

# Kirkhill Nursery & Primary School

'Playing, Learning & Growing Together'



## November Newsletter

Welcome to our November 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 October and to share with you our upcoming events for November. We had an unannounced visit from the Care Inspectorate in the final week of term who were very impressed with the work going on in the nursery and how this was impacting across the school community. We received a very good grading for both areas inspected (Care and Support and Leadership and Management) which we are delighted with and are pleased to share with you. We have a very busy November planned in school with Book Week Scotland taking place at the end of the month. As reading and writing are a main focus in our School Improvement Plan for this session we have lots of fun and exciting events planned for our children and hope that some of our parents/carers will be able to make it along to our parental engagement events during the week. Our children continue to impress us on a daily basis with their progress in learning and we are very appreciative of the support given at home as we strive to ensure all of our children reach their full potential.

## Celebrating our October Successes— Looking Back

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

We had a fantastic turn out at our MacMillan Coffee Morning which the Primary 4 children and Miss Thomson did a brilliant job of organizing and running. We would like to thank all of our families for their support of this very good cause and were delighted to be able to send an amazing £831 to MacMillan to support them in their good work.



### Parental Engagement Survey

We had a great response to our parental engagement survey which was sent out in September with 55 responses received. Many thanks to those of you who responded. We will analyse the information gathered and use this to implement further improvements as the session progresses. Results were as follows:

- Q3:** How involved do you feel you are in your child's learning at school? **4.02 Average**  
**Q4:** How involved do you feel you are in your child's learning at home? **4.63 Average**  
**Q5:** How well does the school involve you in your child's learning? **4.09 Average**  
**Q6:** I am keen to become involved in my child's learning at school and will be interested in engaging in some of the parental engagement activities throughout the school year. **4.34 Average**

Congratulations to Lee C in P7 who was the winner of the £10 Asda voucher.

### Term 1 Winning House

Our Term 1 winning House Team with 305 points collected was Cardross who all enjoyed 10 minutes extra break as a reward.



## Diary Dates—NOVEMBER

- 3rd Nov**—P1 Assembly (9.15am)  
**4th Nov**—Project Playground (10am-1pm)  
**6th Nov**—Individual/Family Photos  
 11.15am-12.15pm—P3 Fun Start Fitness  
 PM—Head Boy/Girl to Broxburn Academy Year Council Meeting  
**8th Nov**—Sharing Our Learning 2 (5pm-6pm)  
**10th Nov**—P3 Assembly (9.15am)  
 Children in Need Day  
 Two Minute Silence (11am)  
**12th Nov**—Remembrance Parade  
 Parade from Uphall Community Centre (1.30pm)  
 Ceremony at Strathbrock (2pm)  
**13th Nov**—P3 Fun Start Fitness  
**14th Nov**—P6 to Science & Technology Day—Broxburn Ac.  
**15th Nov**—The Hub to Vue Cinema  
 PM—P7 Info Evening at Broxburn Academy  
**16th Nov**—Choir to sing at Dobbies (5.30pm)  
**17th Nov**—Kirkhill Chatter 2  
**20th Nov**—P3 Fun Start Fitness  
**22nd Nov**—P1 & P2/1 Shared Start (8.50am)  
**24th Nov**—P5 Assembly (9.15am)  
 P4 to Benchball Festival (9.15am-11.30am)  
 Dress Down Day  
**27th Nov**—Book Week Scotland begins  
**28th Nov**—P7 to Panto at Broxburn Academy  
 PM—P7 to Heriot Watt Robotarium  
**29th Nov**—Christmas Fayre  
**DECEMBER**  
**1st Dec**—P4/3 Assembly (9.15am)  
**5th Dec**—P1-3 Nativity (9.30am)  
**6th Dec**—P1-3 Nativity (2.15pm)  
 Christmas Lunch



## Professional Learning

Our staff team continue to engage in professional learning activities this session. During our October INSET Day all teaching staff engaged in Teaching Writing training, engaged with online learners journeys and worked to further develop our curriculum through Teacher Leadership activities.

"Teacher leadership is the lifeboat to a better and stronger school."

- Megan M. Allen in Education Week  
Teacher

## Harvest Assembly



Thank you to all of our families who joined us to celebrate Harvest at the end of last term and for all of the very generous donations towards the food bank. Our Primary 7 children did a great job of planning and delivering the assembly which rounded off a very busy term brilliantly.

## Halloween Discos



Our children had a great time at the Halloween Discos on Wednesday 25th October 2017. The costumes looked fantastic. Thank you to our PSC for organising such a fun event for the children. The PSC are pleased to announce that they raised £272 towards their funds.

## Dress Down Day—Bring A Sweetie



We had a fantastic response to our Bring A Sweetie for the Christmas Fayre Dress Down Day on Friday 27th November with all proceeds going to the PSC for the stalls.

