



December newsletter 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another quick term here at Fairview as we are now heading towards the Christmas break!

We are delighted to welcome Mr Giacomo Staiano and Ms Jenny Mills to Team Fairview as class teacher in Room 4 and pupil support assistant respectively. We are hoping to be recruiting more PSAs before the Christmas holidays and will keep you updated.

After Christmas we will be saying a very fond farewell to Mary McFarlane from Room 9 who has been part of Team Fairview since 2012! Mary will be missed by us all and I'm sure you join me in wishing her all the very best.

Christmas preparations are in full swing with Christmas lunches next Wednesday for pupils and staff. Following on from that you will all have received an invite to our Christmas festive open times which is instead of a show this year. Each class is really looking forward to having as many families as possible join them. I'm sure you will leave feeling very festive indeed! Please let classes know if you are coming as we are limited by room capacities.

At this time of year there are lots of coughs and colds as you would expect. In order to keep everyone safe and healthy this Christmas please do not send in pupils who are unwell and/or with a high temperature. Some of our pupils and staff have vulnerable immune systems so we really appreciate your support with this.

Cold weather looks set to be with us for a wee while longer so all pupils should come to school dressed for the cold weather as pupils will continue to access outdoor learning opportunities as much as possible and we continue to ensure good ventilation so rooms can be cool. Hopefully there is no major snow but if there is we take advice from taxi companies in local areas as to whether it is safe for them to travel or not. We will update parents if there are any full school closures through group call, SeeSaw, Twitter and the Parent Council Facebook page. You would also hear announcements on local radio stations and on the Perth and Kinross website. Please ensure your contact details are up to date with the school office. We aim to make announcement as early as possible to support our families. Please also note that sometimes taxis will want to take pupils early for safety reasons so again make sure your contact details are all correct.

School will close at 12 noon on the 22nd of December - anyone who would like to order a packed lunch please contact the school before the 15th of December.

Wishing all our families a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes

Leigh Verdot

Head Teacher

Here is the link to the Fairview School webpage for the most up to date policies, handbook, finance information etc

[Fairview School \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://glowscotland.org.uk)

Information about Group A streptococcal and Scarlet fever

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Scarlet Fever information leaflet_



Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are writing to inform you of a national increase in scarlet fever and Group A streptococcal (GAS) infections in Scotland. We know that you may find this concerning, but the NHS Tayside Health Protection Team are monitoring the situation and are working closely with Public Health Scotland to ensure all the latest information and advice is provided to the public.

What is Scarlet Fever?

Scarlet Fever is a common infection in children caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes* bacteria, also known as Group A *Streptococcus* (GAS).

What are the symptoms of Scarlet Fever?

The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

How is Scarlet Fever spread?

Scarlet fever is very infectious and can be caught by:

- breathing in bacteria in airborne droplets from an infected person's coughs and sneezes

- touching the skin of a person with a Streptococcal skin infection, such as [impetigo](#)
- sharing contaminated towels, baths, clothes or bed linen

It can also be caught from people who have the bacteria in their throat or on their skin but don't have any symptoms

What is the treatment for Scarlet Fever?

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

If you think you, or your child, have scarlet fever:

- See your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- Make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor
- Stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for **at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment**, to avoid spreading the infection

There is no vaccine available for Scarlet Fever.

How can I prevent Scarlet Fever from spreading?

- Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection. Children and adults should cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze and then wash their hands with soap and water after using or disposing of tissues. Do not share contaminated utensils, cups and glasses, clothes, baths, bed linen or towels.

You can find further information on Scarlet fever, visit NHS Inform at: [Scarlet fever - Illnesses & conditions | NHS inform](#)

Yours faithfully,

Health Protection Team

Directorate of Public Health

NHS Tayside

Dates for your diary



Christmas Lunch will be the 14th of December

Last day for Mission Christmas gifts for Room 11 - 14th of December

Covid vaccines in school for those who have completed paperwork - 15th of December

RM7 Christmas Makaton Choir, performing at Aviva - 15th of December

Festive T42 - 16th of December

Christmas Festive Open Morning or Afternoon (each class will have sent out their own invite with times) 19th of December - 10am or 1.30pm

Christmas Corridor parties - wear your party clothes if pupils would like - 21st December

Christmas holidays 22nd December - finish at 1200

9th of January - All return at 9am

10th of January - Potential day of industrial action (information will follow if going ahead)

17th of January - Potential day of industrial action (information will follow if going ahead)

1st of February - 7.15pm - Parent Council Meeting with guests from Transition Team and Lynn Drysdale to speak to parents about transition and answer any questions you may have.

