



Kilbarchan Primary School

Newsletter 3

09/11/22



Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on **Thursday 10 November, 7-8pm via Teams**, with invites being sent out by the Parent Council Secretary. Should you wish to be included in this email invite please contact either the school or the Parent Council directly where they will be happy to add you to the list.

The Clothing Crew can be found on:

<https://www.facebook.com/ClothingCrewKPS>

Parent page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/195046234419890/?ref=share>

Fundraising

We have been delighted with the fundraising efforts from our Parent Council and wanted to share some highlights with you. Remember all funds raised will go towards the purchase of a new trim in the playground, the cost of which is around £8000.

- Hallowe'en Wear What You Want – £153
- Malcolms donation - £1500
- Scottish Leather Group – the company have offered to work with our children to make leather keyrings which can be sold as part of an enterprise topic. It is envisaged that we would be able to make £500 which would be matched by the company, giving us a total donation of £1000
- Stark Images – We received 20% sales commission on the photographs sold this year, giving us a total of £667.82

Building the Curriculum Questionnaire

Last term we sought your thoughts, feedback, and ideas as we continually look for ways to improve our curriculum to ensure it matches the needs of our school community. Here are most frequently noted responses from our Parent/Carer Questionnaire:

By the time our children leave Kilbarchan Primary we would like for them to be.....

- Confident
- Socially aware
- Able to interact with others
- Resilient
- Inclusive
- Interested in learning
- Confident across the curriculum
- Ready for the world and new jobs that may not exist yet

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The most important skills we need to develop are:

- Confidence
- Kindness
- Life skills
- Social skills
- Literacy and numeracy skills
- Working with others
- Positive mindset
- Hard working

In order to build these skills, the school should make time to teach.....

- Literacy and numeracy
- Life skills
- Social skills
- Resilience
- Respect for others
- Teamwork

What makes the school unique is.....

- Community
- Togetherness
- Leading on diversity and inclusion
- Friendly, informed and approachable staff
- The morning welcome at the gates
- Very inclusive environment
- The way staff make each child feel important

Important features of our community are.....

- Community working together
- School feels like a home from home
- A community with different families and this is reflected in the school
- Kindness and welcoming
- A close-knit community
- Community events
- Partnerships within the community

Our pupils will be providing their own opinions on these questions and analysing the results. Once we have feedback from everyone, we can share the results!

Parents' Night Questionnaire

Following our recent Parents' Nights, we asked for your feedback on the conversations you had had with staff. Here are the results:

- 100% said that they knew what their child was learning about at school
- 97% said that they knew what their child's strengths were
- 94% said that they knew what their child's areas for development were
- 92% said that the school encouraged them to participate in their child's learning
- 100% said that they knew how to help at home
- 98% said that the staff were approachable
- 93% said that the school were doing a good teaching their child
- 90% said that the school was open to hearing your input and suggestions
- 100% of those using SeeSaw liked it
- 82% of those using Sway liked it

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Parents/carers said they wanted to know more about their child's targets and how to help whilst others wanted more information on upcoming topics and areas that their child would be learning over the coming terms.

We thank you for the kind comments people left, about how hard working everyone was, that we seek new ways to grow and improve and that the school have a wide range of resources to help everyone. We really do appreciate all the time taken to provide us with this information.

Pupil Voice

Last term, pupils were asked about leadership and the opportunities they had to lead learning and make improvements and changes to the school. This term they will be providing us with feedback on the learning and teaching that takes places. This information, along with the feedback you provide us, helps us to look at our school from different perspectives, enabling us to make it suit the children in our care.

Partnerships

We are delighted to announce that we have been selected as one of the very first schools to participate in the LEAF project with Keep Scotland Beautiful. Miss Etheridge and our Eco committee will be leading on this, and we are really excited about the experiences this will for our children.

Mrs Doyle and some of our younger pupils are partnering with Kilbarchan Community Nursery on a project where we will be working together to plant trees in the nursery grounds. Our children will be learning the importance of improving the plant life in their community and will share their skills with the younger pupils.

We have been chosen to be part of the Coop local community fund to plant an orchard in the school grounds and involve the pupils at every stage of the process, via workshops on fruit tree varieties, planning an orchard, planting and harvesting. Please select us as your cause with one click here <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/66817> and don't forget to use your Coop card in store - every time you spend £1 in Coop they will donate 2p to our cause.

Upcoming Events

- Our Primary 7 pupils are collecting for the Scottish Poppy Appeal. They will visit every class this week and so if your child would like to donate, they will get the opportunity to purchase a poppy.
- Children's Christmas Gifts – your child will shortly be given the opportunity to create a Christmas image which can be put on to tea towels, mugs, cards etc. A proof of the artwork will go home on Friday 11 November, with your order forms to be returned by Friday 18 November.
- Family Learning Target Session – Monday 5 December 1530 – 1830. Parents/Carers will be invited into school to work with their child and their teacher on their targets and next steps. You will have plenty of time to speak with the teacher and ask questions about your child's learning and the ways in which you can help at home. We have designed this event in response to requests from parents who were looking for more time to speak with teachers, to gain practical advice and to see the different types of activities that take place in school. More information about timings will be issued shortly.
- Christmas school lunch – Tuesday 6 December. As we expect a significant increase in school meal uptake on that day, and so to prepare appropriately, order forms will go home to families shortly.
- Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 8 December, donations can be made on ParentPay. 50% of the money raised will go to Save the Children and 50% will go towards the trim trail.

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- Christmas Fair – 12 December 1100 – 1300. For this to run as smoothly as possible and to raise as much as we can, we are asking for any volunteers who can help on the day. We are looking for anyone who is available between 0930 – 1430. All profits made will go towards the trim trail.
- Dates for Christmas parties will go out as soon as possible. On the day of your child's party, we welcome them to wear their party clothes to school that day. We remind all families that we do not permit the wearing of football colours.
- Infant Nativity Show – Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 December 1330 – 1430. We will organise for two tickets per family with any additional tickets being made available after this. To ensure correct numbers for health and safety, you will be asked to present your tickets on the day.

Should you need to contact the school for any reason please call or email using:

0300 300 0163

Or

kilbarchanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Reminders

- We are a Nut Free School so ask that all items brought from home do not contain nuts.
- Children should bring a water bottle with them every day and are encouraged to stay hydrated. The water bottles should only contain water and not juice.
- All items belonging to your child must be labelled with their name. Where items are labelled, we can return them to your child. Unfortunately, many items without labels are often recycled if the owner cannot be identified.

As always, there is so much going on! If there is anything you would like to become involved in, or a skill you would like to share, please get in touch. Recently we welcomed some of our Parent Council in to work with our Pupil Council and would like to extend this invitation to any parent/carer wishing to become more involved in what matters to our pupils. Get in touch, we would love to hear from you!

Yours faithfully,

Fiona MacKenzie
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