



# CRAIGIE PRIMARY NEWS

## 30 November 2015



Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a very busy and fast paced term so far and there are no signs of that letting up! Three weeks to go and a mountain of work to be cracking on with but somehow we achieve it all and smile along the way. One month from today we will be preparing for the new year to come, drinking egg nog or Bucks Fizz, sitting laughing and joking with our families as we play Perth Monopoly, snow falling gently behind us at the window and we breathe a sigh of relief that the busy festive period has been one of joy, fun, love and laughter and we think about the year ahead.

### STAFF NEWS

Fond Farewells to Miss Kimberley Stewart (P1 Class Teacher) were said recently. Miss Stewart started at Craigie in August 2013 as a Probationary Teacher and has worked with many of our children and families since then. As she leaves to take up a new post at Longforgan Primary School, we wish her all the very best. Miss Stewart's position will be covered by supply Class Teacher Mrs Hilda Rodger during December and the vacancy is currently being advertised by PKC recruitment.

An update will follow when there is some news to share.

### HEAD TEACHER AWARDS

The following children were nominated for Head Teacher Awards in October, these rewards celebrate and recognise achievements and progress across the curriculum or with a personal development.

**N** - Patryk Zarek, Kianna Thomson, Imogen Dall, Georgia Dimmock, Kody Schofield, Ava Lamond

**P1** - Stuart MacGregor, Thomas Gregory, Cale Brett-Pitt & Ben Morrison

**P2** - Alex Ramsay, Finlay Munro, Hollie Leggat & Aaron McCormick

**P3** - Cameron McCartney, Luca Northcott, Katie Smart & Lachlan Stephen

**P4** - Tyler Gadsen, Luis Antonio, Cavan Ramsay & Ruaridh Allan

**P5** - Charlize Llido, Olivia Currie, Joseph Riley, Howie Brown

**P6** - Sam Currie, Imogen Moore, Katie Burnett, Chloe-Ann Stewart, Adam Douglas & Bruno Nowrotek

**P7** - Lily Harper, Callum Hay, Sophie Chalk, Beth Davidson & Rachel Crockatt



And a special mention to P5 who got a certificate because everyone brought back their VIP! Can we please ask that these are returned to school signed after you have had chance to read them as they form part of a portfolio of work for each child's measurement of progress.

MANY THANKS

### PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

- \* Manon Schembri (P3) has had her hair cut and donated it to the Little Princess Trust; very kind and considerate Manon! ©
- \* Making a splash, Perth City Swim Club championships 3 & 4 October: Sam Currie (P6) won 6 gold medals and the trophy for being Best 10 & under boy, while Olivia Currie (P5) got 1 silver and 3 bronze medals. Sophie Martin (P5) gained 6 gold medals for her age category in all her races and recorded new personal best times for these races. Leon Martin (P4) was entered into the novice races and achieved one gold and two silvers for these races in his age category. There were other swimmers from the school also competing: Katie Smart (P3) and Lilia Simpson (P5). They were swimming in the novice races and Katie achieved 3 gold medals in her age category and Lilia achieved 1 silver and 1 bronze medal in her age category. Sam Currie (P6) also competed in the Tayside Schools Swimming Championship where he set two new PBs and swam in two finals.
- \* Congratulations to Beth Davidson P7 who won the annual Soutar Bairns Rhymes competition with her recital of "The Lowpin Match", securing the prestigious trophy which is displayed in all its splendour in the foyer. Over 200 children were involved, and the 20 finalists gave an excellent account of themselves at the Soutar House. We were very proud of our P7s Olivia Laing, Callum Watson and Callum Innes who all participated in the final.
- \* Olivia Currie (P5) competed in the Scottish National Floor & Vault Gymnastics Championship at Bells and was part of the Tay Valley GC which finished 5th overall in their age group.
- \* Congratulations to Heather Soutar (P7) who was a runner up in the St John's Shopping Centre Scary Story Competition. Heather's Story was published in the Perthshire Advertiser. Here's hoping it was the first of many to come Heather!

### Dates for you Diary:

**School Holiday Monday 21  
December 2015 - Monday 4  
January 2016**

**Diary Dates - Please see the  
Christmas Countdown attached  
for more dates**

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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### PRIMARY 5 CHARITY STALL

Primary 5 are planning to hold a charity stall at the Craigie Christmas Fayre. We would appreciate donations of children's games and soft toys to sell at the stall. We have decided to raise money for the charity British Red Cross which helps children across the world. Please could you bring any donations of games and soft toys to the P5 classroom.

