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# Kirklandpark Primary School Newsletter September 2022



### Successful Learner

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

Time is flying by and it's hard to believe that the first few weeks of our new academic year have passed already.

Our new Primary 1 children are already very settled with a real sense of belonging within the school. They have quickly settled into their new routines and are confidently making their way around the school.

Our older children are settled in their new classes and enjoying undertaking lots of new learning opportunities.



#### Extra-curricular Clubs

Throughout this year we have plans in place to offer a range of extra-curricular activities.

Our staff have volunteered to run clubs that span a range of age groups and include activities that will suit a range of tastes.

Already we have Netball training, Sports Hall Athletics and Football on offer to our older children.

A huge thank you to Mr Lockwood (Mirren's Dad) and Mr Miller (Oscar and Poppy's Dad) who are running our Football training. We have a big group of children who have loved their sessions.

We will be working in conjunction with our Parent Council to offer further activities. If you would like to run an after-school activity, there will be an opportunity to volunteer in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please see our App message relating to parent helpers and P.V.G. checks.





#### Parent Council & P.T.A

We were delighted to have welcomed a fantastic group of parents to our Parent Council and A.G.M. meetings on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Our Committees for the coming year were organised and both groups began to plan for the year ahead.

This year our Office Bearers are:

#### Parent Council

Chair Person: lain Grant
Vice Chair: Fiona Cook
Secretary: Karen Messer

#### <u>P.T.A.</u>

Joint Chairs: Alison Gilliland & Vicky Mackie

Secretary: Ruth Colquhoun Treasurer: Grace Lacey

The next meeting of the Parent Council is on 13<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm.



#### Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to a long awaited return to face-to-face Parents' Evenings. This year our first Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Each child is allocated one appointment slot which can be booked via our online booking system, 'School Cloud.'

Information on how to access the booking system was sent home and posted on our school app a couple of weeks ago.

Bookings can be made until midnight on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Please note that appointments out with Parents' Evening are not available.

On the evening itself, please enter the school building via the fire doors adjacent to the main entrance. Once inside, follow the arrows to the atrium and dining hall. Meetings with teachers will take place in the gym hall but you should wait in the atrium and dining hall for the teacher to come to get you.

There will be an opportunity for you to look at some of your child's work and to leave them a little written feedback on their Parents' Evening postcard.

#### **Effective Contributor**

Please remember that the teachers are working to a tight time schedule and we ask that you keep to time, respecting that other parents need to be seen at their allocated appointment time.



#### Maths Week Scotland

This week is 'Maths Week Scotland,' a celebration of Maths in our everyday lives. All of our classes are undertaking different activities throughout the week and will be sharing these on Twitter.



#### Links With Strathaven Academy

We have been delighted to be working with Strathaven Academy's P.E. department during recent weeks.

Staff from the P.E. department, along with the S6 Sports Leaders have been coming to K.P. to deliver sports sessions with our Primary 6 & 7 children.

Primary 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their recent lunch time handball club whilst Primary 7 have developed their volleyball skills during targeted lessons.

Both groups will have the opportunity to participate in local festivals later on in the term.



#### Youth Music Initiative

The children in P4/5 Room 6a and P5 Room 7 have embarked on a 20 week programme of music based education that is being delivered by SLC Music Specialist Una Cunningham.

The programme is a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their knowledge and skills whilst having a great time! At the end of their training, the children under the careful guidance of Mrs Cunningham, will deliver a special performance to the other children in the school.



Football & Netball Tournaments

This week representatives from our Football and Netball squads have attended tournaments in East Kilbride.

The children did us proud, not only playing superbly well but also through their behaviour, manners and display of good sportsmanship.

We're super proud of them all!



#### Parent Helpers

Following on from very limited opportunities for parents and carers to act as helpers during Covid restricted times, we are delighted that we can return to this.

We are hoping to create a bank of names of parents and carers who may be able to help. There are all sorts of ways that you can help support the children and these are outlined in the message recently posted on our school app.

Whatever time you can spare, whether on a one-off or a regular basis, after school or during the school day, we would be grateful for your support.

All helpers need to have a PVG carried out by Disclosure Scotland. For further information, please email our school office on office@kirklandpark-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk.



**Head Lice** 

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families.

They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact.

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice.

You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). These can be bought online or from pharmacies.

