

Dear Families, I hope this bulletin finds you all well! Please see below some little bits and pieces about school life that we hope is useful.

- Thanks to all families who have started a **Nursery application form for 26-27 session**. Remember, even if your child already has a Nursery place this year, you will still need to reapply for another year. To avoid disappointment and ensure that your ELC application is considered as part of the first phase of allocations, please click on this link [Register for a local authority nursery place for school year - Perth & Kinross Council](#) and complete an application before 28th February 2026.

- **Nursery children's footwear...**we started a staff conversation this week about footwear worn by our wee ones in Nursery. We notice that many children are wearing slippers or crocs – which are comfy, but probably not the safest thing to wear in Nursery. The Nursery children go to the gym hall for PE lessons every week (sometimes twice!) and they do require sensible shoes for safety reasons. If possible, please have indoor Nursery shoes that are plimsolls or indoor trainers that can either stay in cubby holes or be taken home daily as you need them.

Likewise, if your child is growing out of this type of shoe and they've still got a lot of wear in them do feel free to hand them in to us and we'll set up a wee 'pre-loved' box of shoes for anyone to enjoy. The Head Teacher also gave the children a challenge yesterday....to try and keep their cloakroom area tidier and to be independent in looking after our things! It really is a tight wee space especially at drop off and pick up times. So we talked about keeping our shoes inside the cubby hole (just 1 pair, not 2 or 3), hanging up our own coats etc and being independent in looking after our things. We do understand that sometimes because it's crowded the adults 'do things for us' for speed.) We are now putting together a wee **Nursery 'Lost and Found'** box for all those sad little socks and gloves that wander away from their partners. Keep your eye open for this.

- Can you help? If you have any **blue IKEA storage bags** at home and want to donate them to us, they would be perfect for storing our new outdoor wooden play resources in. They'd be the perfect size to hold just enough for children to independently lift in/out of the shed.
- Don't forget, **Friday 30th is TARTAN DAY** and our poetry recital competition final for P1-7. The 5 finalists for older classes will then recite for the Abernethy Burns Society in the afternoon. They kindly donate prizes for P6 and P7 winners. Do your best at home, bairns, to learn your poem off by heart and recite with confidence and varied tone/pace in your voice. Good luck!
- We asked our P3-7 children to complete a **Health and Wellbeing survey** in school just before the holidays. It is called the Glasgow Motivation and Wellbeing Scale. I am compiling the results, and I'll be able to share with you general feedback next week. It's important we ask what YOU think too. So please look out for a questionnaire coming to you next week.
- We are looking at the teaching of Maths and in particular **Numeracy** in school this year. Last week I asked you to 'save the date' of April 1st (not a joke!) for a parent workshop. We've been looking at maths jotters together and talking about creating a 'shared standard' of expectation in what and

how we teach maths. Next week I'll be holding Learning Conversations with groups of children to get their views. Every class is also developing a maths curiosity table.... if anyone has any spare measuring tapes at home they can donate to the school we'd be very happy to take them.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards, Fiona Whittet (Head Teacher)