



Kirklandpark Primary School

Newsletter

August 2026



Successful Learner

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a lovely first few days back at school and we are delighted to welcome back our returning pupils and staff and to extend a warm welcome to all those who are new to our Kirklandpark community.



Paper Based Proformas

Over the course of the next few days we will send home a small number of paper based proformas.

We will try to send them home as one booklet and would ask for a return from all parents.

This will allow us to gather information to help us with the organisation for the year ahead.

The vast majority of our general information sharing and data gathering will be carried out via Parent Portal as usual, however there are a few things that we will send home on paper as this is an easier method of collection for these particular things.

These will include, Information in relation to:

- Class Parent Helper Volunteers
- Trip Parent Helper Volunteers
- P.T.A. & Parent Council Volunteers
- Blue Sky Requests
- Homework Opt-out information



Parent Portal

As you will be aware from the June newsletter and from our Primary 1 Parent Transition Meeting, we no longer have access to our School App.

All South Lanarkshire Schools must now use Parent Portal as their main means of

communication and are no longer permitted to use school apps.

This means that all communication, including reminders and general information will come via the portal.

As this is a big change for us, we are unsure as to how much we will be able to communicate and anticipate that we may not be able to send out information as quickly and easily as we have done previously.

Please bear with us as we make the move from using it for permission forms and parents evening bookings to include all other aspects of information communication.

The lunch choices and events that will be happening in the coming week will go onto the Parent Portal Calendar.

Annual items will be listed in the calendar in due course, however, this may take us a few weeks to do as it is a very busy time in school.



School Calendar

Our annual Parent / Calendar was sent home via Parent Portal yesterday.

This will allow you to see this year's holiday dates and all of the events that have already been diarised.

Sometimes it is necessary to change and adjust dates due to circumstances out with our control. We will let you know of any changes via Parent Portal.

As outlined above, we will put the dates on the Parent Portal calendar in due course.



Indoor Shoes

A little reminder that all children in P1 – P7 must have indoor shoes to change into when they enter the school building.

Effective Contributor

This is for comfort and to help keep our carpets and floors clean.

Indoor shoes should be kept in school.



Photographer

The school photographer will visit the school on Thursday 1st October.

Individual, family and class photos will be taken.



Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club resumed yesterday. It is open to all children from P1-P7.

It operates Monday through to Friday from 8.15am – 8.45am in our gym hall. At 8.45am, the children in attendance join their friends in our playground.

Children cannot attend breakfast club without a booking. Bookings for places must be made in the week preceeding the required dates.

Reminders of when the service opens and closes used to be given on the school app. These will now be sent via Parent Portal.

To book a place for your child for any day during the week beginning Monday 24th August, please email office@kirklandpark-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk with your child / children's first and surname(s), their class and the days that you would like to book.

You will receive an acknowledgement email from our school office when this has been processed by our office staff.

Our booking service closes at 12.30pm on the Friday of the week prior to booked dates. Late bookings cannot be accepted.



P.T.A. & Parent Council A.G.M.

This year's P.T.A. and Parent Council A.G.M.s will be held in our gym hall on Thursday 3rd September at 6.30pm.

The meetings usually have a duration of approximately 1 hour.

Entry to the meeting is via the fire doors at the bottom of the stairs adjacent to the main entrance of the school at the Kirkland Park Avenue of the school.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend and we would encourage as many people as possible to support both groups.

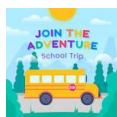
Their purpose is to support the life and work of the school in order to give our children the best possible outcomes and to help them to achieve their best both academically and within other aspects of their development.

Both groups have a fantastic input into the success of our children and whatever input you can give would be hugely appreciated.

We understand that everyone has busy lives and that attending all meetings may not be feasible. It would be amazing if you can even sign up to offer

- help at events
- or
- for short Parent Council projects.

We will send home a proforma to enable you to let us know if you are able and would be willing to assist with either or both.



School Trips

School trips are a much loved part of the school year for many of our children.

They are a fantastic opportunity to extend learning beyond the classroom, provide children with visits to environments that they may not otherwise experience and the chance to enjoy a collective adventure!

Regardless of whether trips are within walking distance of the school or further afield, we always need to have parent / carer helpers to assist with the supervision of the children.

We are unable to operate any trips locally or further afield without such helpers.

Parent / carer helpers must have been PVG checked in order to assist and we are urgently requesting as many parents / carers as possible to join our list of volunteers and have

a PVG carried out to allow us to take the children out of school.

Again, we appreciate that people are busy and everyone on our list has the right to refuse if they cannot or do not wish to assist on a outing.

We will send home a pro-forma to ask you if you would be willing to go on our volunteer list as parent helper for trips.



Class Based Parent Helpers

In addition to help with school trips, parents and carers are most welcome to volunteer to help within our classes.