For information on how to treat headlice please see <a href="www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/">www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/</a>



#### Collecting Younger Children From School

To help make it a bit easier for the children to spot 'their adult' please stand well away from the school gate and step forward, making yourself easy to spot when the teachers bring the children out at 3.00pm.

It's a busy time of the day and it can be difficult for the children and teachers to spot people.

We would also respectfully ask that when you have your child, you move away from the collection area as quickly as possible.



#### **Harvest Festival**

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival in school. Instead of our usual assembly we will have a service dedicated to Harvest with each class sharing some of their associated learning with the rest of the school.

This service will be held in the school and will be for pupils only.

We hope to be able to put a video of the service on Google Classroom for parents and carers to see.



**Harvest Table** 

As part of our Harvest festival celebrations we usually have a Harvest Table. Each year we ask families to donate dried or tinned food items and at the end of our service, all items are donated to a local foodbank.

If you are able to donate anything for this year's Harvest table we would be very grateful. Items can be sent into school from 6<sup>th</sup> October until 13<sup>th</sup> October.



#### Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Books

Children in schools across the United Kingdom have been gifted books that commemorate the jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II by the Government.

We will be handing these out to the children during the next few days.



#### Book Shop

We are delighted to have the Travelling Book Shop return to the school for Parents' Evening on the 11<sup>th</sup> October.

The book trolleys will be in school during the week leading up to Parents' Evening and the children will have the opportunity to have a look at the selection on offer.

The shop will be open on Parents' Night itself when parents / carers will be able to make purchases.

Please note that the shop is not open to children during the school day.



#### School App

Our app can be downloaded to all Apple and android phones. Go onto the Apple or Google Play store and search for PSA. Once you've opened the app just search for Kirklandpark Primary School and you will be able to see all of our latest events, news and messages.

Please note that almost all communication that does not require a written response will be communicated via our app and where appropriate, our twitter account and website.

Permission forms etc. will be sent home in the children's bags.



#### **Independent Learners**

As part of our ongoing work to support children in developing the four capacities outlined within Curriculum For Excellence we are encouraging them to develop their independence and organisation skills by doing as much as they can for themselves.

This includes making sure that they collect resources and materials that they need for a task and taking on additional responsibilities within the class. These are age appropriate and range from being line leaders to helping to organise and tidy libraries etc.

Parents and carers can help too. Encouraging children to pack their school bags themselves (with a little supervision when they are little!) is a great way to help the children to develop their independence.

All school aged children are expected to be able to

change their shoes independently

- use the toilet without assistance from an adult
- button / zip their jacket independently

unless they have A.S.N.



#### School Dinner Menu

The new menu began on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August and it has been great to see a variety of new options included.

Children in Primaries 1-5 receive free school dinners.

Please remember that milk is not included within the school dinner provision and it must be ordered separately via Parent Pay.



Milk can be ordered in advance but please note that orders placed on the day must be made by 9.30am. This is because the kitchen staff get their report informing them of who has to receive milk at that time.



#### **House Captains & Vice Captains**

A huge thank you and well done to all of our Primary 7 children who put themselves forward for our House Captain and Vice Captain elections.

Each candidate wrote and delivered a speech outlining why their housemates should vote for them.

They did a fantastic job and we're very proud of them.

Our successful candidates were.....

Avon

House Captain: Brooke Allen Vice Captain: Hugo Rattray

<u>Brook</u>

House Captain: Cooper Jamieson Vice Captain: Samantha Lutoto

Castle

House Captain: Noah Smith
Vice Captain: Jessica Douglas

Glebe

House Captain: Cara Smith Vice Captain: Gilbert Davies

Congratulations and well done!



#### School Office

Recently we have seen a huge number of parents / carers handing in forgotten items.

Things such as lunch boxes, bags, snacks, water bottles and gym kits should not be handed in.

We'll ensure children have access to a school lunch and they can manage without the other items for the duration of the day.

The only exceptions to this are:

- handing in emergency medication for children
- handing in lunch for a child with a medically related dietary requirement



#### **Bikeability**

Children in Primary 6 will have the opportunity to participate in Bikeability Training during the course of the next few weeks

Bikeability is the modern equivalent of Cycling Proficiency.

We hope that as many children as possible will participate. It's a fantastic way for the children to learn how to keep themselves safe on the roads when cycling but it also encourages them to think about how to keep others safe too.



