

# Kirkhill Nursery & Primary School

*'Playing, Learning & Growing Together'*



## December Newsletter

Welcome to our December newsletter where we will share all of our successes from November with our families and friends. A newsletter detailing all of the activities planned for December has already been sent home. If you did not receive a copy of this then please contact the school office who will resend an email copy to you or a paper version or you can access this on our school blog. As we lead up to the festive period we have lots of exciting activities planned for the children in school which we will share with you on the school blog or Twitter during the month. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families and friends a relaxing and peaceful festive period with best wishes for 2018.

## *Celebrating our November Successes— Looking Back*

### Hot Choc Friday



We have held two Hot Choc Friday's in November with children from each of our classes joining Miss Henderson, Mrs Shankland and Mrs McCann to chat over a hot chocolate about reading and wider achievements both in and out of school. As always we are always very impressed with how confident our children are in talking about their learning with adults and their participation in discussions.

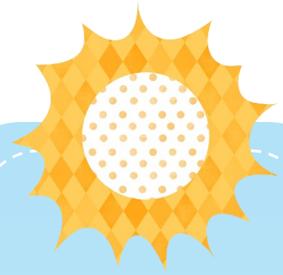
### Class Assemblies



We have been treated to four class assemblies during November with all of those attending being very impressed with our children's presentations skills, singing, dancing and storytelling. Our Primary children led a very successful People Who Help Us assembly, Primary 3 led our Children in Need assembly, Primary 5 gave us a much greater understanding of the Hindu Festival, Diwali and our Primary 4/3 class celebrated the end of Book Week Scotland with their retelling of The Three Little Pigs story as part of Fairytale Friday. Thank you to all of the family members and friends who came along to support the children at each of their assemblies.

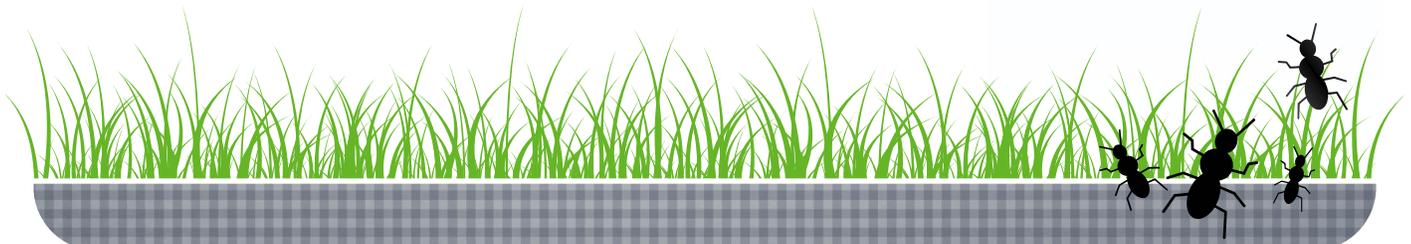
### Fun Start Fitness

Our Primary 3 children along with their friends from Dechmont Infant School have been enjoying working with James Pegg (Broxburn United Sports Club) on the Fun Start Fitness programme where they have been learning lots about keeping themselves fit and healthy. Thanks goes to James for giving his time to work with our children.



#### DIARY DATES - DECEMBER

- 5th Dec—9.30am P1-3 Nativity
- 6th Dec—Christmas Lunch (P1-7)
- 6th Dec—2.15pm P1-3 Nativity
- 8th Dec—PM—PSC Movie Afternoon
- 9th Dec—4pm-4.45pm—Broxburn Christmas Light Switch-On (Junior & Upper Choir)
- 11th Dec—WL to film Choirs
- 12th Dec—9.45am Nursery AM Nativity
- 12th Dec—PM—P7 to Broxburn Academy Christmas Concert
- 12th Dec—2.15pm Nursery PM Nativity
- 13th Dec—PM P1-6 Christmas Parties
- 14th Dec—Nursery AM and PM Christmas Parties
- 14th Dec—7pm—P6/7 Pantomime—Puss in Boots
- 18th Dec—6pm-8pm—P7 Christmas Party
- 20th Dec—PM Golden Club Event
- 21st Dec—9.30am Church Service
- 22nd Dec—AM Peter Pan—whole school



### Sharing Our Learning

We held our second Sharing Our Learning event on 8 November with lots of parents/carers joining us in the evening to discuss their child/ren's learning with them.



