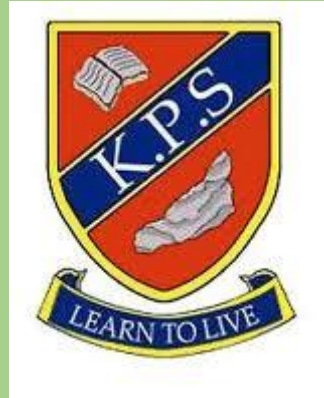


Kilmaurs Primary School

Newsletter



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November/December 2015



A Note from the Head Teacher

Hello everyone and welcome to our November/ December newsletter. As you will see preparations are well underway for the festive season. Please see dates for diaries on page 2 for information about events/parties etc. Further information will follow about arrangements for the trip to the Palace Theatre to see *Mother Goose*.

We are preparing for the **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5th December, 10am-12pm**, where there will be all the usual stalls including those from the classes. Please come along if you can. I am delighted to say that the Head Teacher and Super Star Awards are proving very popular with the children and that 85 children have achieved a Head Teacher Award since the start of the year. Well done to all these pupils and I'm sure it won't be long before all children will have achieved at least one award.

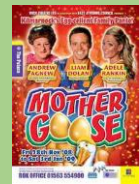
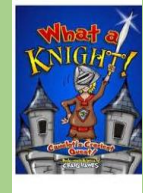
I look forward to seeing many of you in school over the coming weeks at our various events.

Mrs. Rona Lindsay
Head Teacher

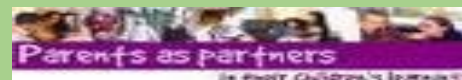


Dates for Diaries

6.11.15	Class Learning Overviews for Term 2 posted on website
10 and 11.11.15	Book Fair
13.11.15	Children in Need - <i>See information below</i>
18.11.15	Day of Dance for P4 @ Grand Hall, Kilmarnock
25.11.15	P1 Book Bug Celebration Afternoon - more info to follow
2.12.15	P6-7 Christmas Performance 1.45pm - <i>What A Knight!</i>
3.12.15	P6-7 Christmas Performances 7pm - <i>What A Knight!</i>
5.12.15 Saturday	<i>Christmas Fayre 10am-12pm including class stalls</i>
8.12.15	School Outing to the Palace Theatre to see <i>Mother Goose</i>
9 and 10.12.15	P1-2 Nativity 2pm - <i>The Landlord's Cat</i>
11.12.15	<i>Christmas Jumper Day - £1 for Save the Children</i>
15.12.15	Christmas Lunch
16.12.15	P4+P5 Christmas Party - 1.20-3pm
17.12.15	P3 Christmas Party - 1.20-3pm
18.12.15	P1+P2 Christmas Party - 1.20-3pm
21.12.15	P6+P7 Christmas Party - 1.20-3pm
22.12.15	Christmas Service at the Maxwell Church - 11am
23.12.15	Wear as you Please day - Christmas theme £1 donation School Closes @ 2.30pm
7.1.16	School reopens for pupils @ 8.55am



Kilmaurs Primary Parent Council



Many thanks, once again, to the Parent Council for their organisation of the Halloween parties. The children really enjoyed themselves and well done to all for the fantastic costumes. Grateful thanks again to Robert McPhee (Discobeatz), for running the disco free of charge for the school. Thanks to staff that were able to attend in some very wonderful fancy dress outfits!



Please note that the next meeting of the Parent Council will be on Monday 23rd November at 7pm in the school.

Lunchtime and Afterschool Clubs and Committees Term 2

Monday Lunchtimes - P7 Relaxation

Wednesday Lunchtimes - P5-7 Craft Club (not the 18th November)

Wednesday Afterschool - Football P6 and P7 Boys; Scenery Club P6 and P7

Thursday Lunchtimes - Pupil Council; Dyslexia Friendly School Steering Group

Thursday Afterschool - Scripture Union

The school choir will be practising for the Christmas Fayre at various lunchtimes.

The Kilmaurs Junior Community Association Reps will be meeting at various times throughout the term.

