



Knightsridge Primary School

News from Mrs Kennedy – December 2020



Thank You!

I would like to thank you all for the support you have offered us in what has been an extraordinary year. I am so proud of the children who have adapted to school life and continue to demonstrate resilience and independence. I am also very proud of and grateful to the staff who have risen to the challenges and who have, yet again, gone above and beyond to ensure the children have the best of experiences at school. On behalf of the staff and pupils at KPS, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Happy New Year.

Gold Reading Award

I am absolutely delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the Gold Reading Accreditation award by the Scottish Book Trust. This is the highest accolade a school can achieve and we are one of three schools in Scotland to receive this prestigious award. We are the first Primary school in West Lothian to gain this gold status. This award is for all the work we have undertaken over the years to promote and embed our reading culture. Our school has been a flagship within West Lothian and indeed Scotland and over the years we have shared our journey with other schools and authorities.

The award is testament to the enthusiasm, commitment and passion your children have shown for reading and to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to encourage and drive our reading journey forward. Our ultimate goal is to make every child a lifelong reader and improve their life chances.

Winter Clothing

With winter upon us I would appeal to you to send your child/children to school wearing a warm jacket. Some of our older pupils are wearing sweatshirts which are unsuitable to wear outdoors now that the weather is cooler. Classes are spending more time outside therefore they will require a warm waterproof jacket.

If your child is in Primary 1 - 4 it would be helpful to provide your child with a pair of socks & a change of trousers in case they get wet.

If your child is wearing Wellington boots to school, it would be advisable to provide them with a pair of gym shoes to change into when in class as wearing wellie boots in class all day is not comfortable.

I would be grateful if you would name all personal articles of clothing to prevent confusion of ownership. Thank you for your support with this.



Term 2: Important Dates



- **10th December** Christmas Lunch
- **11th December** Christmas Jumper Day
- **14th December** Jack and the Beanstalk
- **15th December** Primary 3 and 7 Party
- **16th December** Primary 2/1, 2, 5 and 6 Parties
- **17th December** Primary 1, 4 and 6/5 Parties
- **18th December** End of Term
- **6th January** Pupils return to school

Celebrations and Achievements

I am very proud to announce that Rhys in Primary 3b took the 'runner-up' prize in the Scottish Ballet picture competition. Scottish Ballet is presenting their online performance of 'The Secret Theatre' and Rhys' picture will feature in it and on the Scottish Ballet website. Well done Rhys, we are all proud of you!

Thanks to your generosity we raised £200 for Poppy Scotland. This donation will make a difference to many veterans across Scotland.

Thank you for supporting our Children in Need event in the middle of November. We raised an amazing £200 for the charity. My thanks must also go to the staff who worked hard to plan and prepare various learning activities for all to enjoy.

I would like to congratulate all the children across the school who have adapted to the new routines and procedures we have in place to keep everyone safe. They have demonstrated our school values of **Kindness** to others, have **Persevered** in new learning and routines. They have all done well have experienced **Success**. *Well done everyone!*