14th of February - DTP vaccinations (S3 upwards)

15th of February - In service day for staff only

16th and 17th February - Holidays

12 working days of Christmas. This has become a bit of a tradition with staff and pupils, we would love our families to join in. Given the challenging year we have had we have put a special self-care focus. Merry Christmas everyone.



12 Working Days of Christmas

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| Wed 7th | Save Christmas and return all cutlery for Christmas Lunch Self Care: Have an early night and wake up feeling refreshed! |
| Thurs 8th | Make an angel chain or snowflake to decorate your room Self Care: Make yourself a luxury hot chocolate and relax. |
| Fri 9th | Wear your Christmas jumper !!! Self Care: This weekend go for a walk & enjoy the beauty of nature. |
| Mon 12 th | Make a card for another class and pop it in the Christmas post box for delivery. Self Care: Call a friend that you haven't spoken to for a while |
| Tues 13 th | Wear something sparkly/ Watch a Christmassy performance this week Self Care: Sit back, relax and read your favourite book. |
| Wed 14th | Christmas Lunch – enjoy some festive treats Self Care: Do some exercise, even if it is just running up and down the stairs! |
| Thurs 15th | Listen to those Christmas tunes Self Care: Write down three things that make you happy and share with your team. |
| Fri 16th | Wear some festive headgear! Be creative and make your own! Self Care: This weekend put on some fluffy PJs and watch your favourite Christmas film. |
| Mon 19 th | Share some festive cheer with our Fairview families and visit Santa Self Care: As a class discuss your greatest achievements from the past year. Stick it on the wall! |
| Tues 20 th | Christmas baking – bring in some goodies to share in the staff room (make sure to note down ingredients for any people with allergies). Donations to a charity of your choice. Self Care: Turn off your phone, computer and any other electronic gadgets for an hour or so. |
| Wed 21 st | Watch a Christmas Movie Self Care: Hide all your work in a cupboard and forget about it for a while. |
| Thurs 22nd | Have fun at our Christmas Get Together and our staff fun briefing Self Care: Spend quality time with your loved ones. Have a great Christmas! |



1 - Christmas post

Last post date will be the 20th of December - please remember to write pupil name and class on the front of the envelope as there are a few pupils with the same name. Thank you

Thank you for all the support you give the school.

Merry Christmas to all.

Christmas Enterprise Projects



It has been so wonderful to see so many Pupils getting in the festive spirit with Christmas Enterprise projects!

Room 7 made wonderful Willow Wreaths to sell at the Fairview School Christmas fayre. These were made from willow collected from our school garden then decorated with dried leaves, pinecones and painted hearts. These were on display and sold at our School Christmas fayre!



Room 9 created a plethora of options to purchase from our Fair Stall! With a selection of cheese boards, Hanging Heart slates, Glass Character Storage jars, Candle Bottles and Cocoa Cola washing up bottles. What a fantastic job from all the staff and Pupils!



Room 3 painted and decorated amazing Horseshoe decorations, how incredible!



Room 10 created "Reindeer Noses" chocolates which I think we can all agree was so original! They also made amazing Brownie Mix Jars.





Room 6 also created the quaintest Santa Stockings with chocolate inside.

Good news stories



SCHOOL FAYRE

It was so lovely to have our school fayre up and running, huge thanks to Jemma Oswald for organising the event and to all the staff and parent council who supported on the night! We couldn't manage without you. It was lovely to see pupils and families supporting the event on the night. We raised a staggering £1932! Wow! The pupil council are meeting today to discuss what they would like to spend the money on!

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS

Really pleased to have been awarded a further £375 from Health Promoting Schools to continue with our initiatives to support emotional wellbeing, regulation and engagement in learning. We are going to be working with an outdoor art specialist to work with a group of young people to produce some playground art work after Christmas using recycled products to also tie in with our Eco work.

On the back of our Health Promoting Schools grant we have been put in touch with Go Outdoors Go Active who will hopefully be providing a session for our lunch time sports club. We are also hoping to have support to run cycling groups for this group too. Watch this space.

DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL

We are very lucky and receive lovely donations to the school. Recently we have had donations from the Round Table after we made the Guy for the Perth Bonfire and we also received a lovely donation from the Kinnoull bowling club. As you all know we are working on our curriculum at present so we are purchasing items which support the development of life skills, play opportunities and range of sensory resources which support regulation and engagement. Huge thank you to all support the school.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

We have been so lucky to have had many groups in the school working with pupils this term. Pupils have had opportunities to work with our Circus Skill leaders, our amazing Musicians in Residence (this is for the rest of the year) and our Clown Doctors who are now here 1 and a half days every week.

