

Kirkhill Nursery & Primary School

'Playing, Learning & Growing Together'



October Newsletter

Welcome to our October newsletter. In this newsletter we hope to give you a flavour of all of the learning and activities our children have been involved in during September and to share with you our upcoming events for October. We have a very busy October planned along with our holiday week and hope to see our parents/carers in school for parent consultations and all of our other parental engagement events that we have planned. We continue to be amazed by our wonderful children and the effort that they put into their learning which is leading to improvements in learning across the school. We would also like to thank our parents/carers for their continued support of the school and their children's learning. It really does make a difference when home and school work together.

Celebrating our September Successes— Looking Back



Travelling By Tuba

We all enjoyed a visit from Travelling By Tuba on Wednesday 6th September and were treated to a whole school performance with some of our classes taking part in workshops too. Everyone was then treated to a final performance from the workshops at the end of the school day.

Project Playground



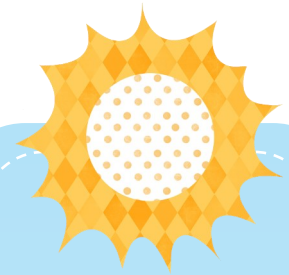
We would like to thank our children and parents/carers who came along on our Project Playground Friday's to start work on making our playground more attractive for us to play, learn and grow. We still have a long way to go so watch out for update blog posts on the next dates for working on our developments. We really do appreciate our families support with this project. Many thanks also goes to our PSC for funding our developments.

P7 Risk Factory

On Thursday 7th September our Primary 7's visited The Risk Factory where they learned about keeping safe at home and what to do in the event of a fire. They very much enjoyed the experience and the learning which took place.

Wild About Scotland Visit

On 21st September Edinburgh Zoo visited us with their Wild About Scotland bus. Everyone enjoyed an assembly with Morna about Scotland's wildlife and then some of our classes were able to visit the bus in the playground where more information about Scottish wildlife was waiting for the children.



Diary Dates—OCTOBER

- 2nd Oct—Steven Turnbull
Motivation workshops
with P1/.P2/P4-3/P3
- 6th Oct—9.15am—P4 Assembly
- 6th Oct—10am-12pm—MacMillan
Coffee Morning
- 11th Oct—4pm-6.30pm—Parent
Consultations
- 11th Oct—5pm-6pm—Nursery
Open Evening
- 11th Oct—6.30pm—PSC Meeting
- 12th Oct—P7 & P7/6 to Our
Dynamic Earth
- 12th Oct—4pm-6.30pm—Parent
Consultations
- 13th Oct—9.15am Harvest
Assembly
- 13th Oct—all break for holidays
- 23rd Oct—INSET Day—all staff
return
- 24th Oct—All pupils return
- 24th Oct—Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- 24th Oct-Bags2School returns
- 25th Oct—5.30pm-6.30pm—P1-3
Halloween Disco
- 25th Oct—6.45pm—8pm—P4-7
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- 27th Oct—Dress Down Day

NOVEMBER

- 3rd Nov—P1 Assembly

Kilt Walk



Congratulations to Mrs Alston who completed the Kilt Walk on Sunday 17th September completing the 5.2 mile course in 1 hour 30 minutes. Well done, Mrs A.



Meet the Teacher

It was great to see our parents/carers at our Meet the Teacher afternoon and evening on Thursday 14th September. We hope that you enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher and having the opportunity to visit their new classrooms. Mrs Thomson was unable to attend due to illness but hopes to meet all of the P6-5 parents at our Parent Consultation evenings in October.



Professional Learning

Our staff team continue to engage in professional learning activities this session. During September INSET Day all teaching staff attended Reflective Reading training with our Broxburn Cluster colleagues and are looking forward to using their learning to positively impact on the children's learning.

A number of our PSWs attended the West Lothian's PSW Conference on INSET Day where they learned about nurturing approaches and attachments disorders.

