



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who managed to come and visit our Nurture showcase. We hope you enjoyed learning about our journey. I had a few tears in my eyes, watching both our outstanding children as well as the beautiful testimonies from some of our parents and children about how they have been supported over the years. We had taken on board feedback from last year's showcase when you told us you wanted to see your own child in their classroom and factored that into the afternoon. Thank you also to those of you who completed our short feedback forms. We are using these in our application to achieve the final accreditation pledge.

We are now galloping into the month of March, which is one of our busiest months. We are very excited for our school show, The Little Mermaid. Rehearsals are in full flow and you will be in for a real treat. Our children are fully involved in not only the performance but the production of the show. Tickets will be on sale imminently. Before this highlight of the year, we have a surprise - no not the Commonwealth Games mascot but that my favourite friend, Jump Start Jonny, will be visiting Kirktonholme yet again. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his first visit. WHOOPA!! Children may wear orange and blue clothes on this day to celebrate the visit of this megastar! You can help your child get ready for this day (or use it for your own exercise) by checking out <https://jumpstartjonny.co.uk/visit-videos/> In March we will also be squeezing in Science Week and celebrating Easter. As you can see it certainly is a busy month. 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*

## Keeping Kirktonholme Community Connected



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## Links to **Achievement, Excellence & Teamwork** Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you next week, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March for our Parents' Evening. Please make sure you book an appointment - these are available on Parent Portal. In preparation for your meeting, we will issue an interim report along with sending home your child's progress jotter. Please take the time to look through your child's progress jotter and write a comment for them. The progress jotter will give you a snapshot of their learning. For P6 and P7 parents, Mrs Wright will be available to further discuss or answer any questions regarding your child's Millport trip.

## Links to **Respect and Teamwork**

### Car Park Reminders

Thank you to everyone who ensures they follow our car park requirements. In the interest of the safety of our children, I would like to remind everyone that

- ✚ Only blue badge holders can park in the disabled bays
- ✚ Only nursery parents can use the bays directly in front of the nursery entrance
- ✚ There should be no double parking within our car park
- ✚ Engine idling is not permitted
- ✚ Smoking on council grounds is not permitted
- ✚ Verbal abuse will not be tolerated

Over the next few weeks, SLC Health & Safety team will be present in the car park. Please share this with any adult who collects your child.



World Book Day



This Thursday is World Book Day and your child can dress up as a character from a book. All children will receive their World Book Day voucher. There is also a special lunch menu for this day.



*Links to Happiness, Excellence, Achievement, Respect and Teamwork*

### Captains Corner

*Written by Lewis, Clara and Oscar*

We have been working hard on our school show which is the Little Mermaid. All of the P7s have a role in this - either working on the props and scenery or on the stage with the script. We are excited for you to come and watch this. The P6s are our choir and led by Mrs Souter.



The Captains this year would like to start a new award - the Be Kind award. This goes along with our school motto - Be Kind Be Prepared and Be Safe. Children can nominate others for this award. They would then be awarded a Bee badge at assembly for beeeeeing kind.

*Links to Happiness, Respect and Teamwork*

### We are Breastfeeding Friendly

Kirktonholme Nursery Class are now members of the Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland Early Learning Scheme. If you are in the school you can breastfeed in our reception area, or if you would prefer somewhere private then please just ask.

*Links to Happiness and Respect*

### Sensory Space

With thanks to funding from South Lanarkshire Council we have created a new sensory space within our school. This is an additional space where some of our children can relax and regulate their emotions. I'm sure you will agree it is a great addition to our school.



*Links to Happiness, Achievement and Teamwork*  
**HELP!**

Thank you to everyone who has recently applied for a PVG to help us with our school trips. This is another plea that if you would like to be a helper on one of our school trips, you must have a PVG. Please contact our school office if you or a grandparent can be of help. We will cover the costs for the PVG. Thank you as always for your support.

*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**

Fridays	P5 swimming continues
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Parent Council 6pm
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Nursery Peep begins</b>
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day (dress up)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Viking Visit in R6
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	P7 football festival
<b>Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Parents' Night</b>
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	JUMPSTART JONNY!! wear blue and orange
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	P7 Netball festival
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	P7 @ Rugby festival
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>School Show 6.30pm</b>
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	R9&R10 farm visit
<b>Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>School Show 6.30pm</b>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> - Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	P7 Millport Trip
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Dress Down Day School closes 2.30pm
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School returns
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	P7 @ Science Centre
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Inservice
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Sponsored event
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Nursery Sports Day (pm)</b>
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Sports Day (am)
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>New P1 transition visit</b>
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer Fair
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Prizegiving 1.45pm
<b>Thu 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>P7 Leavers Assembly 9.30am</b>

Usually the last Friday of the month is Dress Down Day. The next one is Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April.