



Onthank Primary School Newsletter - January 2017

Christmas Events

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We are pleased with all our Christmas events - we had an excellent turnout at the Christmas Fayre. All stalls were cleared of their crafts and pupils and visitors raised the fantastic amount of £3310. Thanks to all who donated towards this event. P5/7 Panto this year was 'Panto Pandemonium'. The show was performed to the school and then to guests, parents and friends. Everyone left with very positive comments, appreciating the amount of hard work and effort put in by staff and pupils. Thanks to all who were involved. P3 Carol Concert was very well attended by parents and friends. This was also performed to the school and made everyone feel very Christmassy. Parents and guests enjoyed the singing and again gave very positive comments about the lovely singing and the hard work of the staff involved. Thanks to all who helped with this concert. The fantastic amount of £110.27 was collected from programme donations and this was sent to Yorkhill Hospital. The children in the Gaelic classes performed their Christmas Concert to a festive audience. Thanks to staff and children who made this possible. Again we were complimented on our talented children. Thanks to Heather Robertson and all staff/parents who helped during our busy Festive period. We were very lucky to have a visit from Santa before Christmas. He came to our P1-P3 Christmas party. All boys and girls received a small gift from Santa. Thank you Santa! Thank you to the Kilmarnock Standard for publishing our Christmas events. The Gaelic choir went to the Clydesdale Bank and to Crossgates Care Home to sing—very positive feedback. Thank you to everyone for working hard in the run up to Christmas.



Enrolment

We are delighted to report we have enrolled 91 pupils for Onthank Primary next session for P1 main school and 3 for Gaelic Classes. We have arranged dates for our new P1 pupils to visit: Wednesday 3 Wednesday 10 and Wednesday 17 May from 9.30 am—10.30 am. We look forward to meeting our new pupils.



Medication

If your child requires medication during the school day, please call into the office to complete the necessary permission slip and hand in the medication. We ask that you do not give your child medication to take unsupervised by themselves.

Facebook

If you are taking photographs at a school event, we ask that you only take your own child/children. We would appreciate that you do not post photographs of other children or members of staff on Facebook.

RRS Article 13

Your right to have information.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school please contact the office by 9.15 am on 525477. If we haven't heard from you by 9.15 am you will receive a text message in the first instance and if you are unavailable we will contact the emergency contact. All Data Forms have been updated with new contact details, if this changes at any time throughout the session, please let us know.



Headlice

We have recently had a few cases of Head Lice in school. Head Lice are caught from close head to head contact with an infected person. Young children are particularly vulnerable because head to head contact is more common in this age group. Momentary, close contact is enough. Prevention - look out for symptoms of head lice. Perform weekly checks to look for nits and head lice in your family's hair. Keep long hair tied back. Avoid sharing combs and brushes with other people. Avoid wearing other people's hair accessories (hairbands, scrunchies), caps or hats. It would be appreciated by the school if you could let us know of any outbreak - all information will be treated in confidence.

Burns / Scottish Assembly

As we celebrated the life of Robert Burns on the 25 January, we are asking pupils to learn a Scottish / Burns poem. We will be having the finalists of the poetry competition perform in front of the school at our Burns' Competition on Friday 10 February. I'm sure you will be making it tough for the teachers to choose the finalists by practising with your child at home. Perhaps we should be having a competition for parents!



Eco News

Thank you to everyone who sent in Christmas cards to school to be recycled. Miss Hamilton and her P6 class collected the cards, bagged and weighed them. The weight collected was 30.65 kg. The cards were taken to Marks & Spencer to be recycled by Woodlands Trust. We are taking part in Switch Off Fortnight. We are encouraging our pupils, staff and parents to switch off lights and equipment when not in use. Each class has made an energy saving pledge and are trying to be more energy efficient at school and home.