Gym Kit

Our gym kit is:

black or navy blue shorts

and

polo shirt or white or blue t-shirt

Please note that t-shirts and shorts must be of an appropriate length.

All children must have gym shoes  $\,/\,$  soft shoes to change into when they come indoors.

On colder days, children may prefer to wear joggers or leggings if they are having gym outdoors. Please note that these should be either black or navy blue.



#### Uniforn

Whilst it is lovely to see the children wearing sweatshirts, jumpers and polo shirts that feature our school badge, this is not compulsory and if more affordable, unbranded items can be worn instead.

Please note that these should be of school colour. Clothing featuring the name of fashion brands or slogans must not be worn.

We understand that family circumstances can change and finances may not stretch to purchasing new items. We have a small supply of spare clothing and are more than happy to help if we can.

Our Parent Council will be organising an Eco-Friendly Uniform Hub that will be available during Parents' Evening.

If you have any uniform items that are no longer fit or are no longer needed, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to our stall. This could help save another family a little money whilst also helping with our efforts to reduce pollution.

Donations can be handed into the school from 3<sup>rd</sup> October until 11<sup>th</sup> October.



#### **Driving Around The School**

Please be very careful when driving and parking on the roads near to the school. We encourage our children to walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible but the high volume of parked cars is making this increasingly more dangerous for them. The children comment on how difficult it is to see when crossing the roads and there have also been issues relating to people doing three point turns in places that endanger pedestrians.

The Park and Stride in the George Allan car park should be used by parents dropping off children at the Kirklandpark Avenue entrance of the school to minimise traffic in the immediate vicinity of the school.

Our car park should not be used from 8.45am – 9.10am and 2.45pm – 3.15pm when there is a high number of children accessing the school grounds. The exception to this being cars that require to use the disabled parking bays to collect children with disabilities or injuries that impede their mobility.

Please also be respectful of our neighbours. It is completely unacceptable to park in or across the driveway of local residents. We have recently been told that parents have parked on top of the pavement in Lethame Gardens, endangering both local adult

residents and children making their way home from school.

We have also received notification that the Police have been informed about parking that restricts access for emergency vehicles.



Nut Free Zone

We have a number of children who have nut allergies.

We respectfully ask that you do not send your child to school with nuts or nut based snacks and sandwich spreads.



#### **Pantomime**

We are looking forward to our annual trip to the Townhouse, Hamilton to see the pantomime, 'Beauty And The Beast.'

Our whole school trip is due to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> December but please ensure that payment for the trip is made by 7<sup>th</sup> October.



**Homework Materials** 

Please remember that children should bring homework diaries and reading books in their school bags everyday.

The materials are often needed within the class.



#### Librarian Visit

Audrey from Strathaven Library joined us during a recent assembly.

She came to deliver and award certificates to children who had participated in the summer reading programme.

Audrey and I were over the moon to see how many children had been reading for pleasure throughout the summer.

Audrey told us that she thinks we may have been the school with the most participants!

Well done boys and girls!



#### **Primary 6 Swimming**

The children in Room 8 are currently undertaking a block of swimming coaching at the Strathaven Leisure Centre.

The children are thoroughly enjoying their sessions, with some learning to swim whilst others are further developing their existing

Room 9 will start their block of sessions towards the end of the year when Room 8's come to an end.



#### **Reading Schools**

We are delighted that we are continuing to work towards accreditation as a 'Reading School' during this coming session.

Reading Schools is an initiative that is being operated by the Scottish Book Trust. It builds on the legacy of the First Minister's Reading Challenge to provide a framework to help us build on the work that we already do in this area.

Our aim is to use our reading culture to help our children to further develop their critical thinking, creativity, empathy and resilience.

We also hope that many of them will develop a lifelong love of reading too!



#### **Hands Up Scotland Survey**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September we participated in the 'Hands Up Scotland Survey!' We surveyed the children in our school and nursery to find out how they have travelled to school. We then submitted our results to the national survey. The results of which are collated by Sustrans.



#### **Bikes And Scooters**

Children who travel to school on their bike / scooter are welcome to store them in our shelters during the school day.

In the interests of safety, children must not ride them within the school grounds or on the surrounding paths.

We've had a few near misses when parents, carers or younger children have almost been knocked down.