On Friday 22nd September all teaching staff took part in Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract Numeracy training with cluster colleagues and are also looking forward to putting their professional learning into practice in their classrooms.

Maths Week Scotland

Our first ever Scottish Maths Week was a great success with all classes taking part in a number of maths learning activities throughout the week. We hope that you were able to read about some of our learning in maths on our Kirkhill Chatter blog and Twitter page (@wlkirkhill). Many thanks to our parents/carers who came along to 'Maths with Munchies' and to those who came to talk to some of our children about how they use maths in the world of work.



Sharing Our Learning

We were so pleased to see so many of our parents/carers attending our first Sharing Our Learning event of the school session. There was a real buzz around the school with parents/carers/family members engaging in discussion about their child's learning in school. We have tried to vary the times for these so that you will be able to attend one of the events during the school year. We hope that one of the times will allow you the opportunity to come along. Our next Sharing Our Learning event for P2-7 parents/carers will be on Wednesday 8th November 2017 from 5pm-6pm.

Family Learning Pack Launch (Nursery & Primary 1)



On 26th and 28th September we launched our Primary 1 and Nursery Family Learning packs. We would like to thank those of you who were able to come along to the launch and use the packs with your child/ren in their classrooms. We hope that these will help you to engage in learning with your child at home.

Primary 6 X-Country



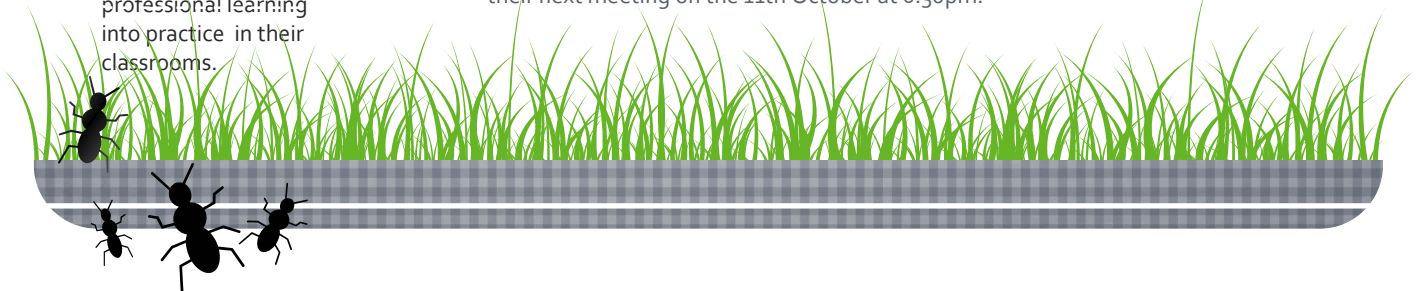
On Thursday 28th September our Primary 6 children took part in the Broxburn Cluster X-Country competition. All of our children did extremely well. We would like to say a huge well done to our Primary 7's for assisting as marshals and doing a great job of this.

PSC News

The PSC and the Kirkhill Community would like to say thank you to Colin Brown Motors for all of their support with our Gala Day Float both on the day and leading up to the day.

We would also like to thank Councillor Calder and Councillor Horne for their Disbursement Fund donations to our school to help with Project Playground, Café Kirkhill and Science resources. We really do appreciate their support.

Our PSC are in need of new members to help with fundraising and school activities. Our PSC have recently raised funds to support school residentials, ties for P7 leavers, playground developments, Christmas Pantomime, Santa gifts for N-P3 at Christmas as well as many other resources which help to enhance the children's school experience. If you would be interested in supporting their efforts then please let the school office know and one of the PSC will get in touch with you or come along to our their next meeting on the 11th October at 6.30pm.



What's Coming Up in October? - Looking Forward

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our Primary 4 children are currently busy organizing our MacMillan Coffee Morning which will be held on Friday 6th October from 10am-12pm. Please check schoolbags for a letter with details of events planned for the day. If you would like to join them for their assembly before the Coffee Morning then you would be more than welcome to join us at 9.15am.



