



November 2023 Newsletter



Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class

Focus



We are starting the month off by continuing our Autumn theme finishing off with Autumnal walks for each group during week beginning 6th November. One group a day will go out of the school for a walk and families will be asked in advance to complete a written permission slip.

Mrs Moran used voting conkers last week and most children voted to learn more about dinosaurs for the remainder of the month.

PE Stay and Play



Our next stay and play will be at the end of November and beginning of December. The theme will be fitness and wellbeing, led by Mrs Thorpe. Families will be invited to join in the session, but don't worry we will not be asking you to do anything too energetic! Each group's families will be invited on a different day. Please see the dates for the diary section for your child's day. Again, we would like to request that no younger children attend the sessions.

Christmas Hampers



Our team would like to raise some funds for our school and have decided to organise festive hampers. We would welcome any donations for these from our families. We will have a box outside the nursery door from Monday 6th November for donations. We plan to sell raffle tickets for the hampers at our school fayre on Saturday 25th November.

Scottish Book Week



Scottish Book Week is being celebrated in Kirktonholme between Tuesday 14th November and Friday 17th November. We will be having a dressing up day on Friday 17th November where children can come dressed as their favourite literary character. If your child would prefer not to dress up that is absolutely fine.

Bookbug



South Lanarkshire Libraries team have made a YouTube channel where they have posted fabulous sessions related to the Bookbug bags that everyone was given when they started Kirktonholme. The online sessions have been recorded and have songs and stories that you may enjoy sharing with your children and can be found at the YouTube address below. Mrs Young is attending Bookbug training on Wednesday and we are looking forward to learning more about how we can develop this resource further.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SLLCLibrariesChildrensTeam>

Parents' Evening

Our first Parents' Evenings took place last month and we had a 97% turnout. Sharing your child's learning, progress, and achievements with you and learning more about your child from you is a great opportunity to build on our home/school partnership. Although we have two scheduled Parent's Evenings each session, if there is any aspect of nursery life that you would like to talk to us about at any time, please just ask as our door is always open.

Google Classroom

Remember to encourage your children to check our Google Classroom regularly to see updates and photographs showcasing their learning.

Newsletters

Our newsletters are posted on our school website and App, usually on the first working day of the month.

Contact Details

Please ensure that any changes to contact details are shared with the school.

Students

We currently have Miss Smith with us every Monday and Tuesday and Miss Sands is with us on a Thursday. Miss Athanasopoulou, our support assistant, is also studying towards a BA in Early Learning in Childcare.

Applications for session 2024/2025

Any family who has a child who will be two on or before 29/02/24 should ensure that they have completed a nursery application form on South Lanarkshire Council's website.

Early Years Enquiries

Any family wishing to discuss any changes to their funding/place allocation should contact Early Years at South Lanarkshire Council on the email address below.

earlyyears@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 8th November School closed due to strike action, please follow school advice.

Monday 13th November School closed for InSet.

Friday 17th November Scottish Book Week dressing up day.

Nativity

Christmas Party

Autumn Walk Dates and Times

Monday 6th November Green Group

10:00-11:00

Tuesday 7th November Orange Group

13:15-14:00

Thursday 9th November Blue Group

10:00-11:00

Yellow Group 13:15-14:00

Friday 10th November Red Group

10:00-11:00

Stay and Play Dates

Tuesday 28th November Green Group

Thursday 30th November Blue Group

Friday 1st December Yellow Group

Monday 4th December Red Group

Tuesday 5th December Orange Group

December

Thursday 14th December Nativity
09:30

Thursday 21st December Christmas
Party

Friday 22nd December School closes at
2:30pm for our Winter break.

Monday 8th January School reopens.

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