House Captains / Vice Captains

Fleming

House Captains: Fraser Clive, Skye Sloan

Vice Captains: Adam Sharp, Brooke Dunlop

Livingston

House Captains: Luke Lithgow, Kiera Stewart

Vice Captains: Aaron Deery, Demi Marshall

Burns

House Captains: Marcus Campbell, Pheobe Arnott

Vice Captains: Daniel Robertson, Finlay McMillan,
Shannon Barbour

Scott

House Captains: Luca Antinoro, Sasha I'Anson

Vice Captains: Alex Yildiz, Sarah Marshall

Onthank App on Phone

- Open website www.onthankprimary.btck.co.uk and click on  button.
- From this page click on Add to Home Screen.
- The app should now appear on your screen.

Winter Wear

With the ever changing weather could we ask that your child wears a coat outside. We are continually seeing children outside in only their t-shirts.



Nut Allergies

We are committed to a whole school approach to the Health and Safety of all pupils. We have two pupils in school who have severe nut allergies. We ask that pupils do not bring nuts/or nut related products to school. Please note Nutella is a nut related product.

Items Brought to School

We are in the era where small, very complex and sometimes expensive "toys" are being enjoyed by pupils. These are very entertaining for them but as we have no means of ensuring that these do not get broken, mislaid, taken or swapped in some cases, we do ask that these items remain at home. **If mobile phones are brought to school, pupils are asked to have them switched off during school hours and not to be taken into the playground at playtime or lunchtime.** They should not be used to take photographs. Phones are also the pupils' own responsibility and should be kept in their schoolbags and not left in jacket pockets.



Random Acts of Kindness

Week Beginning Monday 30 January

Monday

Give someone a compliment.

Tuesday

Give someone a hug.

Wednesday

Thank your teacher or other staff member for their help.

Thursday

Give someone a helping hand at school or at home.

Friday

Make someone smile or laugh.



P6 K'Nex Lunchtime Club

Members of P6 have recently started a K'Nex Lunchtime Club with Mr McIlwraith. The first session was very productive with the boys and girls building bridges, cranes and even a pair of scissors. The group working hard in preparation for the K'Nex Challenge, which will take place in the Spring.



RRS

We are continuing to promote our RRS level 1 award. The article of the month we will be focusing on through February is Article 13: the right to have information. The Rights Respecting School Ambassadors delivered a fantastic assembly to raise awareness of this article. All pupils joined in the Shanarri Song—Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible, Individual.



expedition journey with purpose

Google Expedition

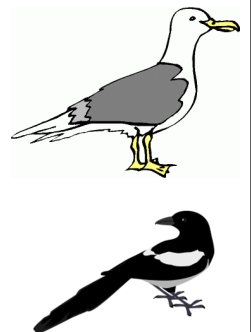
Google Expeditions visited the school and all classes were able to experience a wide range of virtual reality expeditions. The children were transported to space, under the sea, Egypt, Antartica and many more destinations. Both pupils and staff enjoyed the opportunity of using the technology to learn about the world from a different perspective.

Road Safety / Parking

We are continually striving to improve safety and security for our children. For safety reasons, can we remind you please to use the pathways of the school when leaving the car park. We have had a few phone calls from local residents with concerns re parking before 9.00 am and after 3.00 pm. We ask that you please show consideration at these times as some cars have been parking over driveways blocking people in/out.

RSPB Schoolswatch

P3E Mrs Easter's class took part in the RSPB Schoolswatch in and around the school grounds. They found 7 different species of birds while they were out. They spotted gulls, jackdaws, carrion crows, pied wagtails, starlings, blackbirds and magpies. Some of the children even brought in binoculars from home.



December Star Pupils

Primary 1: Lexi McCloskey, Nathan Nicol, Jack McGee, Millie Brown, Blake Gorrie, Alfie James, Adam McAvoy, Blair Bolton, Tulisa Webb, Brooke Miller, Amy McArthur, Erin O'Connor.

Primary 2: Ellie Archibald, Lucie Hill, Keir Parsons, Ethan Sloan, Callum Wallace, Kayla Thomson, Jorja Robertson, Emma McTaggart, Alexander Nelson, Kaitlyn Bell, Lyla Mathieson.

Primary 3: Mia Russell, Hannah Phillips, Cameron Love, Layla Markac, Sophie Kerr, Kyle Brown, Sophie Malone, Ellie Cummings, Faye Armstrong, Matthew McDonald, Emily Thomson, Miss Smith's whole class.

