



Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations you have made it through the extraordinary long month of January. We ended the month of January with our own day of hibernation, or rather our jammie day, which the children were very excited about! The lighter mornings and nights are much more noticeable and very welcomed.

Last month we celebrated Scots and Diversity. All classes focused on the question, "What makes us unique?" We had a wonderful Diversity showcase where every class shared their learning at assembly. We had P1s acting very cute and singing beautifully about their friends, children teaching us about their culture. We hope to share some of this with you if you are able to come and visit on Friday 20th February.

Next week we will be celebrating Wellbeing Week and some of this work will be used at our Nurture Showcase which is being held on the same day. This is the final leg of our attachment journey and we really value your contributions so please come and visit the gym hall on that day at 1.45pm. All of this work is reflected in our Relationships Policy which you will be able to find on our school website.

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 Please download our school app as all communication is issued through this. Ask office for details. App is PSA & choose Kirktonholme Username kirktonholme and password is 2025.



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Nurture Showcase

We will be hosting our 3rd Nurture Showcase on Friday 20th February. Parents are invited into our gym hall at 1.45pm to hear about the progress we have made in this journey. Thereafter, parents may visit their children in their classroom and take part in some learning together. We are applying for our final attachment pledge and look forward to you sharing your views on how our school and our approach has changed over the years and any further suggestions you may have. As part of Wellbeing Week, next week your children will be asked to complete our Kirktonholme wellbeing quiz. This is the one they do twice a year and we would appreciate your help in getting your child to complete it. Thank you.

Links to Respect and Teamwork Parents Corner Whatsapp!

It has come to our attention that many of our children are using WhatsApp. Some of you may already know that the minimum age for this is **13 years old**. The issue with WhatsApp is that other users can be added without your child's permission and therefore making them vulnerable to strangers and inappropriate content. It is also our experience that our own children often behave in inappropriate ways when they have access to an unregulated platform. We would strongly encourage that your children do not use social media and that parents check their child's phone very regularly. It is also recommended that children do not have their phone alone at night in their room as this does not allow them any time to 'switch off' and in some cases escape the tirade of messages which may or may not be directed to them. This is one of the most effective ways you can protect your children.



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Captains Corner

Written by Murray, Darius, Ellena, Millie and Eilidh
Two weeks ago we were invited back to the train station to meet a grafitti artist. Scotrail have invited us to share our ideas so that the graffiti artist can transform two windows at the train station with our designs.

When we were there Murray pitched an idea to the manager about having a community book box at East Kilbride station. He said he would be very happy to have a book box there and we are going to meet up with St Kenneth's Captains on Thursday to make plans to make this happen. We hope that the book box will encourage our community to read for pleasure more.

Links to Happiness and Teamwork

Kilbryde Hospice

You raised another amazing £174.93 at our Carol concerts for Kilbryde Hospice. Thank you for your generosity.

Links to Achievement and Excellence

Attendance Campaign

We are delighted to issue leaflets highlighting the importance of attendance. You may notice that our Captain Darius is the face of this phase of the campaign. These leaflets will be issued to P4-P7 children. If you are in the Hamilton area please keep a look out for Darius on some of the billboards. Well done Darius, we are very proud of you.



We are delighted to welcome a new member to our team. Welcome to Mrs Morley who will be supporting our classes.

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HELP!**

Over the next few months all of our children will be going on a school trip. We would love for some parents and grandparents to go with them, however, in order to do so they **must** be PVG checked. If you are interested in helping with school trips, please get in touch with the school office and they can help organise the PVG. Fingers crossed you can help us as it may jeopardise our trips if we do not have enough helpers to go with the children.

Links to Teamwork

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!

Parent events are highlighted

Wk begin 2 nd Feb	Stay & Play for nursery
Wk begin 9 th Feb	Wellbeing Week
Mon 9 th Feb	R10 parents 2-2.45pm
Mon 16 th Feb	Holiday
Tue 17 th Feb	Holiday
Wed 18 th Feb	Inservice Day
Fri 20th Feb	Nurture Showcase
	Parents welcome 1.45pm
Thu 26 th Feb	P6 @ Science Centre
Fri 27 th Feb	P5 swimming begins (12wks)
Thu 5 th Mar	World Book Day
Thu 12th Mar	Parents' Night
Wed 18 th Mar	Special visitor???
Wed 25th Mar	School Show
Thu 26th Mar	School Show
Mon 30 th - Wed 1 st Apr	P7 Millport Trip
Thu 2 nd April	School closes 2.30pm
Mon 20 th April	School returns
Wed 22 nd April	P7 @ Science Centre
Mon 4 th May	Holiday
Thu 7 th May	Inservice
Fri 8 th May	Sponsored event
Thurs 21st May	Sports Day (am)
Thur 28th May	New P1 transition visit
Tue 16th June	Nursery Prizegiving (pm)
Thu 18th June	P7 Leavers Assembly (am)

The last Friday of the month is Dress Down Day. The next ones are 27th Feb and Thurs 2nd April.