### Professional Learning

Our Pupil Support Worker team continued to engage in professional learning during November with Mrs Alston, Mrs Paul and Mrs McKendrick attending a Dyslexia Awareness training session at Boghall Literacy Base.

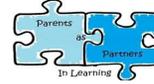
Our teaching staff team continue to enter into professional learning through moderation activities and self-evaluation of our curriculum and learning, teaching and assessment.

Mrs Bowden is undertaking the West Lothian Support for Learning Teacher training throughout this school year and has attended her first session where she is working with other Additional Support Needs Co-ordinators on professional learning linked to the role she plays in school.

## P7 Transition Year Council

Our Head Boy and Girl, Thapelo and Leah joined other Primary 7's from the Broxburn Cluster primary schools to enter into discussion with Mrs Adam (DHT Broxburn Academy) and their Captain and Vice Captain on their thoughts about moving onto secondary school in August 2018 and how the transition process could be developed to ensure that all of our Primary 7 children have a voice in the process. They both represented Kirkhill fantastically and will be attending another meeting in the new year to share thoughts from their other classmates with Broxburn Academy staff.

Pupil Voice



## PEEP Presentations

Congratulations to our PEEP parents/carers who celebrated their success in gaining accreditation for their participation in the programme at an event held in Howden Park Centre on Friday 10 November. We are very proud of their achievements and send our congratulations to all of them.

## Broxburn & Uphall Remembrance Parade



Our House Team joined Miss Henderson and members of the Broxburn and Uphall communities at the annual Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 12 November. The children did a fantastic job of representing the school and played their part in remembering our war heroes from the past and present.

## P6 Science and Technology Day

Our Primary 6 children had great fun at the Broxburn Academy Science and Technology Day on the 14 November. Everyone had a great time working with secondary teachers and children from the other cluster primary schools.

## The Hub



Our Hub children visited The Vue Cinema on the 15 November to see a special screening of Baby Daddy. They were joined by other children from across West Lothian and had a great time learning about being out and about in the community.

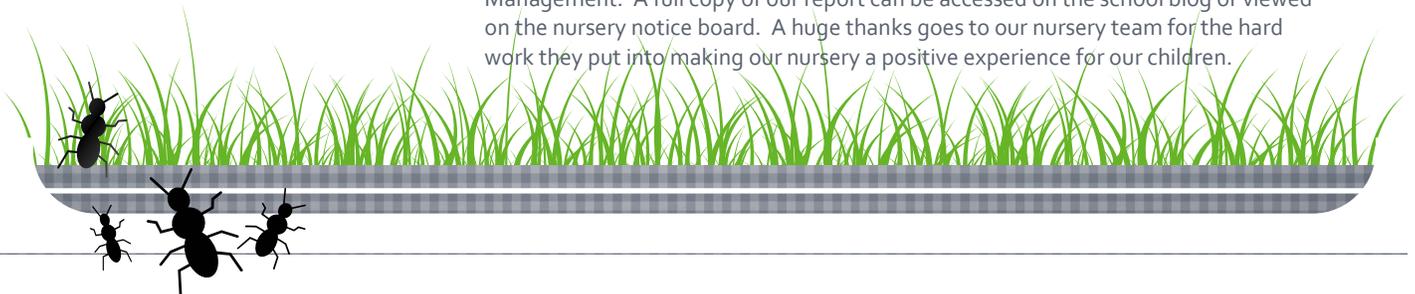
## Choir Performance



Our Choir were invited to get Dobbies, Livingston customers into the festive spirit on the 16 November. They did a fantastic job of singing a number of well known Christmas songs for everyone who came along and were rewarded with a very special ice-cream, cake and juice treat. Thank you to Dobbies for allowing us to perform for your customers.

## Care Inspection Report

Our nursery had an unannounced visit from the Care Inspectorate before the October break. We are delighted to share our very positive report with our families which reports us receiving very good gradings for Care and Support and Leadership and Management. A full copy of our report can be accessed on the school blog or viewed on the nursery notice board. A huge thanks goes to our nursery team for the hard work they put into making our nursery a positive experience for our children.



