



# CRAIGIE PRIMARY

## NEWS

### 17 December 2015



Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to thank you for your support and encouragement during my time as Acting Head Teacher at Craigie P.S. I have enjoyed both the professional challenge and the reward that has come with the opportunity I have had.

Many thanks to Mrs Karen Crockart for her hard work and dedication as Acting Depute Head Teacher. Her managing and leadership skills have made it easy for me to carry out my duties since August and have been integral to the school.

And of course; looking forward to 2016 we will warmly welcome Mrs Lesley Gibson in her new role as Head Teacher.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year which is full of good health and happiness.

#### STAFF NEWS

The Art Specialist teacher position will be filled by Mrs Hilary Kennedy after the holidays and we look forward to the children benefiting from her artistic flair and teaching skills. The new School Crossing Patrol Officer, Miss Jennifer Haig, will start after the break and take up her duties on Needless Road. Thank you Jennifer.

We continue to advertise in the hope of recruiting a new P1 teacher for Fridays but have no news to report as yet. This will continue to be a priority for our management team.

And finally, we say farewell to Mrs Pauline Linn as she has been reallocated to different nurseries and Mrs Rebecca Ewan will join us as our Peripatetic Nursery Support Teacher.

#### HEAD TEACHER AWARDS

**N-** Ryan McGregor, Sam Erickson, Millah Quinn, Toby Gall, John, Ferguson & Amber Magee

**P1-** Elias Schembri, Heather Lunn, Johnathan Mailer, Isobel Menzies, Anderson

McCartney & Isaak Davidson

**P2-** Amelia Martin, Maia Austin, Sami Diyenli & Logan Cowan

**P3-** Murphy Brown, Kara Innes, Alex Moran & Ava Erskine

**P4-** Maisy Stewart, Madison Gaynor, Roisin Cooper-King, Marissa McGregor & Nell Moore

**P5-** Esme Fulton, Jamie Lee, Lilia Simpson & Hugo Hay

**P6-** Lena Barbary, Rebecca Gibson, Theo Moir & Ben Sime

**P7-** Nathan Howgate, Heather Souter, Morven Sutherland, Georgie Morrison & Alex Thomson

Well Done Everyone!

November  
Certificate  
Winners



Congratulations to Primary 4 for being our class of the term. Primary 4 have asked to wear their pyjamas or onesies on the morning of 18 December as their class treat.

Remember your PJ's on Friday P4!

#### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Fayre on 5-12-15. Due to your generosity and support, the Parents' Association raised a total of £1281.77 at this event.

#### Dates for your Diary:

- Tuesday 5 January 2016 - New Term Starts
- Monday 11 January - P1 Registration week
- Tuesday 12 January - Parents' Association meeting 7pm in Abbotsford
- Wednesday 13 January - Glee Club Starts 3.20-4.00pm
- Wednesday 13 January - Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm in school
- Wednesday 27 January - Parents' Association Haggis Drive
- Tuesday 16 February - Open Afternoon for P1-P7
- Wednesday 17 February - In-service Day (School Closed)
- Thursday/Friday 18/19 February - School Holiday

Full details of holidays for the next few years are available on

[www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

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#### PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Leonie Ferguson in Primary 3 who had her 'Majorette of the Year' show on Sunday 6 December and received two awards. One for excellent attendance and another for trying very hard.





## CHURCH OVER 50s ENTERTAINMENT

In past years we have gone across to the Church to entertain the Over 50s club. This year we decided to return their hospitality and invited them to the school. We entertained them by singing, dancing, reciting Scots poems, playing the violin and performing songs from the Infant Nativity. Primary 6 made cards to give them and Primary 7 were hosts for the afternoon serving teas, coffees and mince pies whilst asking the older generation questions about their Christmases as children. As the group was leaving one of the older ladies was heard to say "I hope they do that again next year!" The sign of a great success!

## NURSERY NEWS

Merry Christmas

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At long last Christmas is upon us and the children have been very busy over the last three weeks making decorations and preparing for the celebrations. We have also been reading a range of Christmas stories and reminding ourselves of the traditional story of the nativity. The morning children were very lucky to have Joseph's mum and Patryk's mum in to share the Christmas traditions of the Czech Republic and Poland. They also taught us all how to say Merry Christmas in Czech and Polish and we would like to say a big Thank You to both of them for giving their time to come in and speak to us.

All the children started the month of December with the school disco where they enjoyed dancing and singing along to their favourite tunes with the Primary Ones. The following week they had the opportunity to watch the Primary 1 and 2 production of 'The Innkeeper's Breakfast' which they clearly enjoyed as they all sat beautifully quiet and still and made the nursery staff very proud. The afternoon children impressed the staff again by walking all the way down to the library this week to watch Santa's Buddies with the morning children (who met us there) and then they walked all the way back. Well done everyone!

The children have also been singing some well-known Christmas carols and songs and the afternoon children were lucky enough to have Adelaide Carlow in to teach them some different songs which they shared with their parents and carers at their Rhyme Time session this week. We would like to say a big Thank You to Adelaide and Arlene Lowe for their help with both sessions.

At the start of next term our topic will focus on numbers and maths. Please take a photograph of your house number for your child to bring in to nursery. We will be making a display of them.

Can we please remind you again to ensure that your child comes to nursery dressed in suitable clothing and footwear for the very cold weather. Could you also please ensure that they have a change of clothes and to avoid clutter could you use the peg bags provided; blue bag for morning children and red bag for afternoon children.

Finally the staff would like to take this opportunity to say another big thank you to all the parents for their continued support. We would also like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2016 be a good year for you all.

See you all on 5 January 2016

### Diary Dates - Nursery Open Day Sessions

Wednesday 30 March 2016

Wednesday 15 June 2016

Morning Open Day Sessions run from 9.15am - 10.15am

Afternoon Open Day Sessions run from 2.45pm - 3.45pm

Parent Contact Date for Diary - Wednesday 2 March 2016

### NURSERY SNACK AND TOY FUND

We have calculated snack from 5 January 2016 to 1 April 2016 and the amount is calculated for ten weeks attendance.

We ask that you put this in a money envelope and mark your child's name, class and amount on the front.

5 sessions = £20.00

4 sessions = £16.00

3 sessions = £12.00

2 sessions = £ 8.00

1 session = £ 4.00

### PROTECTING PEOPLE

Perth and Kinross Council (Adult Protection Committee APC and Child Protection Committee CPC) are keen to hear from the general public about their knowledge on how to protect vulnerable children and adults. In particular they are keen to find out if the information they need to report concerns, is easily found and accessible. They have developed a short online survey, which would take no more than a few minutes to complete. The survey is completely anonymous and all answers are confidential.

At present, the survey is being promoted on the Perth and Kinross Council Website and is being promoted via Social Media. The survey is due to run until end of 2015.

Please use the link below if you would like to submit your view.

Further information can be obtained via Mary Notman, APC Lead Officer and Ross Drummond, CPC Lead Officer.

#### Survey Link

<http://pkc.protectingpeople.sgizmo.com/s3/>



Kind Regards

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