**Communications Bulletin Friday 12 September**

* The School and Nursery will have a visit from the official photographer – Shawn Ward – on Tuesday 23 September. We will do individual photos, siblings and classes. School pupils should please wear school uniform (not black jumpers/cardi) for this. If you do NOT want your child to appear in photos please call the office in good time, to let us know.
* P1 parents are invited to our P1 curriculum event on Wednesday 17 September from 6 – 7pm. Do come along and hear how we teach numeracy, maths, literacy and more of the routines in school. We will not have a creche for this meeting, I’m afraid, so please try to arrange child-care. We hope you can come.
* Thank you to all the families who came to Wednesday’s Meet the Teacher event. The place was buzzing! Many thanks to the members of the Parent Council who baked and to Karen our cleaner for giving us crocheted donuts etc to sell (they went faster than the stock at Tim Hortons!) £125 was raised! We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet the staff.
* Nursery families – thank you to those who have signed up to visit on Tuesday 16th for the first Breakfast bash. We hope to share with you information about the Developmental Milestones – the learning skills, alongside Curriculum for Excellence Early Levels Experiences & Outcomes - we use to plan play and learning for children. Hopefully you’ll take home with you some ideas to deepen your child’s learning, at home. This session will be repeated on Friday 26th September.
* The first purchase of the Parent Council is underway! We were told this month that 5 of our classroom Laptops were headed for the digital graveyard due to not being Windows 11 compliant. Losing 5 laptops is a big deal – so the Parent Council have provided the funding to ensure these are replaced. This means that we have a very healthy digital provision in each room: Nursery has 5 iPads (not all for pupil use), P1 and P2 each have 5 iPads, P3 to P7 classrooms will each have 5 laptops and 4 iPads. We are really fortunate for the support of all parents in raising funds at the events we organise, so that we can enable our learners access to expensive but essential equipment like this.

* Don’t forget the BIG MUGA SWEEP is on Friday 19 September – if you want a free workout, bring a big brush and your muscles will get a free toning session! Join us in the MUGA if you can. Little knees will be very grateful!
* We’re all celebrating National Fitness Day on Wednesday 24th September. All classes hope to be doing something that day which is a little bit different to their normal routine in the name of Fitness! Staff will let children know about what to wear.
* In October, P7 pupils will be using the Laptops in class to start their National Standardised Assessments. These focus on writing, reading and number/maths. The assessments are undertaken in small groups, but independently, and results will then be used by the Scottish Government to review National standards across the country. The teacher will also use these results to help plan learning and identify/address gaps in knowledge/understanding as the session progresses. Learners usually really enjoy doing these assessments which cleverly adjust to match the ability of the learner as they go along.
* School and Nursery close on Friday 10 October, at the usual times, for the last day of term. If you’re looking for holiday events to keep your children entertained, please read on. PKC Parent and Family team are offering families a range of activities over the October holiday. Some are ‘open to all’ and do not require pre-registration – just turn up on the day and join in the fun. Others do require pre-registration as numbers are limited in the groups. Parents can apply directly for the pre-registration sessions using MS form link here: [October Holiday Play 2025 - Perth & Kinross Council](https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/24201/October-Holiday-Play-2025)
* At this week’s assembly we talked a bit more about our School Aims. We talked about how children can become Successful Learners and Confident Individuals. Our first session on Leadership Workshops (started yesterday) supports these! Ask your child about the Workshop they’ve joined. We’ll be working on these all year, giving children opportunities with learners from across the classes to lead aspects of work that will benefit us with wider achievements and develop the life of the school. On Parent Contact night you can view our work so far, on wall displays.
* The next meeting of the Parent Council will be on Wednesday 29 October, at 6.30pm. Why not pop it in your diary and please join us. The Parent Council have plans to run a winter disco in November. Date to follow!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Fiona Whittet, Head Teacher