



KIRKTONHOLME PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers.

It was lovely to see everyone at our Parents Night before the October holiday although both appears to be a very distant memory now. Thank you to our Parent Council who organised the Halloween Discos for your children. According to the children, they had the best time and we are very grateful for the volunteers who gave up their whole evening to provide this event. Thank you! Our Christmas Fayre is on the horizon and I know the Parent Council will be very appreciative of any helpers and also of any donations. Please look at their Facebook page and keep your eyes on the app for more information. Later this month we will be sharing with you some of your child's learning by sending home our new progress jotters along with one of our tracking reports. We plan on doing this 3 times over the year. We hope that this will help your child talk about their learning and for you to see the progress your child is making throughout the year. You will have noticed a new installation in our school grounds. Room 12 have been working with the artist Alex Allan. They have been learning about the design process from looking at our environment for inspiration right through to designing and then the making of the sculpture. Whilst it is yet to be named, it has been inspired by our children's love of the outdoors, our mini woodland area and the dens they make. In fitting with our focus on sustainbility, it is also made from reclaimed and sustainable materials.

As always, if you have any questions, queries or suggestions do not hesitate to get in touch with the team. We are very approachable and only too happy to help. Best wishes, Linda Wright

PS Currently we are still using our school app for communication. Download the App called PSA & choose Kirktonholme Username Kirktonholme and ask our office for the password.

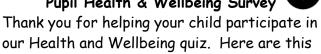
Keeping Kirktonholme Community Connected

Learning is the **HEART** of Kirktonholme

Happiness Excellence Achievement Respect Teamwork

Links to Happiness

Pupil Health & Wellbeing Survey



year's very positive (and amazing) results.

Do you feel ...?

Active 95.7% said yes Healthy 93.9% said yes Nurtured 99.4% said yes Safe 99.4% said yes Included 87.7% said yes Achieving 93.3% said yes Responsible 90.2% said yes

Respected 86.5% said yes 163 responses Almost all areas have shown improvement. Respected is an area which has dropped by 3% & 12.9% of children said they didn't know if they felt resepcted. Our pupil Respect group will focus on improving this.

Links to Respect

Nurture Spaces



We place our children and their wellbeing at the heart of our school. As a result, one of our areas for priority this year is Nurture.

With the help of our Pupil Equity Funding, we have created and resourced a new space in our former school library called the TREEHOUSE. Miss Little and Mrs Conner will use this space on Mondays to Wednesdays to support the emotional needs of our children. This is a wonderful area which is very homely and looks radically different from a class setting. The children have come up with the name and it reflects the focus we have on nature in our school. We have also created another calm space near our P7 classes and we use this when teaching our KAMs (Kirktonholme Anxiety Management) groups.

Other improvements we have made so far include

- A calm space in every class where children can go if they are needing some calm time.
- Creating a Pupil Wellbeing Ambassador group
- further training for staff on attachment and
- creating a whole school Behaviour Blueprint We look forward to sharing more about this soon.



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Links to Teamwork

Heart Groups

In our last newsletters we told you about our HEART groups. We are now looking for any parent volunteers to join us. The meetings are monthly on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.45-2.45. If you have an interest in an area and can help out with one of the groups then please email / speak to our office. The groups are

- **♣** Captains
- Pupil Council
- **Eco Warriors**
- ♣ Health & Wellbeing Ambassadors
- ♣ STEM leaders
- Rights Leaders
- Reading Schools
- Making a difference
- Creativity
- Culture Club

Meeting dates: 22nd Nov, 17th Jan, 21st Feb, 1st May and 12th Jan. We would love you to come and help us make a difference to our school!

Links to Respect



ECO - SUSTAINABILITY



As part of our Sustainability, we are lucky enough to have a clothing recycling bin situated near our refuse area. The next collection is the 21st November. Please consider this if you are having a clear out. All money raised through this recycling project is donated to our school. Thank you to everyone who donated Halloween costumes. They were very much appreciated by our school community. Now we are on the lookout for any outgrown Christmas Tshirts and/or jumpers. Please hand in any donations to our office.

These are some of the ways we are fulfilling our pledge to reduce the amount of clothing landfill.

Links to Achievement

Sports Festivals

Our netball and football (boys and girls) teams have visited East Milton in the first of their matches. Our next fixtures are against Canberra. We are very proud of all of the children who are representing our school.

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Diary Dates

A full list of dates has already been issued but here is a reminder, along with some new events. Health warning - these dates can be prone to change!

Every Friday until 10th Nov P7 Bikeability Every Tuesday until 21st Nov P6 Swimming

Tue 31st Oct R8 library visit Thu 2nd Nov R7 library visit

6^{th -} 10th Nov nursery autumn walks

Tue 7th Nov R9 library visit

Wed 8th Nov INDUSTRIAL ACTION - school

closed

Thu 9th Nov R10 library visit Mon 13th Nov INSERVICE DAY

Week begin 13th Nov

Scottish Book Week - come and read with me

Tue 14th Nov R11 library visit Thu 16th Nov R12 library visit Fri 17th Nov Athletics

Tue 21st Nov R13 library visit Thu 23rd Nov R14 library visit

Sat 25th Nov Christmas Fayre 10am-1pm Mon 27th Nov ELC Stay and Play PE all week Wed 29th Nov ELC - P2 Tooth varnishing

Fri 1st Dec KOP3 conference

Fri 8th Dec Athletics Mon 11th Dec P3&P4 party

Wed 13th Dec Christmas lunch (order in advance) Thu 14th Dec am ELC Nativity pm P1&2 Nativity

Mon 18th Dec P5 & P6 party Tue 18th Dec P7 party

Wed 20th Dec P3-P7 Carol Concert 9.30 & 1.30

Thu 21st Dec Nursery party am &

P1 & P2 party pm

Fri 22nd Dec school closes 2.30pm

The last Friday of the month is Dress Down Day.

The next one is Friday 24th November.

Links to Achievement P7 Residential

FINAL reminder that £50 payment was due before October holiday. The remainder (£110) should be paid by the end of January.

School will be closed on Wed 8^{th} Nov due to industrial action.