



### Head Teacher's Welcome

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Uniform Consultation. This has now closed for parents/carers and staff. We still have to consult with our pupils. We hope to be able to present the results to our whole school community later this month.

Our Rights Respecting School's Committee have launched a 'Right of the Fortnight', we will be discussing this in classes and in assembly. More information can be found later in the newsletter from the group themselves.

Our Fundraising Committee have organised a Red Nose Day. Further information can also be found later in the newsletter. I am sure you are all aware that our new school website is live and we would love your feedback [www.kirkton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.kirkton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

### World Book Day Celebrations

What a great day Mrs Black had planned for our children to celebrate World Book Day yesterday (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019). I am sure the children have told you about it. Remember to send in your pictures of "Reading In Unusual Places" using the twitter handle @KirktonPS #ReadingInUnusualPlaces, we would love to share what the children are doing.

### Easter Service

Our Annual Easter service will take place in Kirkton Church on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am. We would like to invite all parents, carers and members of the community to join us for this service.

### School Holidays

We close at 2.30pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March for the Spring Break and will be closed until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April inclusive and then again for the Easter Weekend from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April inclusive.

### Head Lice

We are unable to inform parents of outbreaks of head lice, so we ask that you are vigilant and check your child's head regularly. If you would like any advice from our Public Health Nurse regarding treatment, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### No Nut Policy

Can we please remind you that we have children in our school with severe nut allergies, and in line with South Lanarkshire policy, our school is a completely nut free zone. This also applies to 'hidden' nuts contained in most chocolate spreads which contain hazelnuts and some Kinder products.

### Mrs Smith

We are delighted to impart the news that Mrs Smith has had a baby girl, Lucia, born 23<sup>rd</sup> February weighing 9:5oz.



## Social Media

In recent months it has become increasingly concerning for staff and myself that, across our school, many children are engaging in the use of social media and messaging systems in an inappropriate way. In a number of instances, children have been using texting and social media forums and message boards to send content which has been hurtful to others and has led to incidents within school.

As a result, much time is spent in school investigating these incidents as the knock on effect is that we as a school find that arguments and disagreements are carried into class and the playground. Furthermore, we are also now dealing with parents who become involved in online disputes, bringing this into the school community also. I am sure that you will agree that this much time spent focused on an issue which is primarily happening within the home is not a good use of educational time and that such incidents can be very easily tackled by families at home.

In school we regularly discuss appropriate and safe online activity and have had visits from the SPCC and Police Scotland in order to promote this very important issue. Staff in school are very much aware of the need to monitor this but are obviously not in a position to reinforce this message out with school hours.

Therefore, we would very much appreciate if parents and carers worked with us to encourage all of our children to use social media and messaging in sensible and appropriate ways. In some instances, we would ask that families take more care to monitor their child's online activity more vigorously as this will ensure that such behaviour does not enter the school.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Red Nose Day

Our Pupil Voice Fundraising group has been hard at working organising some fundraising activities for Comic Relief on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to give a donation to dress down or wear something red on this day. We are hosting some activities after playtime on Friday for 10p each which are sure to be a lot of fun! Red Noses are now on sale for £1.25 via Parent Pay (1 per pupil) and will be distributed by our Pupil Voice group, if we have any Red Noses left, these can be purchased on Red Nose Day itself (not via Parent Pay). Red Nose Day dress down donations can also be made online via parent pay.



Activities on offer include:

| <b>Gym Hall</b>                                    | <b>Canteen</b>  | <b>Playground</b>                |
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| Beat the Goalie<br>Shoot the Hoop<br>Roll the Coin | Nail painting<br>Guess the Sweets in the Jar<br>Guess the Baby Photo<br>Guess the Red Nose Birthday | Red Nose Hunt<br>Obstacle Course |

Please note that prizes at some activities could include sweets (e.g. Haribos, Maoam) or chocolate. If you do not wish your child to have these, or participate in activities such as nail painting due to an allergy or any other reason, please inform the school office.

