



Dear Parents and Carers

And just like that.... it's Christmas!

We have enjoyed another busy term with all children in the EYCs and school working hard and making great progress in their learning. During October and November Covid outbreaks in five of our classes provided us with challenging situations over a number of weeks. However, I would like to thank the school community as a whole: pupils, staff and parents, for dealing with the disruption to learning and teaching and school attendance and for getting back to as 'near normal' as possible. We appreciate everyone continuing to adhere to social distancing, wearing masks and sanitising hands, helping us all to work together to keep each other safe. The current situation is constantly changing and we will keep you updated through Groupcall.

During this term we have welcomed the return of Mrs Park and Mrs Wade from maternity leave and heard the lovely news of Mrs Boyd having a beautiful new baby daughter.

Since the last newsletter in October, the children have celebrated Hallowe'en in their classes and enjoyed seeing each other's creative costumes in the class parade.



Primary 7 pupils delivered a virtual Remembrance assembly which was a huge achievement considering one of the classes were isolating. Well done to Miss Jones and Miss Caldwell for creatively making it happen.



Two Primary 6 pupils accompanied Mrs McDougall to the Greenside to represent Gardenrose in marking Remembrance Day and Miss Caldwell was joined by two Primary 6 pupils in the parade to the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

Primary 7 pupils organised a fun filled fundraising day for Children in Need. Lots of activities took place in each class and the annual soak the teacher provided lots of fun for the children. Not so much fun for the cold, drenched teachers! Gardenrose raised the grand total of £639.55. Well done and thank you for your donations everyone!





December has been a busy month for all classes. Our festive season began on 3rd December with Annette and the ladies serving a fantastic Christmas dinner and the children wearing Christmas jumpers to get into the Christmas spirit. We have been entertained all month by our talented classes contributing to the Gardenrose Advent Calendar. Many thanks to the editorial skills of Miss Caldwell. The infant nativity was a virtual event this year on our Facebook page. A big well done to all of our pupils and staff involved.



The children enjoyed two pantomimes this year. The school purchased an online panto and South Ayrshire made the Gaiety production available online to all schools. Christmas parties have been in full swing during the last week with everyone receiving a selection box kindly provided by the Parent Council.

We are sadly having to say goodbye to our school cook Mrs Thomson who has been with us for 3 years now. After the Christmas holidays she will be joining Girvan Academy. We wish her every success in her new post. In January we will welcome our new cook Mrs

McGuire to the school. Our cleaner Mrs McConnell has also left the school. We send her good wishes for the future.

School closes for Christmas on Wednesday at 2.20pm for P1, P4 & P5 and 2.30pm for P2, P3, P6 & P7. The Early Years Centre doors will open at 2.15pm.

We will reopen on Thursday 6th January. If there are any Government announcements affecting schools, we will send information to you through Groupcall. We would appreciate if as many children could LFT before returning to school on Thursday morning.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and we look forward to another busy year in 2022.

Yours sincerely

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You can keep up to date with school news and information on:

- Our school Facebook group - Gardenrose Primary School.
- Our school blog - www.blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/gardenroseprimary
- Our school twitter - @gardenroseps
 - Class Seesaw app during the hours of 8:30am-4pm on school days.