Thank you.

## NURSERY NEWS

Our nursery has been very busy celebrating Halloween, Bonfire night and now Christmas is coming. Our context for learning (Man on the Moon) has been very enjoyable, especially when we went up to the moon in our rocket and saw footprints, spacemen, fireworks and Aliens!

We have learned new songs and had fun dancing to a variety of music.

Outdoors we have used our detective skills and found shapes which include squares, rectangles, circles and "a bit of a circle". We also did some throwing and catching using beanbags and balls.

Now that the weather is colder, could you please ensure that your child comes to nursery dressed in suitable clothing and footwear. Our learning outdoors is very important and is much more fun if we are suitably dressed. Could you please ensure there is a change of clothes in the peg bags; blue bag for morning children and red bag for afternoon children.

Staff would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the Parent Helpers. The children really enjoy showing parents around the nursery and it gives a good insight into the day to day life of the nursery. This help is much appreciated.

**Diary Dates - Please see the Christmas Countdown attached for more dates**

**Nursery Open Day Sessions**

Wednesday 16 December 2015

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

(December 16 slight change to morning session times this session will run from 10.45am - 11.45am)

## CRAIGIE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND PARENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM QUIZ & HALLOWEEN CAKE BAKE SALE

We would like to show our appreciation for the hard work, dedication and support that the parents, carers and families of our school have shown throughout these fundraising activities. The Quiz night raised a total of £262.01 and the cake bake sale raised £231.52.

## CRAIGIE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND PARENTS' ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS FAYRE

As advertised, our Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 5 December 10am - 12noon. Our Parents' Association and classes are busy organising a plethora of stalls and fun activities to entertain all ages on the day but we do require your support with some of these to help make them a success. Every year we appeal for raffle prizes, bottles for the bottle stall and cake and candy, with this year being no exception!

If you have anything that you can contribute or donate to the Fayre then we would be very grateful. Any items can be handed in to the school office on or before Friday 4 December. **WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP.** ☺

## LETTERS HOME

Over the course of December there will be many notes to read and slips to return in relation to the Christmas events detailed in the dates section of this newsletter. Please try to raid school and book bags every night and don't hesitate to contact us should you be worried that you have missed any letter. Using the Christmas Countdown on our website as a guide will help because as a general rule, all activities out of school or after school hours will require a permission slip. If anyone has some free time to help with these events it would be very much appreciated.

A huge thank-you in advance to all who can and choose to volunteer and support; this is vital to the success of these events.

## TEXT COMMUNICATIONS

The use of SMS text messages to communicate with our parents and families was discussed at the most recent Parent Council meeting. After hearing the cost of each text and the impact on the school budget, it was agreed that this system would only be used if last minute or emergency contact was required. Letters, emails, phone calls and the school website will remain our main forms of communication for the time being.

The use of social media was also discussed and will be re-addressed when Mrs Lesley Gibson takes up her post as Head Teacher in January 2016.

Our website address is on the first page of this newsletter. Please can you keep us updated with your current emails if they change.

## BLYTHSWOOD CARE BOXES & POPPY APPEAL

Charity work has continued to go from strength to strength across Craigie and you have shown your generosity as a school and community. Forty One boxes are festively wrapped, packed and full of gifts, ready for the Blythswood staff to transport and deliver in time for Christmas. A fantastic effort by everyone involved!

£71.10 was the total collected for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Your Royal British Legion poppy helps to provide thousands of modern veterans, Service men, women and their families with vital advice and support. This year you didn't just wear a poppy for the memory of the fallen, you wore it for the future of the living. A most poignant thought under the current global climate.



## PRIMARY ONE SEEDS



Primary One to grow seeds from space!

The pupils in Primary One are preparing to become space biologists and embark on a voyage of discovery by growing seeds that have been into space.

In September, 2kg of rocket seeds were flown to the International Space Station (ISS) on Soyuz 44S where they will spend several months in microgravity before returning to Earth in March 2016. The seeds have been sent as part of Rocket Science, an educational project launched by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and the UK Space Agency.

Primary One will be one of up to 10,000 schools to receive a packet of 100 seeds from space, which they will grow alongside seeds that haven't been to space and measure the differences over seven weeks. The class won't know which seed packet contains which seeds until all results have been collected by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and analysed by professional biostatisticians.

