



Headteacher Newsletter

January 2023

We have a busy term ahead... please read through all the exciting opportunities and some of the changes we are making.

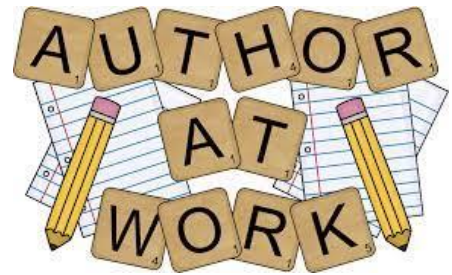
Kind regards,
Debs Swan

National Writing Success!

P6/7 took part in the Scottish Book Trust 50-word fiction competition in November. It is a national writing competition which provides a picture prompt to inspire writers.

I am delighted to announce that Josh Smith won the Young Writers (5-11) category with his short story!
Congratulations Josh – we are really proud of you!

His story has been published on the Scottish Book Trust website. Josh is eagerly awaiting his prize to arrive in school.
Should you wish to read Josh's masterpiece, please visit <https://www.scottishbooktrust.com>



Foodbank

Thank you to all who kindly donated to our Christmas Foodbank appeal prior to the holiday. We collected and donated 18.5kg of food! The staff supporting the Foodbank were most grateful, with the Christmas items being popped straight into pre-prepared Christmas bags to help those most in need.



A Celebration of Scots Language

With Burns' Day and Language Week Scotland happening this week, we are holding a 'Celebration of Scots' School Assembly. All primary children have been asked to learn and recite a poem in celebration. Following an opportunity to share these in the classroom, 2 children from each class will then be invited to share their recitals during our Scots Assembly.

Children are invited to wear a 'touch of tartan' to school on Friday 27th January!



COUNTRIES LOVE SET

Rewild Our Playground Project

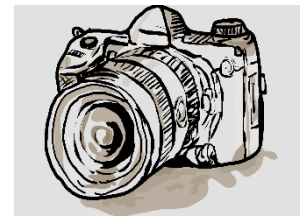
Some of our classes have been enjoying working with Ellie and Izzy from the 'Rewilding Denmarkfield' Project to learn about rewilding and to help by planting trees at Denmarkfield. I am delighted to share the news that we are now in a great position to develop this partnership, following our success in securing a grant of over £12,000 to develop our school grounds! Through this partnership we are about to embark on our own 'Rewild my School' Project.



Ellie and Izzy popped into school last week to launch our logo competition for the above project and will be joining classes over the next 2 weeks to run some design projects. Following these workshops, children across school and nursery will be supported to help with tree planting, pond construction and willow den building, among other activities.

National Standardised Assessments (NSA)

The above assessments are designed to be part of learning activities within the curriculum and are undertaken by learners in P1, P4 & P7 across Scotland annually. We will begin our programme of assessments with P7 initially and P4 this term, with P1 completing them in term 4. Should you wish any further information, please visit <https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers>



School Photographer

Owing to the popularity of a previous photography session, Shaun Ward of 'Shaun Ward Photography' will join us in school on **Friday 10th February** for our annual 'photo shoot'!

This session will include the following across nursery and primary:

- individual photos
- sibling photos
- P1 & P7 year groups.

Wider Achievement

We have begun to plan wider achievement opportunities for pupils in school. We are hoping to run pupil groups across different classes and year groups, providing the children with opportunities to work with others and to develop a new skill or to practise one they may already enjoy. This may include gardening or digital skills, yoga or baking, amongst others.

If you feel that you have a skill to share with time to support school (around an hour and a half for a 4-week block) then please do get in touch through the school office.

Parent Contact

Our next Parent Contact sessions are as follows:

- Monday 20th March – 4pm to 6.30pm
- Wednesday 22nd March – 6pm to 8.30pm

We shall continue to use the Parent Portal website, as we did in Term 1, and shall send an email to inform you of when these slots will be made available for booking.



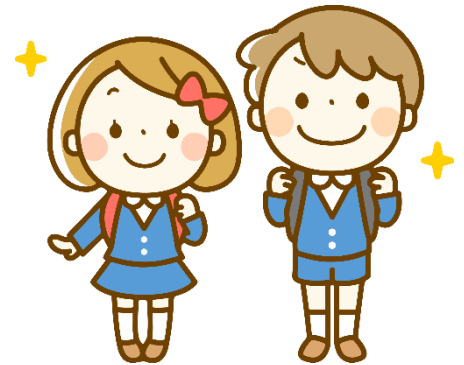
Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will return to Luncarty this term and it is booked to coincide with our Parent Contact sessions. Further details to follow.

School Uniform

We are in the process of changing the way in which we order school uniform to enable parents and prospective parents to order directly online. This change will enable uniform to be ordered online and delivered straight to your door.

I am currently assessing different companies, with regards to quality, order wait times, garments options and pricing. It is hoped that this will be finalised this term, with the option to order for next session, online, from early into Term 4. I shall be in touch with further details later this term.



Wraparound – February Weekend & Easter Holidays

If you require childcare for the long weekend in February or for the Easter holidays, please do get in touch with Alison, as we require a minimum of 10 children to open!

Contact us on (01738) 474190 or at
luncartywraparound@pkc.gov.uk

Dates for your Diary

Term 3

Thursday 26th January ~ Barbara Henderson (author) coming in to work with P4/5, P5/6 & P6/7

Friday 27th January ~ 'Touch of Tartan' assembly

Friday 10th February ~ School photographer in school

Wednesday 15th February ~ INSET Day 5 (school is closed to pupils)

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th February ~ Occasional Holidays (school is closed)

Friday 17th – Friday 24th March ~ Scholastic Book Fair in school

Monday 20th March ~ Parent Contact – 4pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 22nd March ~ Parent Contact – 6pm – 8.30pm

Friday 31st March ~ Last day of term 3 (finish at 3.15pm)

Term 4

Monday 17th April ~ Back to school for Term 4

Monday 1st May ~ May Day Holiday (tbc)

Thursday 29th June ~ End of Session (finish at 12noon)

Questions or queries? Then please get in touch...

School Office: (01738) 474185

Breakfast / After school: (01738) 474190

E-mail: luncarty@pkc.gov.uk

Website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/pk/luncartyprimary>

Twitter: @LuncartyP

