

Kirkhill Nursery & Primary School

'Playing, Learning & Growing Together'



January/February Newsletter



Happy New Year to all of our children, families and friends. We hope that you had a restful festive break and wish everyone all the very best for 2018. It was great to see all of our children on the 9th January and we enjoyed hearing all of their news from their holidays. After all of the celebrations last term we are getting settled back into learning in our classes and seeing all of our children continuing on their learning journey.

Celebrating our December Successes— Looking Back

A Busy December in Kirkhill

We had a very busy time in December which began with Book Week Scotland leading us into the joys and celebrations which brought our whole school community together on a number of occasions to share in the Christmas story or to have fun with the children. We are very proud of all of our children and the ways in which they represented Kirkhill both in and out of school. Special mention goes to our Senior and Junior Choirs who entertained the residents at Middleton Hall and Holmes Garden with their fantastic voices and who also entertained across West Lothian via the West Lothian Youtube feed. A very big well done goes to our nursery and P1-3 children on their performances of The Nativity for families and friends and to our Primary 6 & 7 children who did an amazing job of presenting Puss in Boots the pantomime. Many thanks goes to our kitchen staff who made our Christmas Lunch a very enjoyable experience, to Nathan from the Broxburn Family Centre who helped us out when a very special visitor came to our Nursery and P1-3 Christmas Parties and to Mr Barrie for being the DJ at our P7 Christmas Party. Many thanks goes also to Myra MacPherson and Reverend Smith for welcoming us to the church at the end of term to celebrate the Christmas story. It was great to see our children along with family members at the church service. We had 103 children in the Golden Club at the end of term who all enjoyed Pizza and Party and our House winners for the term were Strathbrock with 1935 points who enjoyed ten minutes extra break as a reward.

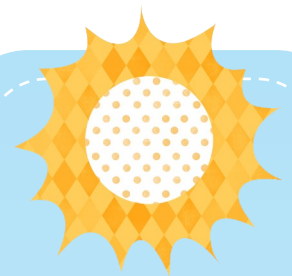


PSC Movie Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came along to our PSC Movie Afternoon on Friday 8th December to enjoy The Emoji Movie. A grand total of £132 was raised towards PSC funds.

Peter Pan Pantomime

We had a great time on the last day of term with a pantomime performance of Peter Pan from M&M Productions. The children (and adults) all enjoyed joining in with the fun of panto. Many thanks to our PSC for funding a lovely end to our term.

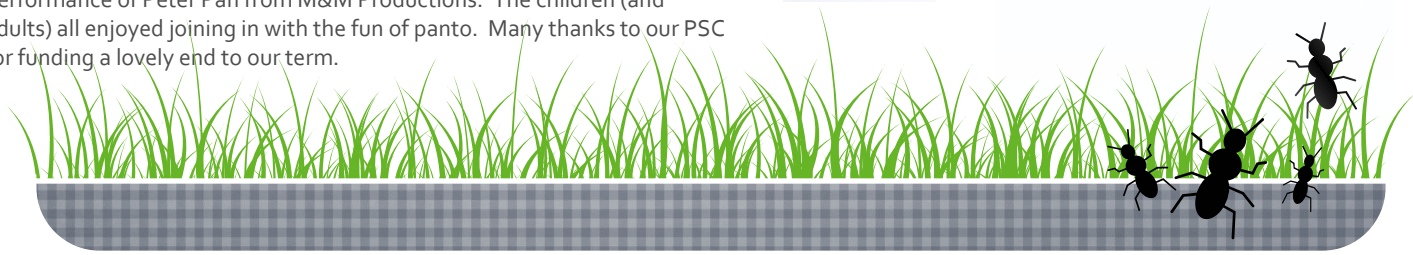


DIARY DATES - JANUARY

- 19th—Scots Poetry Judging
- 22nd—2pm-3pm—Sharing Our Learning
- 26th—9.15am—Scots Assembly
- 26th Jan—Dress Down Day
- 29th—8.50am-9.25am—Shared Start (P1 & P2/1)

DIARY DATES - FEBRUARY

- 2nd—9.15am—P7 Assembly
- 6th—Safer Internet Day
- 8th—AM—P5 Handball Festival
- 9th—11am-12pm—Open Morning
- 12th/13th—February Break (school closed)
- 14th—All pupils and staff return
- 21st—6pm—PSC Meeting
- 23rd—9.15am—P7/6 Assembly
- 23rd—Dress Down Day
- 28th—5pm—P7 invited to Broxburn Academy Careers Fayre (this is still to be confirmed)



Looking Forward—January and February

Sharing Our Learning

Our next Sharing Our Learning event will take place on Monday 22nd January 2018 from 2pm—3pm. Invitations have been sent home to all Primary 2-7 parents/carers. We hope to see our families joining their children to share in their learning journey.



