



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome our children back to school after the festive break. They have been so enthusiastic about the new term and opportunities that lie ahead! We all hope that you and your loved ones had an enjoyable break and that there was the chance, even if you were isolating, to take some time to relax and unwind.

Parents' Nights

Despite the changes to the isolation rules, all schools continue to be advised not to have face-to-face Parents' Nights. I know how important it is for you to have the opportunity to see your child's teacher and so we will be offering video conferencing for the upcoming Parents' Nights in March instead. We will be using a platform called School Cloud to facilitate this and will be in touch in order to organise this for you.

ParentPay

Can we encourage all parents and carers to ensure they have signed up for ParentPay please? Could we also ask that you update any allergy information on the system so that the appropriate meals can be ordered?

Health and Wellbeing

The school will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week from Monday 7 February onwards. As you know this is something that we value greatly and so feel it is important to mark. There will be a range of activities going on in school over this time including yoga and mindfulness.

On Tuesday 8 February, 4-5pm, we will be hosting another of our Family Learning Sessions. This event will explain how we provide an holistic approach to supporting the wellbeing of our pupils. You will hear about how we develop emotional literacy, our work in promoting diversity and inclusion, our LGBTQ journey along with how we monitor and track children's wellbeing. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions to find out more about what we do and how we do it. Kim Ralston (DHT) will be in touch shortly, with information on registering for this event.

We are also excited to announce that we are partnering with a local artist from BeMoreSketchy, who is going to collaborate with the school to redesign and develop our nurture Snug room! The pupils will shortly receive a design brief and be given the chance to submit their own ideas for the redesign of the room. The artist is going to use these submissions to create an immersive design for the room covering all 4 walls and ceiling! The pupils will also be involved in the selection of new items of furniture that suit the redesign. We are very excited about this work which we hope will be completed by the 18 February. Don't worry, we will take pictures and keep you updated!

Save The Children

I am delighted to announce that we raised £238.45 for Save The Children through our Christmas Jumper Day in December! A massive well done to everyone who took part, thank you so much for your generosity!

Parent Council Update

Our next Parent Council meeting is on Thursday 20 January, 7-8pm. If you would like to join the teams meeting, please contact either the school or the Parent Council and we will add you to the invite list.

The Parent Council email address is kilbarchan.parentcouncil@yahoo.com.

The Parent Council have also started a Facebook page called Kilbarchan Primary Parent Council Fundraising. This is similar to a 'Freecycle' page where anyone can post an item they no longer want and someone else can have the item in return for a small donation into our PC A/C. This is a wonderful idea that promotes a circular system where items are reused and recycled.

Finally, the Parent Council's application for a free community tree pack from the Woodland Trust has been successful. 30 Saplings will be delivered to the school in March. It's all part of the Woodland Trust's Big Climate Fightback where they aim to get 50 million trees in the ground across the UK. If any parents/carers wish to get involved in planting, gardening or indeed helping the school to redevelop the outdoor space, then please get in touch!

We love hearing from you so just pick up the phone or drop us an email!

Yours faithfully,

Fiona MacKenzie
Head Teacher