

SCHOOL BULLETIN

KILBARCHAN PRIMARY

Oct 17



Dates to Remember

Parents evenings	10&11-Oct
In Service Days	13-Oct
October Break	16-20-Oct
Pupils Return	23-Oct
Johnstone High P7 Open Night	24-Oct
Halloween Disco	26-Oct
Flu Immunisations	27-Oct
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
Be a Pupil Night	20-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

Dear parents and carers,

I have been so pleased to see the way in which every class has embraced outdoor learning this term! Every class is regularly timetabled to use our outdoor space to support activities across the curriculum, to build independence and to promote a healthy and active lifestyle. It has also been shown that outdoor learning can help to build stronger communities, ones that focus on sustainability and equality issues whilst supporting children to use their skills in new contexts.

In line with this approach, we will be encouraging our pupils to play outside at intervals and lunchtimes as much as possible and, perhaps more frequently than in the past. I would ask that all children come to school prepared for this with warm, waterproof jackets. The school is happy to help any parent or carer provide such a jacket, please just speak to Mrs MacKenzie.

We have been working hard to improve the parking situation in and around the school gates. As a quick reminder, no cars should park in the bus park area or upon the Keep Clear lines directly opposite the gates. Parking in these areas limits traffic flow and makes it dangerous for children to cross the road safely. Thank you for the support you have given me as we work together to improve safety for all our pupils.

One final point, we have had to change the date of our Hallowe'en Disco as it clashed with a Primary 7 transition event at Johnstone High School. I would like to thank our Parent Council for being so flexible in this matter and for working so closely with the school to ensure the event can still go ahead. **The new date is Thursday 26 October.**

Flu Immunisation 27 October

Pupils who have handed in permission slips will receive their flu immunisation on 27 October.

October Holiday

May we remind you that the school will close at 3pm on Thursday 12 October for mid-term break. Pupils return on 23 October at 9am. Have a great holiday!

Primary 7 Transition Meetings

Kilbarchan hosted a Primary 7 Transition meeting with the senior management team of Johnstone High School on Tuesday 3 October. If any parent missed this event or wishes further information, they may contact the High School directly. Alternatively, the next event will be held at Johnstone High School on Tuesday 24 October where it is hoped that as many Primary 7 pupils as possible are able to attend with their parents or carers.

World of Work – Alumni

We would like to make a display to show pupils the different types of jobs former pupils have gone on to do. If you or someone you know would like to contribute to this, please send in a short description of the job you do/or did, by letter, email or tear-off slip below. Feel free to attach a picture or drawing that we could use as part of the display. Unfortunately we cannot return these items.

Tag and Track

A lady called Hayley came into our class for three weeks on a Thursday. Hayley came in to do a project about tagging and tracking gulls. She explained to us that gulls are not pests. Tag and track is all about tracking gulls to see where they fly to. It took Hayley and her team several months and attempts to catch gulls, as they are actually very smart. Hayley put up the tracking device on the smart board. We found out that 2 gulls ended up at a dump in Casablanca. Having Hayley come into our class was lots of fun and, we wished she could stay longer.

By Rachel and Luke
P7

Rag Bag

As part of our ongoing Eco work, a Rag Bag collection will take place on Monday 20 November. Bags will be distributed nearer the time with information about what is being collected.

Ear Piercing at PE

We would like to remind all parents, carers and pupils that ear piercings should be removed for PE. Any child unable to do so must bring tape or plasters with them to school and be able to cover their ears independently.

PARENT COUNCIL

We held our first Parent Council Meeting on the 5th of September, thank you to all who attended. Mrs MacKenzie provided a head teachers report and we discussed our plans for the year ahead, minutes can be found on the school website.

Our first Parent Council social event for all the children is the Halloween Discos which will be held on Thursday the 26th of October at the school (please see attached details). At the bottom of the Halloween flyer is a tear off slip to return to the school **by Friday the 13th of October** if you can help out on the night. We can only run these events safely if we have enough parents/guardians volunteering to supervise the children.

As part of the parent council fundraising efforts for this term, the children will be creating artwork that can be printed on to a great choice of gifts for Christmas. This artwork along with an order form will be with you shortly and must be returned to the school **no later than Monday the 9th of October**. We are looking forward to all the exciting events this term and as always your support is much appreciated.

Seona Hart
Parent Council Chair

Water

A reminder that pupils are only allowed to drink water in class, unless there is a medical reason for juice. At lunchtimes and intervals, pupils can have water or juice but fizzy drinks are not encouraged. We thank you for your support in this.



Library Books

The school are working closely with parents and librarians to improve our Book Box. Children should shortly be able to select books based on genre or favourite author. We hope to encourage a greater love for reading through pupil recommendations and improved displays. If you wish to get involved please contact Mrs Robb.

Reminder About Naming Property and About Lost Property

Please name everything – clothing, purses/wallets, pencil cases, lunch boxes and water bottles.

Long term storage of un-named items results in large quantities of clothing and other items, presenting a fire risk. Therefore, un-named uniform items in lost property will be dated and remain in the box for 4 weeks. At this point, un-named uniform items will be donated to the Eco School Uniform Shop for re-homing. Non-Uniform items will be recycled.

All named items will be returned to their owner. If labelling items with a pen, please check, from time to time, that the ink has not run.

Parents/Carers are welcome to browse the lost property box at the beginning/end of the day. Where possible, the Eco school uniforms will be displayed at class assemblies, parents' evenings, fayres and other events. If you wish to make a donation, however small, this will be gratefully received and will go towards our Eco Committee funds.

The Wee Dig

On Thursday 21 September, all of the Primary 7s went to Paisley Abbey to learn about the recent archaeological discovery. We got to go into an Archaeological trench and we got to use a trowel to scrape away all the earth and find ancient artefacts. At the end we got put in groups of five people, each group got given a quiz to see what we had learnt start to finish. When we were there, we had so much fun and we wish we could go back.

PUPIL COUNCIL NEWS

The Pupil Council have decided to support 'Children in Need' this year. In November, we will be selling Pudsey/Blush glow in the dark wristbands, Pudsey/Blush pin badges and Pudsey glow in the dark keyrings for £1. On Friday 17 November, pupils can dress up in brightly coloured clothes or spotty clothes in exchange for a small donation. The Pupil Council are planning other fun activities for the day and will let you know about them nearer the time.

The Pupil Council have also decided to support 'Save the Children'. They are going to run a talent competition in December. It will cost 20p to audition in front of their class and then two acts will be chosen from each class to go through to the finale on Wednesday 20 December. All classes will be invited to the finale and the winning act will receive a prize.



We are now on Twitter! If you go onto Twitter and do a search for Kilbarchan Primary, you will be able to see our tweets. For those who have not used Twitter before, Twitter is a free App so if you have a mobile/tablet that has Internet access, you can download the app and see what the children are doing. We hope you enjoy viewing our tweets.

Email

Any parent wishing to receive our newsletter by email should contact the school office or by emailing–

selena.edmiston@renfrewshire.gcsx.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: _____