Parent Consultation Evenings

Our Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on Wednesday 11th October and Thursday 12th October. Appointments were sent out on Friday 29th September—if you have not yet received this via school bag mail then please contact the school office who will let you know your time.



Nursery Open Evening

Our Nursery Opening Evening will be held on Wednesday 11th October from 5pm-6pm. We hope you will be able to come along and meet the nursery team and have a look around the nursery.

'Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.'

Benjamin Franklin

Harvest Assembly

We will be celebrating the Harvest in school on Friday 13th October at 9.15am. We would be delighted if parents/carers/ family members would join us in our celebrations. We will be collecting donations for the Broxburn Food Bank as our Harvest offering. Any donations to this will be gratefully received.



Bags2School

Bags2School were sent home a few weeks ago. It's a great time of year for a 'clear out'. All returns should be sent into school by Tuesday 24th October.



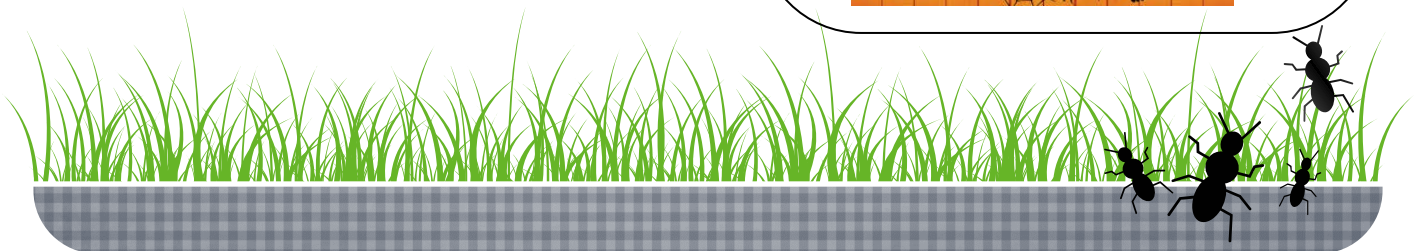
Halloween Discos

Our Halloween Discos will take place on Wednesday 25th October at:

5.30pm-6.30pm—Primary 1—3

6.45pm-8pm—Primary 4-7

We are really looking forward to seeing our children in their Halloween costumes. If you would be free to help out at one or both of the discos please let the school office know. Please ensure all slips (sent home separately) are returned to school with the required details. The PSC will be unable to accept old £1 coins due to them no longer being legal tender.



Upcoming Events

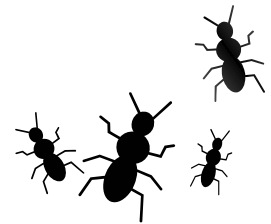
Book Week Scotland

This will take place from Monday 27th November until Friday 1st December. We are currently making plans for this week and will be sharing the timetable with our parents/carers nearer the event.



Diary Dates

The Primary 6/5 class will be presenting their class assembly with the Primary 2/1 class on Friday 16th March 2018 at 9.15am. As this is Sports Relief Day they will be working with the P2/1s on preparations for their assembly and activities on the day.



'The beautiful thing about learning is that no-one can take it away from you.'

BB King

A Plea for Your Support

In order to keep all of our children safe we would be grateful for your support with parking and avoiding turning in the school car park at the start and end of the school day.



Old £1 Coins



The old pound coin ceases to be legal tender from Sunday 15th October, 2017. Therefore when we return on Tuesday 24th October we will only be able to accept the new £1.00 coin for payments for meals, trips etc. We would appreciate your support with this.

Scottish National Standardised Assessments

This session all P1/P4/P7/S3 children will be assessed using the new Scottish Standardised National Assessment. The information from these will support teachers in their professional judgements of children's progress in learning. More details on these can be found at the following link:



<https://www.education.gov.scot/parentzoneDocuments/parent-leaflet-assessing-progress.pdf>

