

# SCHOOL BULLETIN

## KILBARCHAN PRIMARY

MAR 18



What a busy month we have had! I hope we are finally emerging from the wild and wintery conditions into Spring, fingers crossed the sun continues to shine and the weather gets warmer.

As you will see from this newsletter the children have had a number of exciting visitors to the school, from our friends at Generation Science who worked with every stage throughout the school, to the Gaelic storyteller who had the boys and girls enthralled with her mystical stories and legends. We love inviting people in to work with our pupils and I have been so proud to see the respectful and enthusiastic way in which our children welcomed each and every visitor, they made such a good impression that I know they will want to return. The rehearsals for our Spring Concert are well and truly underway and I can assure you that this year will be another wonderful success! Information regarding ticket availability will be going out soon but please note the two performances will take place in the afternoons of Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of March.

Could I take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support of the school and say how lovely it was to see you at the recent Parents' Nights? Thank you for the feedback you gave on the questionnaires, it was truly heart-warming to read the positive comments and to see the progress your children are making. I am so proud of the boys and girls at Kilbarchan and feel very grateful to be a part of the community here.

Thank you for being you!

Mrs MacKenzie  
Head Teacher

### Dates to Remember

Parents evenings	7&8 Mar
P3 Trip RSPB at Kelvingrove	09-Mar
P1a & P1b Assembly 9.10	20-Mar
Spring Concert 1.30pm	27-Mar
Spring Concert 1.30 pm	28-Mar
Spring Break	30 Mar -13 Apr
School reopens	16-Apr
P3 Assembly 9.10	24-Apr
P1a Trip Riverside	01-May
P1b Trip Riverside	02-May
In Service Days	04-May
Holiday School closed	07-May
P7 Ardentiny Residential	08-11-May
P6/5 Assembly 9.10	22-May
Holiday School closed	25&28-May
P2 Assembly 9.10	05-Jun
Sports Day	30 May&4 Jun
P7 Leavers' Dance	20-Jun
School closes 1pm	27-Jun



### Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight has now started. The pupils will be doing a variety of activities to help them to learn about Fairtrade. This will include: pupils making a Fairtrade chocolate mousse; a Fairtrade tuck shop running between 5 March and 9 March; pupils having a voluntary Fairtrade homework task; volunteers from P7 organising a Fairtrade assembly for our pupils; pupils doing various Fairtrade activities in their classes. The Kilbarchan Fairtrade Group have very kindly given £150 for the Fairtrade committee to buy Fairtrade stock from Rainbow Turtle.

### K'Nex Club

The Primary 6 pupils have been enjoying experimenting with K'Nex resources at their K-Nex club. The club has been led by Miss Scholar and has been supported by a STEM ambassador, Mr Martin. Below are comments made by some of the pupils attending the club.

Pupil Comments - .....

K'nex club is very fun. I used to want to be a hairdresser but now I want to be an engineer.

Paige P7/6

K'nex club encourages young minds to be creative and imaginative.

Kate P7/6

It's a nice activity that you can do yourself or with others. I would like other people to try it out because it is fun.

Sophie P7/6



### HOLIDAYS

#### Spring Break

A reminder that the school closes at 2.30pm on Thursday 29 March. The school will re-open for pupils on Monday 16 April. We hope you have an enjoyable break.

### Health & Wellbeing Day – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Our Health and Wellbeing Days were a great success! This year we worked with Renfrewshire Active Schools and hired coaches to offer team building activities and orienteering. We would like to say a huge thank you to the coaches for all of their help.

The orienteering activities in the local park were thoroughly enjoyed by the children and Teachers are keen to utilise this local area to enhance outdoor learning for pupils...watch this space!

The children enjoyed all of the activities on offer this year as you can see below!

I liked the dancing! It was good fun and helps keep us fit. *(Taylor, P3)*

The Health Days were good fun because the different activities got active and us moving around with friends. *(Martin, P5)*

I enjoyed making the banana bread. We mixed, measured, baked and then got to eat it! It was delicious. *(Alix, P7/6)*

The orienteering activities encouraged us to work in teams and develop our team building skills. I enjoyed walking to the park as part of 'Walk a Mile'. *(Katie, P7)*

### PARENT COUNCIL

Our first event of the year 'Movie Night' was a great success, **massive thank you** to the parents that helped out on the night! We had 114 children who attended, however by the closing date on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February we had only 86 names. As you can imagine this impacted our planning as we order bulk in advance to ensure costs to parents for these events are kept to a minimum, therefore in future we must insist that deadline dates are adhered to. I am sure you will understand the requirement for this and hope you will support this decision.

