



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made it through the long, long month of January and if it hadn't been raining as much, we may have noticed the lighter skies! During January our children have been celebrating Scots and I am sure they have shared some of their new Scots vocabulary with you. Also, this month our younger children enjoyed a visit from the Dogs Trust and learned how to be safe around dogs. As we enter the month of February, our school will be focusing on the wellbeing indicator of Nurture. Nurture is an area of school improvement this year and as a result, we have seen many changes in our school over the year. Next week our children will be celebrating Wellbeing Week and learning about Nurture. They will be sharing their learning at our Nurture Showcase on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. During this day there will be the opportunity for parents to attend the showcase from 2.30pm as well as come to a morning workshop, run by our Educational Psychologist, Lisa Whitehead. We hope to see you there.

I would like to remind families that we discourage children from bringing their toys to school. This can create unnecessary conflict and upset so please make sure they are not sneaking them in their school bags. We have plenty of stimulus to keep the children entertained. Thank you for your support with this. 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.**

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#### SURPRISE

We are delighted to announce that we have a special visitor coming to Kirktonholme on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Our long standing friend JUMPSTART JONNY will be visiting us. Whoopa!



We use Jumpstart Jonny in our classrooms as part of our physical activity. In 2016, he came to Kirktonholme during his first tour of Scotland and some of you may remember that during lockdown he recorded a special message for our children. If you want to get practising at home, you can access his free films here.

<https://jumpstartjonny.co.uk/#/free-stuff>

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#### Participatory Budget



Thank you to our Pupil Council who have helped to arrange our pupil trips. As a result of the community vote, **all children** will benefit from a **free trip** and workshop to a place that will enhance their learning this session. Kirktonholme Primary are very proud to offer all of our pupils some excellent and equitable opportunities. Permission slips will be sent via Parent Portal. The trips are

R1 & R2	Summerlee, Coatbridge
R3 & R4	Riversde Museum
R5 & R6	Museum of Rural Life
R7 & R8	Stirling Castle
R9 & R10	Have already visited Museum on the Mound in Edinburgh
R11 & R12	Scottish parliament
R13 & R14	Sky Academy, Livingstone

We are also arranging for our nursery to have a visit from Computer Xplorers and they will have a summer outing when the weather is better. Dates of all trips can be found on the diary section of this newsletter.



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## Bikeability



Thank you to our Parent Council for our new shed. This will help us store some extra bikes for our Bikeability programme and some gardening equipment for our polytunnel. If you have any spare bikes that would be suitable for a P5-P7, please donate them to us. This will allow us to make sure all children can safely ride a bike. We are also looking for donations of helmets. Thank you.

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## Wet Weather

As you will have noticed, we have used a new emergency procedure in the event of extreme weather in the mornings. If our playground is too dangerous to enter due to ice, or indeed the rain is **exceptionally** heavy we will have a wet weather start. This means our doors will open at 8.45am. P4-P7 should go to the gym hall and P1-P3 should go to the dining room. At this time, only children are allowed to enter the building.

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## Hospice Heroes Day 9<sup>th</sup> February



**Hospice Heroes Day - wear a superhero costume and bring a £1 to school.**

Kibryde Hospice is our chosen charity this year. As you know we have been supporting them and this is an opportunity to raise some funds for the charity. There is no need to buy a costume as we are encouraging the children to look for a superhero from their own lives so they may wish to dress as a parent, grandparent, health worker or emergency services worker. Our day will be celebrated by a visit from the Hospice mascot, Hope.

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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!*

- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 24 Wellbeing & Nurture Week
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 7-8pm NSPCC Gaming Safely Online for parents
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 24 Hospice Heroes Day (£1 for Kibryde Hospice)
  - 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Feb HOLIDAYS
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 24 INSET DAY school closed
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 24 Nurture Showcase (parents invited)  
9.30 Parent Workshop Attachment  
2.30 Visit the Showcase (in gym hall)
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 24 P4-P7 Heart groups
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 24 P1&P7 Dental Inspections
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 24 **R3 & R4 Riverside Museum Trip**
  - 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 24 Parent Council 6.30pm
  - 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 24 **R7 & R8 Stirling Castle Trip**
  - 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 24 **R5 & R6 Museum of Rural Life Trip**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> March 24 **R13 Sky Academy Trip**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> March 24 **R14 Sky Academy Trip**
  - 7<sup>th</sup> March 24 Parents Night
  - 8<sup>th</sup> March 24 World Book Day
  - 13<sup>th</sup> March 24 STEM workshops (parents invited)
  - 18<sup>th</sup> March 24 **R11 & R12 Scottish Parliament Trip**
  - 19<sup>th</sup> March 24 **R1 & R2 Summerlee Trip**
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 24 JUMPSTART JONNY!
  - 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 24 School show SHREK
  - 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> April 24 P7 Millport Trip
  - 8<sup>th</sup> June 24 Summer Fayre
- The last Friday of the month is Dress Down Day.  
The next one is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

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## P7 Residential

All Millport money should now be paid. A reminder of kit lists and medical forms will be issued later this month.

**Final order date for Leavers Hoodies is 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

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## Safety in Playground

As part of keeping our children safe, I would like to politely remind you that children and adults should not be riding bikes or scooters in the playground. Thank you.