Cycle helmets should always be worn when cycling / scooting to and from school and nursery.

We have two cycle shelters, one located in the infant playground and the other in the senior playground. Children can park in the shelter closest to the gate that they use.



#### **Disabled Parking**

Parents / carers dropping off / collecting children from nursery and school should not use the disabled parking bays unless they are blue badge holders.

The badge must be clearly visible in the windscreen of the vehicle.

The exception to this would be those who are dropping off children who have a short-term injury that limits their mobility eg. broken leg.



#### Flu Immunisation

The Flu Immunisations were carried out by the NHS team on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Almost all children across the school received their immunisation from the team.



#### Clothing Grants and Free Meal Entitlement

Clothing Grant and free meal application forms are available for completion on the South Lanarkshire Council website.

If you are in receipt of Housing Benefit or Council Tax Reduction there is no need to apply online.

SLC hold information centrally and will automatically award free school meals and / or clothing grants to eligible families.

Single person discount on Council Tax is not classed as Council Tax reduction.

Universal Credit recipients should only apply online if they are not receiving Council Tax reduction.

Further information can be accessed on the South Lanarkshire Council website.

Information relating to eligibility for clothing grants and income related free meals is not held within the school. All enquiries should be directed to Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton.



#### School Meals

There is no charge for school dinners for children in P1-5 as they are subsidised by the Scottish government as part of an initiative to boost health.

Please note that children do not receive milk as part of this initiative however it can be purchased if you book it on Parent Pay.

If you are using your phone to make a milk booking please be aware that you may need to swipe to the right to see the button to complete the process. Without hitting this button the order doesn't go through and your child's name will not appear on our list.

Please note that milk cannot be provided for children unless it has been ordered on Parent Pay. The school kitchen does not accept cash directly.

#### P1-7 Income Related Free Meal Entitlement

Children eligible for South Lanarkshire Council's free meal entitlement are the exception to this and they do receive free milk. This should not be ordered on Parent Pay

School meals for children in P6-7 cost £2.00 with an additional 26p to purchase milk.



#### Labels On Clothing + Other Items

Please ensure that all of your child's clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with their name. This helps us to return lost property quickly and prevents any mix-ups. This includes lunch boxes and water bottles.

We empty our lost property on a monthly basis and items are sent to our clothing bin in the Common Green car park.



#### Absences

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school it is essential that you let us know. This

ensures that all children are safe and accounted for. Please phone the school office on 01357 520177 and leave a message on our answering service to report an absence.



**Holidays During Term Time** 

South Lanarkshire Council do not encourage family holidays to be taken during term time as they both disrupt children's education and reduce learning time. Such absences will almost always be recorded as unauthorised unless in exceptional circumstances. The head teacher should be notified in writing prior to a child going on holiday. Additional school work is not provided for completion during family holidays.

Please note that work is not provided when parents opt to keep children home to self-isolate in advance of a family holiday.



#### **Twitter Account**

Don't forget that we have our very own Twitter Account and we use this as a way to share what is happening in school.

To request to follow us search for

### @kirklandparkps

You will also need to send an email to <a href="mailto:office@kirklandpark-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk">office@kirklandpark-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk</a> telling us your name, Twitter handle and your children's names and stages (as well as a note to say that you have requested to follow us).

Our Twitter Account is not open to the general public.

Our Twitter Account is used to share and celebrate children's learning in addition to being a second means of relaying messages sent via our App.

We hope that parents and carers will show the children the Twitter feed at home. For this reason, personal comments should not be posted.

For general information about the school we still operate our website,

#### http://www.kirklandpark-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Please note that we do not use our website for day-to-day communications.



Throughout the year we will be holding monthly dress down days to raise money for our school fund.

We will tell the children and notify you via our App and for a cost of £1, the children can come to school dressed in their casual clothes

Children in receipt of income related free school meals can wear their casual clothes but do not have to pay £1.

Please remember that team colours of any sport are not permitted.

Donations can be made via Parent Pay or the children can bring in cash on the day itself.



#### Wet Days

Please ensure that your child is dressed in a waterproof jacket (with a hood) and appropriate footwear on wet and inclement days as we rarely stay indoors or come inside early.



#### Collecting Children At The End Of The Day

We have recently received several enquiries asking if it is compulsory for children to be collected by an adult at the end of the school day.