Christmas Fayre success



It was amazing to see so many Fairview Pupils, Parents and friends pop up to the Christmas Fayre this year. Thank you to all the fantastic stalls that attended, with such a beautiful selection of gifts and handmade items. What amazing raffle prizes too... well done to the lucky winners! We would like to thank Jemma for organising such a great event, Hayley who organised the raffle, Lorna on teas, coffees and cakes and a special thank you to the volunteers on the night; Lynne, Danielle, Shannon, Gav, Ashley, Kat, Anna-Leigh, Carl and Helen! Finally, a thanks to Leigh, Trudie, Athina and Lynn who helped run stalls and keep the teas and coffees flowing on the night too! Thanks to everyone who helped tidy up too! Teamwork!



Room 7 Aviva Presentation



You may remember some wonderful volunteers came from a team at Aviva to help us with our garden. In order to return the favour Room 7 are going on the 15th of December to give the team a short show during their lunch break! Room 7 along with Lorna will sing and sign "Somewhere Only We Know" and "We wish you a Merry Christmas". They have also put together their very own Body Percussion video to get everyone moving and Madison will perform "In the Cold Night" on the keyboard. Good Luck Room 7!



Lorna MacDougall had a great session looking at Makaton with some parents recently. She hopes to run more sessions like this where she can tailor the signs to what you need for your child.

I had offered a few sessions to meet with parents to discuss where we are at with our curriculum re-development work and am hoping to get your input for our next stages. I really want to hear from you about what you think is important. As the uptake wasn't high I will put out new dates in January as am really keen to capture your views. We will offer day and evening sessions which can be in person or online to suit your needs. I hope to see lots of you soon.

It has been lovely seeing parents in for T42 again, all are welcome and we would love to see you.

Katrina Blair continue to offer her Bookbug sessions to our nursery and P1 pupils which has been going really well.

The Parent Council have asked for Lynn Drysdale and the transition team to come along to their next session on the 1st of February (online) so please get in touch with them if you would like the link to this really useful event.

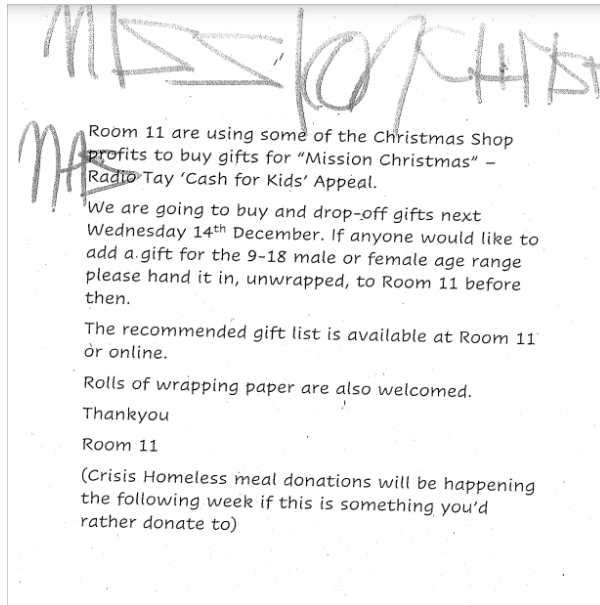
If there are any ideas you have we would love to hear them, are there any training opportunities you would like or other groups which would be useful? Please let us know.

In addition to engagement opportunities we are really keen to provide any support that would be useful - clinics are now back up and running in school, vaccines and dental checks are offered here and Lindsey our Community Link Worker recently organised for haircuts to be had in the school again. Carrie is also happy to help with haircuts at an end of day quieter session at her salon in Crieff "Fair Hair". If any family wants the number contact Lindsey Harris and she will pass this on.

Fairview donates too...



The recent T42 raised over £200 for Children in Need - many thanks to everyone who came along and supported on the day.



Reminders



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Bibs must be provided from home (we have disposable bibs as a back up). Here is a link for an idea for larger sized bibs, other companies will offer similar products too:

<https://www.nrshealthcare.co.uk/eating-drinking-aids/adult-bibs-clothing-protectors>

As a school we use Conti **Wipes** for Personal Care, should you wish anything else used e.g babywipes, please send these in with a pupil name clearly marked on the packet.