The out-of-this-world, nationwide science experiment will enable the children to think more about how we could preserve human life on another planet in the future, what astronauts need to survive long-term missions in space and the difficulties surrounding growing fresh food in challenging climates.

We are very excited to be taking part in Rocket Science. This experiment is a fantastic way of teaching our pupils to think more scientifically and share their findings with the whole community.

Follow the project on Twitter:  
**@RHSSchools #RocketScience**



## ATTENDANCE AT CRAIGIE

The figures pulled from our school database at the start of November indicate that our attendance figures at Craigie have increased since before the October break. These figures report that the vast majority of our pupils P1-P7 have an attendance rate of over 90%. We realise that this may fluctuate over the winter months as the children are exposed to the elements and the nasty bugs that go hand in hand at this time of year but urge that you support maximising your child's attendance where at all possible.

That being said...

### WINTER VOMITING BUG - NHS ADVICE

Norovirus is sometimes known as the winter vomiting bug and is the most common stomach bug in the UK.

The virus is highly contagious. It can affect people of all ages and causes vomiting and diarrhoea.

There's no specific cure for norovirus, so you have to let it run its course. It's usually mild and shouldn't last more than a couple of days.

The period from when you're infected to when you start showing symptoms (the incubation period) usually lasts between 12 and 48 hours. You may be infectious to other people during this time.

We ask that if your child has been sick or suffered from sudden diarrhoea that they report this to the school and we recommend that they remain at home for a period of 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

These actions will help stop the spread of the norovirus.

Although having this is unpleasant, it's not usually dangerous and most people make a full recovery within a couple of days without having to see their GP.

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/Norovirus/Pages/Introduction.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Norovirus/Pages/Introduction.aspx)

## SOUTH PERTH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

### Local volunteers wanted

The South Perth Community Partnership meets monthly and tries to identify issues of concern in the Craigie/Moncreiffe/Friarton area and is made of representatives from the community, schools, churches, youth groups, local projects, etc. Together they try to find local solutions and encourage involvement within the local community. Four times a year the 'Partnership' produce and deliver a local newsletter for local people. This newsletter is currently distributed by local volunteers including local young people but we could do with some extra pair of hands. Would you have any spare time to help us deliver more newsletters to more local people? If so please get in touch with Gary Brown: [garybrown@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:garybrown@pkc.gov.uk) / 01738 477678.

*If you would like us to mention any achievement in the newsletter then please send us an email or pop in to pass on the information. We are always happy to celebrate the successes of the children both within and out with school time.*

Kind Regards

*Louise Thomson*

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Acting Head Teacher

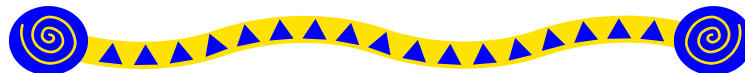
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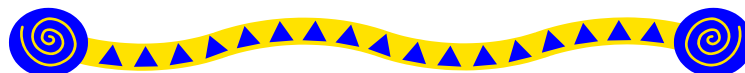
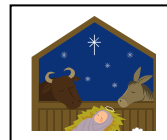
## Christmas Countdown 2015



- \* **Tuesday 1 December** – Tree & Stage up in the Hall
- \* **Tuesday 1 - 11 December** – Christmas Post in School
- \* **Thursday 3 December** – Christmas Discos  
Nursery and P1 disco will be from 1.30pm – 2.15pm  
P2 and P3 disco will be from 2.20pm – 3.15pm  
P4 and P5 disco will be between 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm.  
P6 and P7 will be between 7.30 pm and 9.00 pm.
- \* **Friday 4 December** - Christmas School Lunch
- \* **Saturday 5 December** - Christmas Fayre 10am -12noon



- \* **Monday 7 December** - Over 50s Church Group Concert 1.30pm-3pm
- \* **Tuesday 8 December** -P1&P2 Infant Nativity Rehearsal 2pm
- \* **Thursday 10 December** – P1/P2 Infant Nativity Performances  
AM Show 10am –Innkeeper's Breakfast  
PM Show 2pm – Innkeeper's Breakfast



- \* **Tuesday 15 December** – Cinema /Movie Treat
- \* **Wednesday 16 December** – Nursery Christmas Rhyme times & Santa  
AM Session 10.45am-11.45am  
PM Session 2.45pm -3.45pm
- \* **Thursday 17 December** - Christmas Church Service 2pm -3pm
- \* **Friday 18 December** - 12pm school closed for Holidays

**Tuesday 5 January 2015** – Happy New Year & New Term 9am