Parent / carer helpers are not normally placed with their child's class and will not work with them directly.

As with helpers for trips, class helpers must be PVG checked before they are able to assist on a regular basis.



Becoming PVG Checked

In order to be PVG checked for our school & nursery, parents / carers should bring in two proofs of residency and one photographic ID to our school office.

We will then photocopy these and return them immediately. These copies are then sent to our Support Services Coordinator.

We will also ask for some basic information: name, email address, related children within the school and the relationship to them.

The Support Services Coordinator will contact Disclosure Scotland who will email the applicant with a link to complete their online form.

All costs in relation to the check are paid for by South Lanarkshire Council.

When the PVG check has been carried out and returned clear, we are able to have the parent / carer begin helping with trips and / or in class.



Children's Entry & Exit From The School Grounds

Children in Primary 2 – 7 can enter and exit the school grounds by the gates at both sides of the school building.

All children in Primary 1 must enter and exit via the pedestrian gate at the main entrance of the school on the Kirkland Park Avenue side of the school. This is because we have a

higher number of staff at this side to support the little ones.

If your child is in P2-7, please remember to tell them which gate to go to if they are being collected at the end of the school day.

Many of our P4-7 children walk home independently and are not collected by an adult. We would however, ask that all of our P1-3 children are collected by an adult.

Please remember that we don't do a personal hand-over for children in P2 upwards. We do however tell them to return to the teaching staff if they don't see their adult, if they are expecting to be collected.



End Of The Month Dress Down Days

To help give our school fund a little boost on a regular basis, at the end of each month, we have a dress down day.

In exchange for the donation of £1.00, children can come to school dressed in their casual clothes.

The donation should be paid via Parent Pay and can be done on each individual dress down day or as a one-off payment of £7.00.

This is an entirely optional monthly event and children not wishing to participate can come dressed in their school uniform as usual.

Children in receipt of income related free meal entitlement should dress down if they wish to but should not donate money.

Please note that professional sports team colours and strips should not be worn in accordance with South Lanarkshire Council regulations.



Blue Sky

In previous years, we have used 'X,' formerly 'Twitter,' to communicate the children's achievements and learning experiences.

We have now moved to Bluesky and during this year, all such information will be communicated through this.

We only accept requests to follow us from parents / carers. At present we only have a small number of followers.

Over the next few days we will send home a proforma that you can complete to enable us to accept you as a follower.



Staff Only In Playground

To ensure the safety of our children from strangers, we ask that parents / carers do not enter our playgrounds.

This enables staff to quickly and easily identify any adults who should not be present in order to safeguard the children.



Labelling Of Clothes And Other Items

To help prevent loss and confusion over ownership of clothing and other personal items, please ensure that all of your child's belongings are labelled with their first and surname.



This Year's Classes

In Kirklandpark, our children work as stage groups, across departments and with other classes to maximise opportunities for learning.

The children across all stages except Primary 1 & 2 will work with children from other classes and with other teachers in reading, writing, spelling, general literacy, maths and topic work.

This enables each teacher to work with a smaller number of groups and allows them to significantly increase their direct teaching and support time with the children.



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.

Netball training, football and Sports Hall Athletics will be starting for our older children in the not too distant future.

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.



Halloween Disco

Our P.T.A. will be hosting a Halloween Disco on Thursday 29th October.

Our P1-3 Disco will be held from 6.00pm until 7.00pm.

Our P4-7 Parents' Evening will be held from 7.15pm until 8.30pm.

Tickets cost £3 and can be paid on Parent Pay. The Parent Pay line will close at noon on the 29th October.

If you forget to pay for the ticket on Parent Pay, tickets can be paid at the door but children must bring £3 in cash as we cannot guarantee that change will be available.

Tickets will include entry, juice and crisps.

Children are encouraged to dress up but do not have to and can come dressed in their ordinary clothes if they wish to do so.

Please ensure that costumes are not too scary (eg. killer clowns) to avoid causing any other children any distress.



Parents' Evening

This year our first Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 8th October, as intimated in our school calendar.

Each child is allocated one appointment slot which can be booked via the online booking system on Parent Portal. The booking system will open at 9.00am on Thursday 27th August and the last day that bookings can be made is Thursday 1st October.

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

Please note that appointments out with Parents' Evening are not available as Parents' Evenings are allocated as part of teacher's work time agreements.

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.

The children's work will be located on tables in the atrium.

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.



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 www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/



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.

Please remember that while Primary 1 must enter and leave by the main entrance gate at the Kirkland Park Avenue side of the school, Primaries 2 -7 can leave by either gate.

Whilst we are currently still doing a personal hand-over of Primary 1 children, all other children are reminded to look for their adult (if expecting to be collected) and to return to a member of staff if they do not see them.