Autism Strategy Consultation - please share your views using the links
<https://youtu.be/bD95asSL2W8>



Visits to Woodlea



Room 9 and Room 10 have been continuing their visits to Woodlea Cottage. These trips help our pupils to develop self-confidence and essential life skills for within the home but whilst doing so in a safe environment.







Learning across the school/Curriculum



We had a really useful in-service day at Kingspark school where we continued working on our curriculum development work with a focus on play. As part of our curriculum development work we have been looking at learning pathways and profiles of our pupils and looking at how to tailor our curriculum to meet the needs of all. As part of this we have been looking at the Equals Curriculum as this aligns with our vision and values of the school to ensure our pupils are the best they can be when leaving school with a focus on skills for life, work and independence.

A Person-Centred and Holistic Curriculum for Learners with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties.

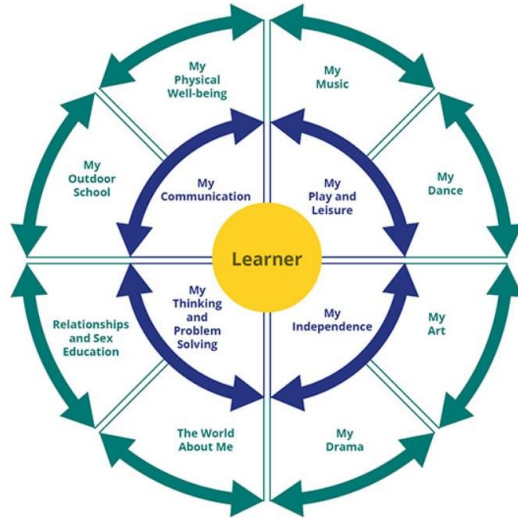
For those with a profound learning difficulty, learning is best done when the learner is placed at the centre of the Curriculum.

“Let’s focus on the things that matter.”



For pupils and students with complex learning difficulties (CLD) who are working consistently to the early reaches of the severe learning difficulties spectrum.















Highly commended award



Fairview School recieved a highly commended award at the SoupFest on the 20th of November. We had sent in the recipe for our amazing Spicy Roasted Veg soup with veg from our very own playground! Well done everyone!

Ipad update



We have received 6 iPads from the Scottish Government fund and are awaiting Big Grip Cases for them so they can be used. The quote for the new iPads for school also needs updated to include the Big Grip Cases. These are more expensive, but I am sure you will agree, safety is key! As soon as this comes in, the next round of iPads will be ordered. 4 classes already have a full set of iPads in the classroom. A number of pupils have an iPad through Scottish Government Funding. We will be aiming for 5 more classes to have the next round of iPads.

School Improvement Priorities



The school improvement plan 2021/22:

Many thanks for all the feedback received from the recent survey. I have attached the results below. We were delighted with your positive feedback from the reports.

- **Fairview School and Nursery will have a relevant curriculum for all pupils which provides challenge for all and supports children and young people to be ready to learn, giving all pupils the skills needed to achieve a positive post school placement.**
- **Fairview staff (including the Nursery) will have improved health and wellbeing and confidence in their skills which will impact on leading learning and supporting children, young people and their families with their health and wellbeing.**
- **Fairview staff will continue to maintain positive family engagement in order to promote positive relationships, better learning and behaviour.**

Black Watch Castle & Museum - Quiet Space



We are reaching out to let you know about the launch of 'Museum Quiet Time' at The Black Watch Castle and Museum.

We are a charitable organisation whose mission is to support The Black Watch veterans and their families through welfare and comradeship. We also share the history of the Regiment and care for The Black Watch Museum collection and archive for current and future generations.

Every Thursday 10am-11am and Sunday 3pm-4pm we will offer quiet times in our museum when noise and lighting are reduced wherever possible. A member of the team will be on hand to offer support if needed and object handling sessions can be booked in advance. During these times, the museum will be closed to other visitors enabling a calmer space to explore the fascinating history of Scotland's oldest Highland Regiment.

We will not charge for access however we do ask that individuals or groups book ahead either by telephone or online:

Telephone: 01738 638152

Website: [Book Online Here](#)

Please check your emails



All Child Plan invites will be sent out via emails and meetings will take place in school or on TEAMS depending on what you have opted for. A how to guide will be sent out with every meeting invite if your meeting is on TEAMS but please get in touch if you have any questions. We love seeing everyone at the meetings in Person or online. If you have changed your email, please contact us.

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