The Parent Council ran the Scholastic Book Fair this year at both parent evenings, giving parents and pupils time to perusing the wide variety of books for sale on the evening. The school library benefits greatly from the sale of books from the fair and we hope to continue that success this year.

You are probably all aware now from the launch at the 'Movie Night' this year's theme for the Liliias Day Float is 'Trolls'. We will have more details on how to register your children for a space on this year's float in the April Newsletter so please look out for this information as spaces will be limited.

We are also running a Tombola in the park to raise funds for the school and will be looking for helpers and tombola donations, more information to follow in April Newsletter.

Meantime as always your support is very much appreciated.

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Parent Council Chair  
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### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I GET HURT?

If a child is injured at school, they attend the office where plasters and ice-packs can be administered if necessary. For a head knock, a standard "bump letter" is sent home so that parents/carers are made aware and can keep an eye on the child. If more specialised treatment is required, the school will contact the parent/carer and/or take the child to hospital if necessary. Please contact the school if you would like any further information.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to everyone for taking part in World Book Day. It was lovely to see so many children bring their favourite book to school; the accompanying costumes were great also! We would like to thank Erica from Waterstones for visiting the school and bringing some books for us to enjoy.

### Feedback/tear off slip

We are keen to celebrate the wider achievements of the pupils in the school however we recognise that not every child either feels confident enough to stand up and talk about it at assembly or even remembers to do so. In order to support our pupils in this matter you will now find a tear-off slip attached at the bottom of every newsletter. Please fill this out with your child and return it to the school so that their achievements can be recognised and celebrated. We have 1 celebrating success assembly each month.

### Dive in to Writing Evening Primary 4 -7

13 March 3.15pm – 4pm

During the session, you will hear more about the 3 domain model, some of the strategies which may be used in class and ways in which you can support at home should you wish.

### Generation Science Week

"Last week Generation Science came to our class. Our mission was to make the most colourful, fizziest thing. When we were talking about chemical reactions they said they can produce light and heat, they got a party popper and said there was a chemical reaction that produced light and heat though no one saw it but then they got one that shot a flame 2 meters in the air"! Dylan P5

"Generation Science came to our class and transformed it to a science lab they did lots of experiments with us it was fun". Ruairidh P6/5

Children in P3 and P3/2 had the pleasure of welcoming Will and Claire from Generation Science and their amazing "Fizz, Boom, Bang" laboratory. The children were learning all different kinds of chemical reactions.

"I liked the bit where it exploded into the tray". Ryan P3/2

"I learned that if you put different liquids in a container it can turn into foam". Victoria P3/2

"I thought it was really exciting". Zoe P3

"I liked mixing all the chemicals together". Hector P3

"I've enjoyed doing all the experiments and so far 2 have fizzed". Alice P3

P4 enjoyed their Generation Science Workshop about Robots. Every child had the opportunity to design and construct their own robot with the robot cubes.

"It was great fun and I enjoyed working with my partner to make the robot". Craig P4

P5 Chemical Reactions Workshop. We loved the big chemical reactions demonstrated by Andrew and Sasha, Especially the big party popper explosion.

"We were investigating different chemicals using an indicator to find out if they were acid, alkaline or neutral". Brodie P5

"I would like to experiment and try to create a colourful chemical reaction". Charlie P5

P7 & P7/6 enjoyed watching & taking part in the Body Building Generation Science Workshop. We learned about the musculoskeletal system, the digestive system, the circulatory system and the respiratory system. Ben & Sky from P7 found it "very interesting" and they learned "the proper names for parts of the body".

"I learnt that most of your body is made out of water". Rachel P7

"I learnt that it takes 35 hours for your body to digest your food". Nina P7

### HEADLICE

A reminder that headlice is a common problem in primary schools and the only way to battle the bug is to regularly check your child's hair. For further information, please contact the school office.

Childs Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Achievements: