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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for supporting our recent Open Hour, (**Skills for Learning, Life & Work**) last month. As mentioned in our previous newsletter this will continue to be an important date in our calendar from now on. These sessions are always a good opportunity for you to visit your child in their classroom environment, see some of their work in jotters or on display and say a quick hello to your child's teacher.

Our next Open Hour will be **Wednesday 20th November 2019** at **9.30am**. The theme of this Open Hour will be **Emotional Literacy & Wellbeing**. This will be an opportunity for you to hear from Mrs Black about the Emotional Literacy & Wellbeing work being undertaken within the school as well as to see your child in their classroom and to see some of the emotional literacy work within the class.

We hope to see as many of you there as possible. Please note we are unable to accommodate buggies and prams in classrooms but these can be left in the cafeteria and we ask parents to ensure they are supervising younger children at all times. This is a great opportunity to see us at work but our children and staff are working and we want to keep disruption to a minimum.

If you have any other ideas or comments about how we can make Kirkton an even better school than it already is, I would be delighted to hear them. Please complete the tear-off slip at the end of this newsletter and pop it in your child's diary.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Lynne Brennan, Head Teacher

Football & Netball Tournaments

Well done to all of our children who represent the school in a range of events. Our school football and netball teams have both played in local tournaments locally and are developing their skills. They all played well and this was represented in the results. Thank you to Mr Nellies and Miss Fox for coaching the teams.

Go #TeamKirkton

Aldi's Kit for Schools

We are delighted that we have collected enough Aldi vouchers to fill two posters. Thank you to everyone who collected these for the school. We will receive a sports kit for each poster as will be entered into a competition to win £20,000.

We have quite a few spare vouchers which we will donate to our nearby schools. If you still have vouchers, please continue to hand them in and we will be happy to pass these on as well.

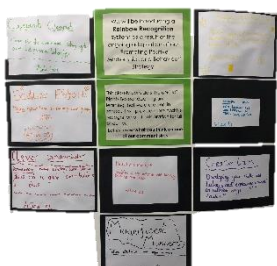


Promoting Positive Relationships

Since August we have been reviewing our procedures for recognising and rewarding pupil achievements. We are moving away from our 'Reach for the Stars' and 'button moving' procedures to a more inclusive approach designed to celebrate all the positives we have within the school. Miss Burns and the Rights Respecting Pupil Voice group have been collecting the views of the children and parents/carers. The group would like to thank parents who contributed to the posters at Parents Night. The overall feedback indicated that pupils are happy that children's efforts are rewarded but this would be improved through a more positive approach across the school.



In response we will be launching our Rainbow Recognition Programme in January and the RRSA Pupil Voice Group will provide you with information on this in the New Year.



The next phase of our new Promoting Positive Relationships approach was to relaunch of our House System. Every pupil in P1-7 has been sorted into a 'house' and will be able to earn house points for effort in their learning, kindness to pupils and staff and displaying the school values.

During the first term, parents/carers, pupils and staff voted for the theme of the Houses. The clear majority was for the theme of 'Scottish Islands'. The pupils will vote on six house names for this theme during assembly.

Each week during assembly, the house points total will be announced and the winning house will have their colours displayed on the House Trophy.

More detailed information about the School House System will be sent home soon. We are confident the house system will add to the positive ethos within the school and create a consistent approach to the visible recognition of pupils who demonstrate the school values.

Head Lice

As always, we would recommend that you check your child's hair regularly for head lice.

Please take the time to check your child's hair and, if necessary, treat them before they return to school. Further advice is available from our School Nurse (Ailsa Glassford) on 01698 723123 or speak to your local pharmacist.

Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Rail

We are hoping to have a pre-loved Christmas Jumper rail within the school during December. If you have any spare children's Christmas jumpers that you would be willing to donate to someone, please hand these into the school between now and the beginning of December.

We have planned that children can wear their jumpers on Christmas Lunch Day as well as the last day of term. It is hoped that this would reduce waste and allow items to be recycled. Parents/Carers will be able to take a jumper from the rail for their child. Any items which are not used by Wednesday 18th December will be donated to a local charity shop. We hope you will support this initiative.

PTA Hallowe'en Discos

We had an excellent turnout to both the P1-3 and the P4-7 Hallowe'en Discos last week, which were organised and managed by our wonderful PTA. The effort that went into the children's costumes was amazing. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help out and to everyone who contributed by sending their children.

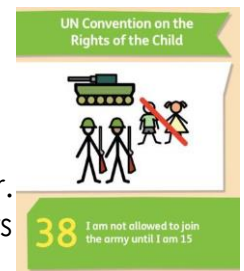
Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent/Teacher Consultations. We hope you found them informative. Thanks also goes to everyone who supported the Book Fayre, we received commission on all purchases which worked out at £400. We use this commission to purchase new books for the school and class libraries.

November Right of the Month

Article 38: I am not allowed to join the army until I am 15.

Miss Burns and the Rights Respecting School's Committee launched our new Right of the Month from the UNCRC, on Wednesday 6th November. The children will be learning about world conflicts and right that protects them from warfare.



Poppy Appeal Scotland

The Global Citizenship Pupil Voice Group will be selling poppies every morning this week. We ask that the children bring in a silver coin as a suggested donation. The children will be learning more about Poppy Scotland at our whole school assembly on the 6th November.



Playground Safety - We are a dog free zone.

Apologies for this being included again but to ensure the safety of all members of the school community, only guide/assistance dogs are allowed into the school grounds. Please note this includes the car park area and the grassy area outside the school office as these areas are still being used as dog exercise areas. Our children's safety is our number one priority.

Assemblies

This session Rev Cunningham and Mrs Ewing (Youth Worker) both from Kirkton Parish Church are going to be joining us on a monthly basis, the dates until Christmas are as follows;

- Thursday 21st November – changed from previous newsletter

Keeping in Touch

Our main method of communication continues to be the our app (available on all mobile devices via the School App for Parents app, available on apple and android

devices) as well as the school Twitter account, which can be accessed on most web browsers at www.twitter.com/KirktonPrimary. **It is not necessary to have a Twitter account to view the page.** If you do have a Twitter account, follow @KirktonPrimary to keep up to date.

Text Messaging will continue to be used to inform parents/carers of important information and emergencies. Please inform the office if your mobile phone number has changed.

In our aim to keep parents/carers as fully informed as possible, the school will:

- publish a monthly newsletter
- send home letters via 'pupil post'
- share news and information on our app/twitter & website: www.kirkton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

The teachers escort the pupils to the school doors at the end of the day, but this is not always the best time to speak with them as they are supervising the pupils. If you wish to speak in person to a member of staff, please contact the office to arrange a mutually suitable appointment.

Pupil Newsletter

This month's edition is from the 'Rights Respecting Representatives'.



Meet our team:

<p>P1 Keir Alasdair Sophie</p>	<p>P3 Rory Lauren Sam Evan</p>	<p>P5 Robbie Ava Lily Lucy Jay</p>	<p>P7 Fraser Rebecca Jude Jensen</p>
<p>P2 Zoe Joseph Melissa</p>	<p>P4 Matthew Ella Milly Erryn Layla</p>	<p>P6 Andrew Neve Jack</p>	

Update from last year

- ✓ Introduction to Rights Respecting Schools.
- ✓ 'Right of the Fortnight' focuses in assembly.
- ✓ Established our RRSA winning school logo design.
- ✓ Creation of Kirkton rainbow rights.
- ✓ Received and celebrated our Bronze Award.
- ✓ Created action plan for Silver Award.



This year's aims

- We want to achieve the Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award.
- We want to edit our behaviour policy to include a positive, rights based ethos.
- We will create a whole school charter
- We are aiming to embed rights across our school and display these in our learning environment.

Our achievements so far

- ★ Established charters in every classroom.
- ★ Selected a winner from our 'design a mascot' competition and will share this via Twitter soon.
- ★ Create our own Twitter Page and introduced Right of the Month challenges.

Pupil comment

"I enjoy learning about my rights and being in this pupil voice group." **Ella P4** and **Keir P1**

If you would like to find out more about our plans or be part of the RRSA Pupil Voice Group, please contact Miss Burns.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Burns and the RRSA Pupil Voice Group.

Dates for the diary

In order to keep parents informed we have included all the dates we have finalised to this point. More dates will be given as they are agreed. As always, we are a busy school and dates can change. We hope you find this useful.

<u>Day & Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th November	Mrs Gilchrist – Enhanced Leave
Tuesday 12 th November	<i>P5 Swimming – Carluke Leisure Centre – final session</i>
Wednesday 13 th November	Netball Tournament – details to follow
Thursday 14 th November	Football Festival – details to follow
Monday 18 th November	In-Service Day
Tuesday 19 th November	In-Service Day
Wednesday 20 th November	New Home Learning Block
Wednesday 20 th November	Open Hour – Emotion Works 9.30am
Monday 25 th November	Rag Bag Collection Day
Tuesday 26 th November	Mrs Wilson – Enhanced Leave
Wednesday 27 th – Monday 2 nd	Mrs Dickson – Enhanced Leave
Friday 29 th November	Non Uniform Day
Friday 29 th November *** Please note change of date	P7 Class Assembly 9.30am – Parents & Carers Welcome (Doors Open at 9.15am)
Monday 2 nd December	Warburtons Visit – P3 & P4
Monday 2 nd December	Open Hour – Spelling & Phonics 11am postponed due to Warburtons Visit
Wednesday 4 th December	Glee Choir singing at Tesco – More information to follow
Friday 6 th December	Mrs Gilchrist – Enhanced Leave
Although we have not had official information re the General Election we have changed our Christmas Show arrangements in order to give parents/carers as much information as possible.	
Monday 9 th December (**Change of date)	Christmas Show Rehearsal – Grans & Grandpas welcome – additional information to follow
Tuesday 10 th December (**Change of date)	Christmas Show – 1pm start. Doors open at 12.45pm - additional information to follow
Wednesday 11 th December (**Change of date)	Christmas Show – 9.15 am start. Doors open at 8.55am - additional information to follow
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Lunch – Information to follow from cafeteria staff
Monday 16 th December	Primary 5 & Primary 6 Christmas Party (pm)
Tuesday 17 th December	Primary 7 Christmas Celebrations (pm)
Wednesday 18 th December	Primary 3 & Primary 4 Christmas Party (pm)
Wednesday 18 th December	Home Learning Tasks Due to Teacher
Thursday 19 th December	Primary 1 & Primary 2 Christmas Party (pm)
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Service – Kirkton Church 9.45am

Friday 20th December	2.30pm Close for Christmas Holidays
23rd December – 3rd January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January	Pupils Return
Monday 13th January	New Home Learning Block
Wednesday 15th January	P5OT Class Assembly 9.30am – Parents & Carers Welcome (Doors Open at 9.15am)
Friday 31st January	Non Uniform Day
Friday 7th February	In-Service Day
10th & 11th February	February Holidays
Wednesday 12th February	In-Service Day
Thursday 13th February	Home Learning Tasks Due to Teacher
Friday 21st February	P3 Class Assembly 9.30am – Parents & Carers Welcome (Doors Open at 9.15am)
Monday 24th February	New Home Learning Block
Friday 28th February	Non Uniform Day
Friday 6th March	P6 Class Assembly 9.30am – Parents & Carers Welcome (Doors Open at 9.15am)
Tuesday 24th March	Open Hour – Expressive Arts 2.15pm
Friday 27th February	Non Uniform Day
Friday 3rd March	2.30pm Close for Spring/Easter Holidays
6th – 17th April	Spring/Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April	Pupils Return
Monday 20th April	New Home Learning Block
Friday 24th April	Non Uniform Day
Wednesday 29th April	Open Hour – Applying Maths Skills 11am
Friday 1st May	P3 Class Assembly 9.30am – Parents & Carers Welcome (Doors Open at 9.15am)
Thursday 7th May	In-Service Day
Friday 8th May	Holiday
Monday 11th May	Home Learning Tasks Due to Teacher
Monday 18th May	New Home Learning Block
Friday 22nd May	Holiday
Monday 25th May	Holiday
Thursday 28th May	Parent's Night
Friday 5th June	P1 Class Assembly 9.30am – Parents & Carers Welcome (Doors Open at 9.15am)

Monday 15th June	Home Learning Tasks Due to Teacher
Friday 19th June	Non Uniform Day
Wednesday 24th June	1pm close for Summer Holidays

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

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Comments/Suggestions

If you have any comments or feedback, please complete this slip and return it to the school office.

Name:		Date:
Pupil:		