



**Kilbarchan Primary School**  
**Newsletter 7 – 19/11/21**



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Parent Council**

The next Parent Council meeting will be on Thursday 25 November, 7pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact the school office who will email you a Teams meeting link.

**Meet the Teacher**

Letters have been sent out to all classes, regarding our Meet the Teacher events. Please contact the school office if you have missed this letter so that we can add you to the event. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on these calls! If you have any issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

[kilbarchanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:kilbarchanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk) or 0300 300 0163

**Outdoor Learning**

We place great importance on outdoor learning and look to get our children outside as often as possible. We also know how valuable it is for our children to get lots of fresh air, particularly while we are still dealing with COVID. With this in mind, can we ask that all pupils come to school with appropriate clothing, jackets with hoods etc, to ensure they are ready for the day ahead. If any parent or carer requires assistance with the purchase of such items, please speak to Mrs MacKenzie in confidence as we can help.

After Christmas we will begin to work with pupils on the redesign and improvement of other outdoor learning spaces. If you, a family member, or local organisation wish to get involved, donate items, or give us a hand, please contact the school, and speak to Mrs Brown. We will also be linking with our Parent Council on these projects so there are lots of ways for you to get involved.

**Hallowe'en Event**

We would like to thank all families for their kind donations for our recent Hallowe'en Event. Together we have raised £366 which will be split between the school fund and the When You Wish Upon A Star charity!

We will continue to monitor how often we ask for donations to charities etc as we are conscious of the pressures on families at this time.

**Primary 7 Transition**

Our Primary 7 pupils have been working on a partnership project with schools across our cluster. They have begun planning and preparing letters to introduce themselves to pupils in the other primaries. We hope this will help them to form friendships when they are finally able to meet and mix.

**Global Citizenship**

Our Primary 1 and 2/1 pupils helped to improve our community environment by litter picking in the local park and then turning their attentions to our playground. Everyone was pleased to see that the children in our school take the issue of litter very seriously.

I was overjoyed to see that the pupils in Primary 3 had listened carefully to our discussions about helping others and combined this with the issue of litter and recycling. They are currently collecting empty crisp packets in school which will be sent off to a charity who help to make warm blankets for those in need.

We have 3 collection tubs at our main school office: one for tinned/long-life items for the Renfrewshire Foodbank; one for recycled pens; and the other for old batteries. Please feel free to send in items with your child to add to these collections.

### **Clubs**

Our children are loving the clubs on offer at the school, and I must say how nice it is to feel like we are moving back to some kind of normality! We have a range of lunchtime and after school Active Schools clubs, a Primary 5 Book and a Bletcher Club, along with infant and upper reading clubs. We hope to offer two STEM clubs soon, watch this space as more details will follow!

### **Play Leaders**

We now have Play Leaders in our playground. These are pupils who have undertaken training to lead games and support younger pupils with play. Our Primary 1s and 2s, love spending time with them and learning new games; they are thoroughly enjoying playtime!

### **The Joy of Reading!**

You may have heard that we have been working hard to update our BookBox and reading areas within each classbase. The children have been central to the changes, from the selection of new books to the design and layout of comfortable and inviting reading spaces. This has helped them to share their love of reading with one another.

As part of this we now also have a team of pupils who take responsibility for our BookBox, called the PALS. Our Pupil Ambassadors of the Library Services (PALS) work to bring in new titles, link with classes, organise library spaces within the school and read to younger children. We are amazed at the ideas they have put forward and the plans they have for the future!

This is what some of our PALS said:

*Our aim is to encourage children to read more, explore new authors and have fun with reading! We are going to help keep the Book Box tidy and will regularly change the reading displays to show some of our favourite authors too! We will soon have some exciting reading competitions where there will be some prizes up for grabs. We are also hoping to set up some book clubs that take place in the Book Box at lunchtime. More information about the clubs and competitions will be given to classes soon.*

### **Christmas Plans**

Thank you to all the families who have brought in items for the Christmas Hampers. We will be putting these hampers together next week, in time for the virtual Christmas Market. If you have any more items that can be donated, please hand these into school next week so that the hampers can be as amazing as possible!

Don't forget about our virtual Christmas market which runs from Friday 26 until Sunday 28 November! Look out for links on the Facebook page and get involved!

I hope you and your families continue to keep well. Please contact the school directly if there is something you feel we can help with or if you have any worries. We love to hear from you and what you think matters to us.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona MacKenzie  
Head Teacher