It is not compulsory for children to be collected from school. This is a parental decision and will vary according to family circumstances.

We do however ask for children in Primary 1 to be collected until the end of October at the earliest.



## Religious And Moral Education And Observance

We teach Religious And Moral Education as part of Scotland's Curriculum For Excellence.

We hope to resume the monthly assemblies conducted by Dr Paterson from Trinity Church and Rev. Stark from Avendale Parish Church in the near future. Both ministers are popular with the children and we always look forward to their visits.

We usually visit Trinity Church for our Easter and Summer services each year whilst our Harvest and Christmas services are held in the school

Parents / carers are welcome to attend our Christmas, Easter and Summer services. Details of these services will be shared closer to the time.

If you do not wish your child to participate in Religious and Moral Education and Religious

Observance please inform me in writing. This will remain valid for one year and should be updated thereafter on an annual basis.



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#### Junior Road Safety Officers (J.R.S.O.s)

Earlier this term the elder children in the school made their speeches for the role of Junior Road Safety Officer. Following elections, we are delighted to announce that this year's J.R.S.O.s are

Melissa Platt-Mackay Molly Shiel Eva Walker And Raffi MacKenna Sales

The children will be working with Miss Brown during this coming year, promoting road safety across our school and nursery.

They recently attended a training session at Chatelherault Country Park. They had a great time and learned lots about their new role.



Cos1

South Lanarkshire Council are hosting Climate Change And Sustainability Events for children of primary and secondary age during the next few weeks. Each school has been allocated a number of places and we are delighted to be sending along six of our Primary 6 children.

Millie Callaghan, Beth Leonard, Elizabeth Russell, Isla De Fazio, Molly Shiel and Hugh Hartley will be in attendance at the full day event.

Rooms 8 & 9 have already submitted posters for use during the event.

We're looking forward to hearing about the children's experiences when they return to school.



#### Fruity Friday Points

On a Friday we encourage the children to bring fruit for their snack. As well as being healthy it will earn them points for their house.



#### Establishment Plan

Across Scotland all schools have an annual improvement plan.

This year we have adopted a different approach, in accordance with SLC guidance and have produced a 'plan on a page.' The improvement plan can be seen on our website.

Our biggest priority continues to be to support children's learning and development and to do this we have carried forward some items from last year and incorporated some new targets.

#### These are:

- Undertake 'Do-Be-Mindful training and implement across all stages
- Revisit Relationship, Sexual Health and Parenthood programme and update programme of study
- Continue to develop outdoor learning programme
- Further develop writing programme
- Develop Early Level Numeracy provision with a focus on Nursery aged children
- Further develop Digital Literacy across all stages with a particular emphasis on Cybersafety
- Continue to work towards Reading Schools Accreditation



Friday Fitness

Every Friday morning our whole school spends some time doing laps of the school to increase our fitness.

So far, we have walked to ensure everybody knows the route and to impress that we need to take care not to bump into others. Very soon we will progress to running to challenge ourselves further.



Primary 7 Residential Trip

We are delighted that we are going to be offering our Primary 7 children the opportunity to go on a residential trip to PGL Dalguise in May 2023.

A huge thanks to our staff members who have offered to give up their own time to accompany the children. It's very much appreciated as this is entirely voluntary and not part of their contractual duties.



#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning for our children on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. For a minimum donation of 50p our children will have an opportunity to enjoy a small cake and a drink of diluting juice and all for a good cause!

As always, all proceeds will be donated to MacMillan Cancer Research.



#### **Chit Chat Groups**

Each year we encourage the children in the school to contribute to our school improvement initiatives.

Their ideas and opinions are very much valued and included within our planning as their contributions are often insightful.

We use our monthly Chit Chat groups as a vehicle to record their opinions.

We usually have around twenty groups running and the children work in mixed teams that incorporate children from all stages. Every child in the school is included to ensure equity for all.

The children work in mixed aged groups, with each group being led by our Primary 7 pupils.

The first Chit Chat is due to take place next week and will be based on the collecting ideas for our PEF participatory budget.



#### PEF Participatory Budget

We have allocated approximately 5% of our Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) to participatory budgeting, in line with SLC guidelines.

This accounts for £1600.

Participatory budgeting enables pupils and parents to vote on how the allocated budget is spent.