### **Miss Smith and the Pupil Voice Fundraising Group**

## Dogs

A reminder that only guide/assistance dogs are allowed into the school grounds to ensure the safety of all members of the school community. This includes the area outside the main entrance.



## Car Park & Idling

Can we remind parents that they should not be parking in the staff/visitor car park at the beginning and end of the day, especially out with marked bays as there are times when staff have been unable to leave as they have been 'boxed in', if you are collecting/dropping off your child, please use the drop off area.

It has also been brought to our attention that cars and pedestrians are using the service area in the morning at the end of the day. This is not permitted under any circumstances.

We recently had a visit from South Lanarkshire Council who were monitoring car idling at the end of the school day and spoke to a number of members of our local community regarding this. Please ensure all engines are turned off whilst you are waiting to drop off or pick up your child.

## Dates for the diary

As always, we are a busy school and dates can change.

| <b>March</b>     |                            |                  |                                      |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Red Nose Day               | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Rotary Club Quiz (details to follow) |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | P1 Visit to Science Centre | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Rag Bag Collection                   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Annual Reports to Parents  | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Non-Uniform Day                      |

| <b>April</b>     |                                 |                                    |                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Easter Service – Kirkton Church | 1 <sup>st</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> | Spring Break Holidays |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Easter Monday - Holiday         | 18 <sup>th</sup>                   | Good Friday - Holiday |
|                  |                                 | 26 <sup>th</sup>                   | Non-Uniform Day       |

| <b>May</b>       |                        |                                     |                                 |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | P3 Class Assembly      | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                     | P6 trip to Scottish Parliament  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | HOLIDAY                | 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | In-Service Day 5                |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Football Festival      | 14 <sup>th</sup>                    | Public Speaking                 |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Parental Consultations | 20 <sup>th</sup>                    | P4 Visit to Five Sisters Zoo    |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Sports Day             | 24 <sup>th</sup>                    | HOLIDAY                         |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | HOLIDAY                | 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> | P7 Visit to Carluke High School |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | P1 Class Assembly      | 31 <sup>st</sup>                    | Non-Uniform Day                 |

| <b>June</b>      |                        |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | P2 Visit to New Lanark | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | P2 Visit to New Lanark |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | P7 Leaver's Service    | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Non-Uniform Day        |

**Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.**



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| If you have any comments or feedback, please complete this slip and return it to the school office. |               |              |
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| <b>Name:</b>  | <b>Pupil:</b> | <b>Date:</b> |



# We are becoming a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School!



Kirkton Primary aims to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan, we are working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of UNICEF UK. We will be joining a community of over 4,000 schools in the UK working on the Rights Respecting Schools Award.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

Our pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. A Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships.

We also have a Rights Respecting Schools Pupil Voice Group who will lead this focus in school. Our Members are:

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| <b>P1</b><br>Sarah<br>Zoe<br>Brody   | <b>P3</b><br>Nyla<br>Jack<br>Esme                              | <b>P5</b><br>Ellie<br>Abi<br>Poppy<br>Kenzie | <b>P7</b><br>Rebecca<br>Olivia<br>Matthew<br>Rebecca |
| <b>P2</b><br>Jessica<br>Sara<br>Rory | <b>P4</b><br>Aaron<br>Fraser<br>Gabrielle<br>Robert<br>Bethany | <b>P6</b><br>Megan<br>Ava<br>Mac<br>Leah     |  |

We are close to receiving our Bronze Award and we have devised an action plan for our Silver Award. We will work on a 'right of the fortnight' and other aims during our group meetings.

Our right of the fortnight focus for 1<sup>st</sup> March is:

*You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.*

## **Article 17**



We will be using the RRSA logo on our letters and will have a competition within our RRSA Pupil Voice Group to create our own 'Kirkton RRSA' logo. You will be kept informed about our rights-respecting journey through our website, twitter account, newsletters and events. If you would like to find out more about our plans or be part of the RRSA steering group, please contact Miss Burns.

For more information from UNICEF please visit [www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa](http://www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa).

Yours sincerely,



Miss Burns and the RRSA Pupil Voice Group.