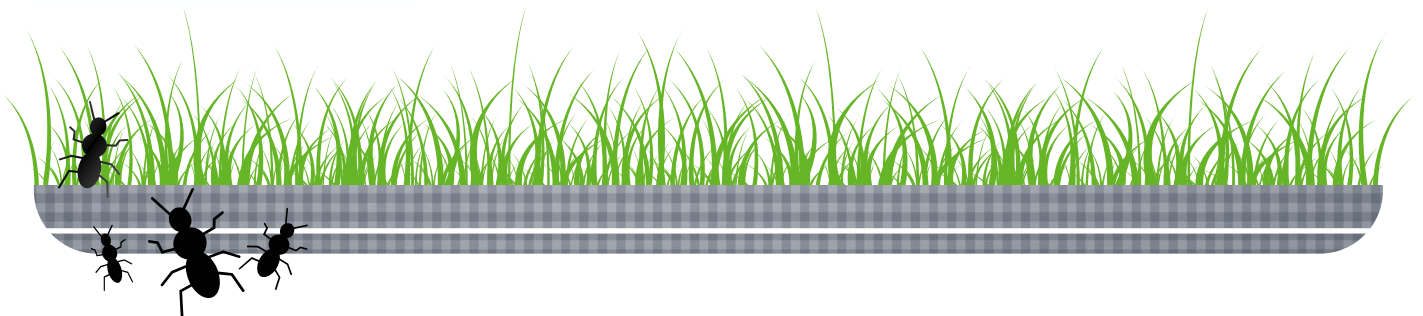
## What's Coming Up in November? - Looking Forward

### PSC News

## Christmas Fayre



Our PSC Christmas Fayre will take place on Wednesday 29th November from 6pm-8pm in the school. We hope that our families and friends will join us to raise funds for the PSC who very kindly donate this to the school to enhance the curriculum and experiences for our children. If you would like to help out at any of the stalls then please contact the school office who will pass your details to the PSC. Any donations for the tombola/raffle etc. would also be very gratefully received.



## Sharing Our Learning (P2-P7)

Our next Sharing Our Learning event for P2-P7 will take place on Wednesday 8th Nov from 5pm—6pm in the school. In order that we can have resources ready we would be grateful if you would return the attached slip on the invite sent home via Bag Mail by Tuesday 7th Nov. We had a fantastic response to our first event and hope to see a great turn out at our second event.



## Book Week Scotland

(27th November—2nd December)

We have lots of exciting events planned for Book Week Scotland. Please see the attached timetable for events which parents/carers/family members are invited to come along to. Our nursery have lots of events planned for this week too and will share these with parents/carers in the nursery newsletter.



*'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.'*

*Nelson Mandela*

## Resident Parking Plea

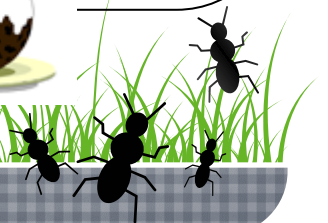
We have had a request from our residents to ask our parents/carers to be mindful that the spaces across from the school are allocated to each of the houses opposite. At the start and end of the day residents are often finding that their space has been used for drop off/pick up of children from school and they would be grateful of your support in ensuring that you don't use these spaces when coming to the school. For future parent /carer events we will open the front playground area for parking, however this is not possible at the start and end of the school day for safety reasons.



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 6th December and the Christmas Menu will be available on Ipayimpact. Due to the large numbers involved, meals cannot be ordered on the day and no packed lunch tray is available. Pupils who wish to can still bring a packed lunch from home. Can we please ask that orders are placed on the system by 15th November and paid too, either on the system or in cash to school. Those pupils who have not registered on Ipayimpact will receive a slip home to order in advance with payment. This should also be returned by 15th November.

(Payment of £1.97 required only for P4-7 pupils who are not entitled to Free School Meals.)



# Upcoming Events/Community

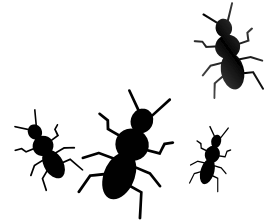
## Christmas Activities in Kirkhill

As this very exciting time of year is fast approaching we will be sending home information on events planned during the weeks leading up to the festive break. Keep an eye out for information coming home via bag mail and email.



## Diary Dates

The Primary 1 class will be presenting their assembly on Friday 3rd November at 9.15am. We are all very excited about watching their assembly which they have been busy practicing for since returning from the October break.



- *'It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.'*

- *Albert Einstein*

## Messy Church

Sunday 12 November 12 - 2pm Strathbrock Church Hall  
Children 3 years and up with a grown up  
Theme No wedding for these bridesmaids includes food, games, crafts and story and its free.

Sunday 10 December 12 - 2pm Strathbrock Church Hall  
Children 3 years and up with a grown up  
Theme Joseph - Obedient and faithful includes food, games, crafts and story and its free.

Sunday 14 January No Messy Church