Children in Need 2015



This year, we are taking part in BBC Children In Need on Friday 13th November. We are asking children to 'Be a Hero' for the day by dressing up as a Superhero or to wear Pudsey clothes (spots, t-shirt, ears etc.). In the afternoon, we will also be holding a talent show where two acts from each class will entertain us. Please bring in a donation to help us raise funds for Pudsey!

Dyslexia Friendly School

Kilmaurs Primary is currently working towards becoming a Dyslexia Friendly School. We are raising awareness amongst pupils and the school community about individual learning differences and styles.



We aim to promote the positive ethos of Dyslexia as a learning difference and create a dyslexia friendly environment in all classrooms. Children have already been learning about dyslexia at weekly assemblies and we have a pupil group leading work in the school. We want to include our families in the journey towards attaining our Dyslexia Friendly School Bronze Award, so look out for information leaflets, questionnaires and letters about our progress.

We also have a page on the Kilmaurs Primary School website where you will be able to read up to date information and see photos of children using strategies to improve literacy skills. Why not chat to your child about what they have learned about dyslexia so far?

Day of Dance



Primary 4 children will be participating in the Day of Dance at the Grand Hall in Kilmarnock on 18th November. The children have been preparing for this event for several weeks now and we are grateful to Mrs. Gillion from the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society who has been in school on Mondays to teach the dances.

Christmas Fayre - P2 Bring and Buy Toy Stall



P2 are intending to have a £1 bring and buy toy stall at the Christmas Fayre this year. If you have any donations please could they be sent to P2 the week beginning the 30th November. A good way to recycle unwanted toys and raise money for the school. Thank you.

Credit Union

I know that many of you are waiting to hear about the Credit Union starting up again. We have been in touch with the Credit Union and hope that we will be able to resume this. Please watch out for an update.

Outdoor Learning and Play

As the weather is now turning to the more usual rain and cold we remind parents to send children to school with a warm, rainproof jacket with a hood. Hats, gloves and scarves will soon be required too so please make sure your child has these with them at school.

Please label all items of clothing with your child's name. Thank you.



Attendance

As standard procedure we will be informing parents whose child has fallen below 90% attendance as per East Ayrshire Council policy. This will include those parents who have informed the school either about illness or holidays. The school monitors the attendance of all pupils continually and will work with families, following the council policy, as required to ensure attendance is at an acceptable level or above.



Tennis Club Reminder



A quick reminder about the Mini Tennis in the school on Monday nights. The Kilmarnock Leisure Education Association is keen to attract more children.

Boys and Girls Aged 5-7 years 6.30-7.30pm Mondays

Boys and Girls Aged 8-12 years 7.30-8.30pm Mondays

Cost is £30 for 10 weeks of 1 hour classes if you prefer to pay in advance or you can choose to pay weekly.

P5/6 Visit to Scotland Street School

The class recently enjoyed a visit to Scotland Street School where they experienced what it was like to be a child in a Victorian classroom. Judging by the look on their faces I think they were very glad that they go to school in the 21st century and not the 19th!



..... we love the costumes though!!!!

Peer Massage



This Health and Wellbeing programme has proved very popular with children from P4-7 and it was great to see so many parents attending the sessions last week.

Many thanks to Dougie Mirfin of the East Ayrshire Support Team for teaching the children the skills. We are looking forward to welcoming Dougie back to Kilmaurs to work with the younger children and letters have been sent out to P1-3 parents regarding this.



The second round of electives on Friday afternoons are proving very popular once again with pupils. Many thanks to our super parent helpers for all their input. Please note there are no electives on Friday 13th November because of Children in Need.

Christmas Cards

Many thanks to the Parent Council for organising this fundraiser and to parents who are purchasing the cards. I'm told that sales have been very good and I'm not surprised as the children's designs are really lovely.

P7 Residential Trip Reminder

Please can payments be sent on a Friday only. Thank you.

Christmas Fayre

**SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER IN KILMAURS PRIMARY SCHOOL
10AM-12PM**

Tea and Coffee

Raffle

Children's Stalls

Santa's Grotto



Home Baking

Jewellery

Candles

£1 Lucky Dip

Sand Art

Healthy Living Products

No Adults Allowed Stall - children can buy their adult a present and have it wrapped in secret!