open Evening – Thursday 9th February

Parents are invited to visit their child's classroom between 3.15pm– 5.00pm. Parents will have the opportunity to look at their child's jotters and the resources used within the classroom. The children's 'Follow Me Folders' will be available for you to see in class. We would appreciate if you take time to have a look at with your child and discuss their wonderful achievements. There will be a sheet within the folder for you to comment on. Thank you

Home School Communication

All children have been issued with new **Home School diaries** which they should bring to school every day. Please take time to read and sign these on a regular basis.



Learning Journeys

Class learning journeys will be posted on the school website at the end of January.

Reports

At the end of this term, children will receive a written report of their learning and progress.

North Lanarkshire Council Road Safety Calendar Competition

Well done to five Tollbrae PS pupils who received prizes for their entries to this competition:-

Marco McLeod R16 -2nd Place and won an Argos vouch--

Jayden Meek R16 - Highly Commended

Karis Duffy R13 - Highly Commended

Emilia Tamburrini R12 Highly Commended

Robyn Beck R14- Highly Commended

Chelsea Ritchie R14- Highly Commended



After School Clubs, Committees and Forums

www.tollbrae.n-lanark.sch.uk

We are proud of the additional opportunities on offer at Tollbrae PS. Please see below a list of what's happening this month.

Days and Dates	Club	Stage(s)	Time	Staff Member
Mondays	Handball	P7	lunchtime	Mr Lamb/Mrs Flannigan
Tuesdays	Football	P6 and 7	Lunchtime	Mr Lamb/Mrs Flannigan
Tuesdays	Football	P4 and 5	3-4pm	Airdrie Academy Sports Leaders
Tuesdays	Drama		3 - 4 pm	Miss Carson/Miss Brunger
Tuesdays	Phonics	P1-3	3-3.45 pm	Miss Tamburrini
Wednesdays	Playground and Parachute Games	P1	Lunchtime	Mr Lamb/Mrs Flannigan
Thursdays	Playground and Parachute Games	P2	Lunchtime	Mr Lamb/Mrs Flannigan
Fridays	Playground and Parachute Games	P3	Lunchtime	Mr Lamb/Mrs Flannigan
Monthly	JRSO	P6 + 7 Reps	Lunchtime	Miss Carson
Monthly	Rights Respecting Schools' Forum	Ambassadors	Lunchtime	Mrs Mosher
Monthly	Sports' Committee	Sports' Committee Reps	Lunchtime	Mr Lamb
Monthly	Eco Builders	Eco Reps	Lunchtime	Mrs Welsh

Eco News

We are delighted to let you know that Tollbrae has achieved their first Eco Flag. We are all trying hard to keep our school tidy and recycle.





W/B 16 th Jan	All week	Primary 1 enrolment
Thurs 19 th Jan	Morning	Scottish Poetry competition
Wed 25 th Jan	1.30pm	Burns Supper
Thurs 9 th Feb	3 – 5pm	P1-7 Opening Up Learning night/Nursery Open Evening
Weds 15 th Feb	All day	INSET DAY-school closed
Thurs 16 th Feb	3 – 5pm	Fundraising Film Night P4-7
Weds 22 nd Feb	Morning only	P7 transition visit to Airdrie Academy
Weds 22 nd Feb	7pm	Parents Group Meeting
Thurs 23 rd Feb	3 – 5pm	Fundraising Film Night P1-3
Fri 3 rd Mar	3pm	World Book Day – Dress Up
Fri 24 th Mar	1.30pm	P1 Spring Tea
Weds 29 th Mar	1.30pm	Easter Show
Weds 29 th Mar	7pm	Parents Group meeting
Thurs 30 th Mar	TBA	Parents group Spring Fling
Fri 31 st Mar	All day	Dress down – donate a bottle day
W/B 1 st May	Tues - Fri	Dounans – P5 children
Thurs 4 th May	All day	INSET DAY –School closed
Tues 9 th May	All day	P6 RICH task at Airdrie Academy
Tues 9 th May	AM & PM	Nursery Stay and Play Day – Gaelic & pm Red Group
Weds 10 th May	AM	Nursery Stay and Play Day – pm Yellow Group
Thurs 11 th May	3 – 6pm	Summer Fayre
Weds 24 th May	Evening	Parents info evening at Airdrie Academy
Weds 24 th May	7pm	Parents Group Meeting
Thurs 25 th May	TBA	Sgoil Araich and P5 Buddy joint outing/event
Thurs 25 th May	TBA	Afternoon Nursery and P6 Buddy joint outing/event
Thurs 1 st Jun	3 – 9pm	Parents Night
W/B 5 th Jun	All week	Nursery enrolments
Thurs 8 th Jun	7pm	Parents Info evening at Caldervale HS
Tues 13 th Jun	10am	Summer Show – all children
Tues 13 th Jun	5.30 – 8.30pm	Summer Show – all children
Weds 14 th Jun	1.15pm	Summer Show – all children
Fri 16 th Jun	11am	Nursery Graduation
Fri 16 th Jun	All day	P7 M&Ds
W/B Mon 19 th Jun	All week	P7 Kilbowie Residential
Mon 26 th Jun	1.30pm	P7 Graduation
Tues 27 th Jun	TBA	P7 Prom