

# SCHOOL BULLETIN

## KILBARCHAN PRIMARY

NOV 17



I can't believe that Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night are over and we are now on our way towards Christmas, time certainly flies when you are having fun! The boys and girls have all been working hard and I have been so proud to see how they have progressed this session, a feeling I know was shared by many of you at Parents' Night. It was wonderful to be able to welcome you all in to school, to speak with teachers and see some of the amazing work that has been created. The feedback we got from our Outdoor Learning questionnaire was overwhelmingly positive and I know that our children are really enthusiastic and keen to be outside as much as possible.

The continued support of our parents and carers has certainly helped to improve the challenges we face in terms of parking near to the school and through the unfaltering efforts of our Parent Council, we hope to bring some resolution to the situation in the near future. Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact the school.

This week we will welcome our librarian into school to work alongside parents and staff to improve our BookBox. We hope that at the end of this process, it will more closely reflect a library where texts are organised by genre and author, a place where recommendations of a 'good read' can be made!

We continue to ask for Alumni information and so ask that you fill out the tear-off slip so that we can start to make our display.

One final note, I just want to say thank you all for the great work you do with your children every day, it is a true pleasure to work with them all.

Regards  
Fiona MacKenzie  
Head Teacher

### Story Teller

Staff and children welcomed Anne Pitcher, Kilbarchan resident Story Teller, and Joe Harawira, international Story Teller, to the school in October. The school were delighted to welcome Anne back to Kilbarchan Primary and once again enjoyed her Story Telling Session. Joe travelled from New Zealand to share information about his Maori culture and Maori stories with the children as part of Story Telling Week. Each class had the opportunity to listen to stories and songs, learn Maori words and phrases and some even learned the Hakka! Joe was impressed with our confident P1 pupils who performed their own Maori song. Other classes prepared for Joe's visit by learning Maori stories and creating Maori artwork, learning facts about New Zealand and creating Mihi poems. Joes' visit has sparked an international connection between Kilbarchan Primary and a Primary School in New Zealand which the staff and school are very excited about. We hope to make our first connection soon! Once again we would like to thank Joe and Anne for their time and for providing such a rich learning experiences for both children and staff.

### Programming Wizards

Our Code Club has grown in numbers and it is great to see so many children interested in coding! This session the group will be learning how to code using a variety of programmes including Scratch, BBC Micro:bit and Lego Animation. A huge thank you to Mrs Holsgrove and Ms Lucy Crombie from JP. We would also like to thank Mrs Smith for supporting P4 Code Club. Primary 4 will work with Mrs Smith every Wednesday, learning how to create their own programme using Scratch. Already the children are very enthused by this!

### Football

Last Thursday Kilbarchan Primary kept up their unbeaten run for the season, with a comfortable victory over the local rivals Bridge of Weir. With goals coming from Ben McCrystal and Brandon Forbes the score finished 9-2. It was a strong performance characterised by hard work and a real team spirit. The margin in score could have been even wider but Kruze Leich was denied by the woodwork. It would have been a deserved reward for a strong performance.

By  
Murray and Jakob  
P7

### Dates to Remember

Parent Council Meeting	07-Nov
Children in Need	17-Nov
Rag Bag Pick Up	20-Nov
P5 Assembly 9.10	21-Nov
St Andrew's Day Holiday	30-Nov
Christmas Fair	03-Dec
Nativity 1.30pm	05-Dec
Nativity 1.30pm	06-Dec
P4 Assembly 9.10	12-Dec
School closes 2.30pm	20-Dec
School reopens	04-Jan
Baldy Bane Panto	08-Jan
Wellbeing Day	08-Feb
In Service Day	09-Feb
Holiday School closed	12&13-Feb
School reopens	14-Feb
P7/6 & P7 Assembly 9.10	27-Feb
Parents evenings	7&8 Mar
P1a & P1b Assembly 9.10	20-Mar
Spring Concert 10.30am & 1.30pm	28-Mar
Spring Concert 1.30 pm	29-Mar
Spring Break	30 Mar -13 Apr
School reopens	16-Apr
P3 Assembly 9.10	24-Apr
In Service Days	04-May
Holiday School closed	07-May
P7 Ardentinny 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



### P1 Library Bus

P1 will get the opportunity to visit the mobile library. They will be given a book bag with lots of books to keep and be given the opportunity to join the library.

## PARENT COUNCIL

The Halloween Discos were our first events as the new parent council and despite the fire alarm evacuation at the Junior Disco, the feedback we have received showed the children had great fun. Feedback is really important to us as it helps us improve areas to make future events even better. The feedback we received after the Halloween Discos has been really positive and we appreciate the time taken by parents and carers to get in touch.

A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who gave up their time to help at the discos, especially Joanne McIvor for all her hard work and Claire Brown and her dad George for supplying the blow decorations which looked amazing. Also a huge thank you to the school children for all their fantastic decorations they made, they all looked amazing!

Our next event will be the Christmas Fair on Sunday the 3rd of December from 12:30 – 2.30pm. You will receive full details of this event shortly including details of our raffle and how to donate prizes.

The Christmas Artwork has arrived and will be distributed to the children. If anyone missed the cut off date or would like to order extra items you can return the forms to the school with full payment or bring it along to the Christmas Fair as there will be a collection point there.

Please note the Christmas Fair will be the last opportunity to order Christmas Artwork.

Our next Parent Forum Meeting will be at the School on Tuesday the 7th of November from 7-8pm. We would appreciate if you can make it along to this meeting as it's a great opportunity to share ideas and work together with the school to provide better events and facilities for all our children.

If anyone would like to get in touch you can contact us at [Kpparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Kpparentcouncil@gmail.com)

Seona Hart  
Parent Council Chair



Clubs - Block 2: 30/10/17 – 17/11/17

Mini Soccer Star	P2-4
Junior Dodgeball	P2-4
Athletics	P4-7
Gymnastics	P4-7
Running Club	P4-7
Basketball	P3-7
Multisport	P2-4
Badminton	P5-7
Football Training	P5-7
Dodgeball	P5-7

## PUPIL COUNCIL/ ECO NEWS

### Rag Bag

As part of our ongoing Eco work, a Rag Bag collection will take place on Monday 20 November. Empty bags will be distributed on Monday 13 November and these should be handed back in to the school office by Friday 17 November. Have a clear out and get collecting those old clothes and shoes now!

## Visit Our Website

[www.kilbarchan.renfrewshire.sch.uk](http://www.kilbarchan.renfrewshire.sch.uk)

Don't forget our website has photos of what's happening in each classroom, tutorials on how to support your child at home and a calendar of events.

## Book Week Scotland 2017



We will be celebrating Scottish Book Week between 27<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December.

During this time we would like to invite parents, grandparents and members of the community to read with the Children in the school. This would help develop a community approach to reading, a sharing of favourite stories and fostering an enjoyment of reading. If you are able to support our community read and give 20 minutes of your time, please contact Mrs Robb via the school office.

## WEATHERWATCH

Please note, should there be any uncertainty about the school opening/closing due to adverse weather conditions, parents can access up to date information through the Weather Watch icon on the school website main page.

News is also available from Renfrewshire Council's website [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk) or by calling **0300 300 0300**. Please ensure mobile numbers are also up to date as we will text parents should an early closure be required. May I also remind parents that we encourage pupils to go out to play as much as possible and they should therefore dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

### Email

Any parent wishing to receive our newsletter by email should contact the school office or by emailing – [selena.edmiston@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:selena.edmiston@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

## Kilbarchan Primary School Alumni

Name of former pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of graduation from Kilbarchan Primary : \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Short description of the work you do/did: \_\_\_\_\_