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 bit of 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 significant additional support needs.

As children get older it is great for them to learn how to:

- tie their shoe laces
- tie their school tie



School Dinner Menu

A new school lunch menu will begin on Monday 24th August.

A copy of the new menu will be sent home and each week we will post the menu choices on the Parent Portal calendar.



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
- handing in reading glasses

In addition to this we have also received a couple of phone calls from parents asking to speak to their children.

Please note that this is not something that can be accommodated. We can pass on a message in an emergency situation but children will not be removed from class to take personal phone calls.



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. Vest and crops tops are not permitted.

All children must have gym shoes / soft shoes to change into when they come indoors and that can be used for P.E.

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.

Please note that children must not wear other colours unless it is a dress down day.



Uniform

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 supply of pre-loved clothing available in our 'Sustainability Shed,' located outside the main entrance of the school. Please feel free to take what you need.

If you don't find what you are looking for, please let us know as we have more clothing in storage and we may be able to locate what you are looking for.



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.



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.

If we are aware of children having snacks that are nut based, we will ask that they do not eat them and that they take them back home with them. We will give them something else to eat to ensure that they don't go hungry.

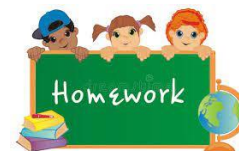


Pantomime

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

Our whole school trip is due to take place on 2nd December.

We will send out further information about the trip in the next few days.



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.



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 at any time during the school day 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 for this year will be carried out by a team from the NHS on Thursday 22nd September.



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, Almadra 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.

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.

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 £2.71 with an additional 33p 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.



Absence Monitoring

As part of our pupil absence monitoring procedures and South Lanarkshire Council's attendance procedures we will be in touch to offer help and support should your child's attendance fall below 90%.

Did you know that, over the course of the school year, attendance levels that fall below:

- 95% is the same as missing 9 school days.
- 90% is the same as missing 19 school days (almost 4 weeks).

- 85% is the same as missing 27 school days (just less than 6 weeks).
- 80% is the same as missing 36 school days (just less than 8 weeks).
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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.



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.



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.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning for our children on Thursday 24th

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.

Donations can be paid in cash on the day or via Parent Pay.



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 voting for the use of our PEF participatory budget.



PEF Participatory Budget

We have allocated approximately 9% of our Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) to participatory budgeting, in line with SLC guidelines.

This accounts for £2425.50.

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.

We will be in touch shortly to ask you for your ideas.

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 & Smart Watches In School

We understand that some children may need to have a mobile phone / smart watch 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. Smart watches should be put on 'school mode.'

Children are not allowed to use their phones or watches 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. Such requests can only be granted by the Head Teacher.

Taking photographs or filming using mobile phones is strictly prohibited.

Please note that children are not allowed to take calls either on phones or via their

watches during the school day. This includes calls from parents and carers.



Target Setting

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

During the course of this year each stage will either hold an assembly or a showcase of work.

Class teachers will decide the focus topic for the showcase of work or 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(s) 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.



Spotlight Jotters

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.



Skills Academy

South Lanarkshire Council's Skills Framework supports children and young people to develop their skills set to develop the four capacities of Curriculum For Excellence to aid them reach 'a positive destination' in their post-school studies and careers.

Throughout their nursery and school career, we work to help the children develop themselves to be:

- confident individuals
- effective contributors
- successful learners
- responsible citizens

These are the four capacities.

The skills are organised under the following headings:

Confident Individuals

Personal Skills
Communication Skills

Effective Contributors

Innovation
Learning And Working With Others

Successful Learners

Skills For Learning
Digital Technology

Responsible Citizens

Interpersonal Skills
Employability Skills

We have set up a 'skills academy' for our P5-7 pupils. This takes place on a Friday afternoon and we are just about to complete the first block of sessions.

We have six different activities, each running for four weeks and throughout the year the children will participate in each one in order to develop a range of different skills.

Each of the six skills workshops are linked to CfE Experiences and Outcomes and Benchmarks, and the SLC 3 to 18 Skills Framework. Pupils target set using the SLC Skills Framework, with P5 and P6 pupils working towards a school created award and P7 pupils working toward Youth Scotland's Dynamic Youth Award.



Abbeyfield House

We are delighted to have ongoing links with the Strathaven Abbeyfield House Sheltered Housing Complex.

The residents are people who have a long association with Strathaven and throughout this year we will be visiting them on regular occasions to entertain them.

Due to limited space, we will be able to take a maximum of 15 children at one time. Small groups will go at key times and children will share their learning on such things as

- St. Andrew's Day
- Burns
- Christmas
- Easter/ Spring

We are very much looking forward to an exciting year ahead, working in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community to provide the best possible learning opportunities for our children.

Kind regards
D. Laing
Head Teacher