PEF budgets are specifically allocated to ensure that no child is disadvantaged by poverty and therefore the spending of this budget is restricted to items and activities that can support this.

This year the focus for our PEF interventions are

- social and emotional wellbeing
- promoting healthy lifestyles
- engaging beyond school

In tackling these areas we are looking to help children who are affected by poverty engage with their learning and reduce poverty related barriers to learning in addition to providing opportunities that may not be otherwise available to them.

We are keen for parents and carers to be involved in this process and would encourage you to put forward any suggestions and ideas that you may have.

Once we have collated the ideas from the children, parents and carers, you will be given the opportunity to vote in a ballot to select the initiative that the money will be used to fund.



Head Teacher's Challenge

Rights Respecting School Link:

United Nations Convention On The Rights Of The Child (In Child Friendly Language)

Article 15 You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.

Boys and girls,

Earn 100 bonus points for your house by creating a poster that is based on the SHANARRI indicator 'included.' Your poster should show, other children in the school. ways that they can ensure everyone in our school feels valued and included.

Your poster will be shared with the other children during assembly and we will display it around the school too.

Please bring your ideas to my office.



#### **Mobile Phones In School**

We understand that some children may need to have a mobile phone with them so that they can contact parents & carers out with school time.

In such cases, phones should be switched off and kept in the child's school bag from the moment they come in through the gate until they leave.

Children are not allowed to use their phones to contact parents / carers within the school campus unless supervised by a member of staff. Requests to make such phone calls should be a one off occasion and not a regular occurrence.

Taking photographs or filming using mobile phones is strictly prohibited.



Our target setting cycle takes place over a three week period.

Targets are written in the children's homework diary to ensure that parents can see what their child is working on.

The children will work on this target throughout this week and then discuss their progress on a Friday. Please see your child's homework diary for details of their current target and progress.

Targets can be set from the whole class, groups or individuals depending on what the class teacher feels is most appropriate.

Children will participate in the formulation of the targets in a way that is appropriate to their age and stage.



Class Assemblies & Showcase Of Work

This year each of our classes will either hold a class assembly or a showcase of work.

Before there were Covid restrictions, these were a regular feature in our school year and we are looking forward to their reintroduction.

Each class teacher will decide the focus topic for the showcase of work or class assembly and this will provide the children with an opportunity to share their learning with parents / carers and the other children in the school.

Your child's class teacher will be in touch several weeks before their assembly / showcase of work is due to take place to provide you with more details.



#### **SHANARRI**

The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is about improving the wellbeing of children and young people in Scotland. The Act is wide ranging and includes key parts of the Getting it right for every child approach, commonly known as GIRFEC.

Wellbeing sits at the heart of the GIRFEC.

A child or young person's wellbeing is influenced by everything around them and the different experiences and needs they have at different times in their lives.

To help make sure everyone - children, young people, parents, and the services that support them – has a common understanding of what

wellbeing means, we describe it in terms of eight indicators.

The eight wellbeing indicators are commonly referred to by their initial letters - SHANARRI.

#### SHANARRI stands for

- safe
- healthy
- active
- nurtured
- achieving
- respected
- responsible
- included

Usually we have a monthly assembly where we focus on one area of SHANARRI. This year focus discussions will be carried out in classes.

Following the discussions each child has their own SHANARRI wheel to complete. This allows them to record a personal response about the focus area.

Last week we held our SHANARRI assembly for the month. Our focus was 'Included' and we talked about all of the ways that we feel included and also how we can help others to feel included.



On the second week of each term our children complete several tasks within their 'spotlight jotter.' The tasks include literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing aspects of the curriculum.

The jotter provides a snapshot of the children's learning at that time and the intention is to show their progress over time.

You will have an opportunity to look at your child's Spotlight Jotter during Parents' evening.

**Pupil Council** 

This year's Pupil Council members are:

Daniel McGowan Room 1

Room 2 Emma Smith

Room 3 Mairi Busby

Room 4 Isaac Milne Room 5 Ollie MacRobert

Room 6 Holly Gilliland

Room 6a: Calum Russell

Room 7 **Rosie Smart** 

Room 8 Millie Callaghan Amelia-Grace O'Hara Room 9

Room 10 Max Oattes

Room 11 Adam Walker

We are looking forward to our first meeting next week.

Kind regards

D. Laing

**Head Teacher**