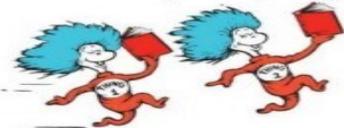
# Our November Successes Continued.....

## Children in Need



Our Primary 3 children did a fantastic job of organizing and running our Children in Need fundraising activities. They held a Bake Sale, sold wristbands and badges and held a Guess Pudsey's Birthday throughout the week and raised a fantastic £407 which will help to support children and young people around the UK including in Broxburn with any difficulties or issues they are facing. Well done, everyone in Primary 3. We are all very proud of you.

The MORE  
that you read,  
the MORE things  
you will know.  
The MORE that you  
LEARN,  
the MORE places you'll go.



## Kirkhill Chatter 2

On Friday 17 November we held our second Kirkhill Chatter of the school year with the focus being on gathering our children's views on their learning in reading. Each of the class teachers ended the session with reading from their favourite books which everyone enjoyed. We will collate the results of the chatter and share these with our children in the near future and use their feedback to inform future school improvement activities.



## Clothing Bank

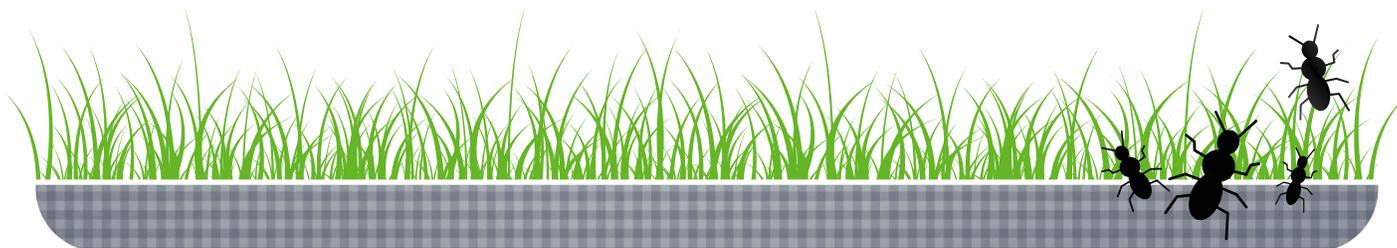
Our school clothing bank has lots of nearly new and in good condition school jumpers, skirts, trousers, polo shirts, t-shirts etc. All parents/carers are welcome to access the clothing bank at any time. Please just ask at the office who will point you in the right direction or send a note in to school with your child who can then collect what is needed.

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## P4 Benchball Festival

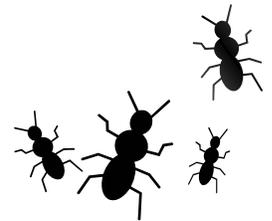
Our Primary 4 children took part in the Broxburn Cluster Benchball Festival on Friday 17 November at Broxburn Academy. They all had a great time and showed great sportmanship whilst working with children from all of our cluster primary schools.



## November Successes Continued.....

### Book Week Scotland

We had lots of fun activities planned during Book Week Scotland last week with Reading with Revels/Rolos, Book Swap Shop, Book Tasting, Classroom Visitors, visits to the library, Big Bedtime Read and Fairytale Friday being some of the events which took place. We all had a great time developing a reading culture in Kirkhill and enjoying reading activities in our classes. Many thanks to Nathan, Simon, Harry, Graeme, Aidan and James who gave up their time to read to classes and to Dianne from the library for visiting our classes and allowing P4 and P4/3 to visit the library.



*'There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.'*

*Walt Disney*

### Christmas Fayre

Thank you to our PSC who organised another very successful Christmas Fayre which was held in school on Wednesday 29th November 2017. We were so pleased to see so many of our families and friends coming along to join in with all of the activities and to get into the festive spirit. A grand total of £2215 was raised which the PSC will use to support the work of the school. Many thanks to all of our families and friends for their support.



### Primary 7 Activities

On Tuesday 28 November our Primary 7 children had a very busy day with a visit to Broxburn Academy to see 'The Wizard of Oz' in the morning and a trip to the Heriot Watt University Robotarium with Mr Robertson in the afternoon. Both events were very well received by our children who enjoyed having such a fun day in school.

