



Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class



Focus

Our new background focus is The Gruffalo and Favourite Stories. Our staff team and children are really excited about the wide range of learning opportunities that this theme will offer. Our team plan responsively and each group may well be looking at different texts and engaging in different learning opportunities.

PEEP

Our new PEEP sessions started on 29/10/24 and we are delighted that seven families have chosen to come along. Miss Mckendrick is leading the sessions, and the theme will be decided upon by parents/carers. Families are invited to bring along their child's siblings to these sessions.

Blue Group

We are delighted to share that we now have Mrs Natalie Allan leading our Blue Group on Thursdays and Fridays. Welcome to the team Mrs Allan!

Stay and Play



Our next stay and play will be during week beginning Monday 18th November and the focus will be on literacy. 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 nursery and have decided to organise festive hampers for both adults and children. We would welcome any donations for these from our families. We will have a box outside the nursery door from Monday 4th November for donations. We plan to sell raffle tickets for the hampers at our school fayre on Saturday 30th November.



Lending Library

Mrs Athens started our lending library this week. Books will be given out on Mondays and returned on Thursdays. The children choose their own books to enjoy at home.

Scottish Book Week



Scottish Book Week is being celebrated in Kirktonholme during week beginning 18th November. We will be having a dressing up day on Friday 22nd November where children are invited to come dressed as their favourite literary character. If your child would prefer not to dress up that is absolutely fine.

Newsletters

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

Bookbug



Our youngest learners will be gifted a Bookbug bag during Scottish Book Week. These gifts have wonderful stories for you to enjoy sharing with your children over and over again, some of the books may well become your child's new favourite.

South Lanarkshire Libraries team have made a YouTube channel where they have posted fabulous sessions related to the Bookbug bags. 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 has attended Bookbug training and uses her expertise to ensure that we make the most of this resource during Scottish Book Week and beyond.

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

Parents' Evening

Our first Parents' Evening of the session will be on Thursday 7th November. Our team will give you an appointment for you to meet with your child's key worker, if this time does not suit your family please speak with Mrs Moran. Our team enjoy these opportunities to speak with you about your child's learning progress, planned next steps and nursery life as well as learning more about your children from yourselves. 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.

Contact Details



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

Students

We currently have two students on placement with us. One student is from a local secondary school and joins us on a Monday afternoon and a Wednesday morning. Our other student, due to start soon, is from South Lanarkshire College and will be on placement on Thursdays and Fridays.

Applications for session 2025/2026

Any family who has a child who will be two on or before the **closing date for applications on 28/02/25** should ensure that they have completed a nursery application form. Nursery applications are completed with a member of our leadership team and application appointments can be made by contacting our school office, whose details are at the end of this newsletter. If any family wishes to make a **transfer request** this must be submitted to South Lanarkshire Council by **28/02/25** also and the form is available from Mrs Clow or Mrs Moran.

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. We also ask that you speak to us too.

earlyyears@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Office e-mail:

gw14ktonholmeoffice@glow.sch.uk

Telephone: 01355222050

Dates for the Diary



**Tuesday 5th November PEEP session
two of four 3-4pm**

**Thursday 7th November Parents'
Evening**

**Monday 11th November School closed
for InSet day**

**Tuesday 12th November PEEP session
three of four 3-4pm**

**Monday 18th November Green Group
Stay and Play**

**Tuesday 19th November Orange Group
Stay and Play**

**Tuesday 19th November PEEP session
four of four 3-4pm**

**Wednesday 20th November Blue Group
Stay and Play**

**Thursday 21st November Yellow Group
Stay and Play**

**Friday 22nd November Red Group Stay
and Play**

**Saturday 30th November
School Christmas Fayre**

**Tuesday 10th December
Nursery Nativity 2pm**

**Monday 16th December
Christmas Party**

**Tuesday 17th December
Sibling Stay and Play**

**Friday 20th December School closes at
2:30pm for Winter break**