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Education is
the most **POWERFUL**
WEAPON
which you can use
to **change**
the **WORLD**.
—Nelson Mandela”

Community Cupboard

Our Community Cupboard will be launched on Wednesday 17th January with a visitor from Scotmid/Co-operative coming along to help with our launch. Huge thanks goes to Scotmid for awarding us a grant of £250 towards stocking our cupboard and to Tesco, Bathgate for their hamper donation. The Community Cupboard holds a number of non-perishable food items which any of our families can access if they require a food parcel to help out at home. Mrs McDonnell and a group of P3 children have been instrumental in the setting up of the cupboard and we would like to thank them for their hard work. Details on how to access the cupboard will be sent home shortly with the children and via the school blog and Twitter.



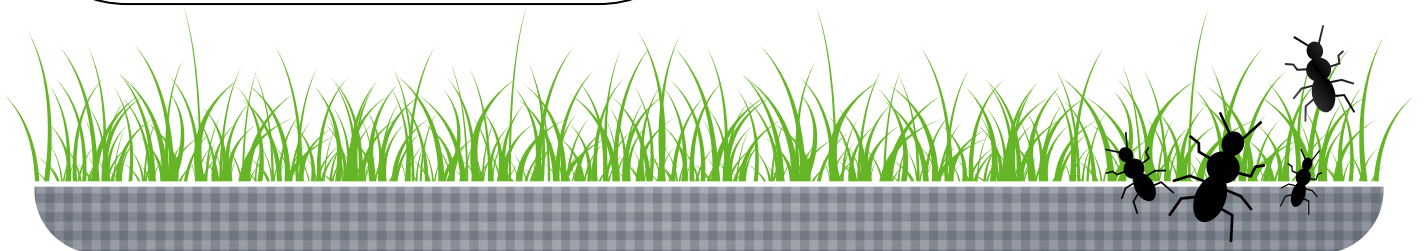
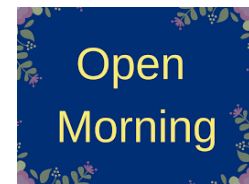
Staffing Update

Mrs Hawkins (Primary 2 Class Teacher) has started her maternity leave a little earlier than planned due to illness and Mrs McDonnell has taken over the role of Primary 2 teacher for the remainder of the session. This means that Ms. Smith has joined our nursery team on a Friday AM and Mrs McCann will be the link teacher for the nursery.

As of Monday 22nd January 2018 Miss Henderson will be going out of school on secondment to develop the West Lothian Literacy Framework for one day each week for the remainder of the term. On the day of the week when Miss Henderson is not in school Mrs Shankland will take over the Head Teacher reigns and be fully in charge of the operational running of the school.

Open Morning

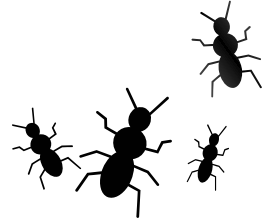
Our annual Open Morning will take place on Friday 9th February from 11am-12pm. This is a chance for family members to visit classes to see the learning which is taking place across the school. We hope that you will be able to join us to share in your child/ren's learning and achievements.



A Request for Your Support

Open Areas

We have had a number of parents/carers accessing the school building in the morning via the children's doors into the open areas. As this is a very busy time for our staff and to ensure the safety of all of our children we would ask for your support in allowing our staff to focus fully on the children in the morning. If you would like to discuss something with your child's class teacher then please contact the school office who will pass the message onto the class teacher who will then give you a call back or arrange to see you at the end of the day when all of the children have been dismissed. Thank you for your ongoing support of the school.



“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.”
- Jane D. Hull