Primary 4: Matthew O'Hare, Campbell Neal, Luke McCall, Erin Williams, Eilidh McGee, Aimee Robinson, Olivia Cooper, Lucy Wilson, Sean Clark.

Primary 5: Liam Cassidy, Lewis Hope, Leighah Campbell, Dylan Fulton, Rhys Maitland, Miss Ellis's whole class, Rebecca Devlin, Eve Gregory, Mrs Mill's whole class.

Primary 6: Molly Sneddon, Abby Armstrong, Rachel Davies, Kyle Morrison, Demmi-Leigh Campbell, Bryce McGregor, Kyle Paterson, Molly Sinclair, Emma McIlvanney.

Primary 7: Zach Battley, David Brogan, Ruby Waggitt, Ben Jamieson, Melanie Rafferty, Mya McCartney, Amelie Warnes, Skye Sloan, Rebecca McAtee, Demi Marshall, Pheobe Arnott, Sam Barrowman, Robbie Pretswell, Paige Williamson, all of P7.

January Star Pupils

Primary 1: Mya Stebbings, Stuart Mair, James Logue, Lily Roy, Devlin Robertson, Erin Bush, Henry Lindle, Luca Borrelli, Esa Hamilton, Riley Hunter, Katie King, Rachel Paterson.

Primary 2: Lucie Gower, Harry Mackay, Lyle Bolland, Blake Cunningham, Bailey Dobson, Kal McGonigale, Amy Bicker, Oskar Wylde, James Callaghan, Elise Harrigan, Cerys Cunningham,

Primary 3: Shaunnie Campbell, Leah Henderson, Sarah Robertson, Kyra McGaw, Leah Mills, Lewis Morren, Callum Walker, Aran Cowan, Matthew McDonald, Liam Downs, Alex Dunlop, Ellie Gan, Sophie Ritchie.

Primary 4: Orlaith Heaney, Theo Mathieson, Bailey Watt, Jennifer Sharpe, Joshua Baird, Blair Ferguson. Liam MacIsaac, Louie White, Thomas Urquhart, Ayden Thomas, Mackenzie Simpson.

Primary 5: Alistair Dickson, Andrew Lynch, Lewis McIntosh, Angeline Bain, Emily Hamilton, Amie-Leigh McIlvanney, Ruby James, Amy McKenzie.

Primary 6: James Marshall, Charli Fulton, Molly Sinclair, Luke Anderson, Harper Wilson, Callum Crawley, Alexander Dougall, Rachel Davies, Thomas Dunlop.

Primary 7: Lewis Robertson, Adam Sharp, Luke Lithgow, Aaron Deery, Abigail McPherson, Mark Chan, Brooke Dunlop, Liam Barbour.

Dates for your Diary

February 2017

Friday 10 February

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Thursday 16 February

Friday 17 February

Monday 20 February

Monday 27 February

March / April 2017

Thursday 2 March

Friday 3 March

Saturday 11 March

Thursday 23 March

Friday 24 March

Tuesday 28 March

Wednesday 29 March

Friday 31 March

Tuesday 18 April

Burns Competition

School closes at 3.00 pm

Inservice Day for staff

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School reopens for pupils

Hopscotch Production 'The Nation of Innovation' for P4-P7

World Book Day

P7s to James Hamilton for Maths Fun Day

P7s Bag Packing at Tesco, Glasgow Road

Shoogalie Road Production of 'Jungle Book' to whole school / Parents' Evening from 6.00 pm

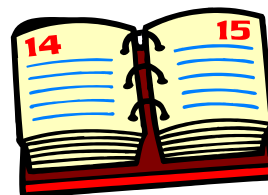
Red Nose Day / Zumba for whole school

Parents' Afternoon from 3.10 pm

P3s to Vikingar in Largs

School closes 2.30 pm

School reopens at 9.00 am



K. McCartney / G. Findlay



PTA Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Quiz Sheet

The PTA will shortly issue a quiz sheet to all pupils for a chance to win a number of prizes, including cinema vouchers. The quiz sheet will



test their knowledge of films, books, music, TV and more. The cost of each entry is just £1.00 with all the money made going back into the PTA funds for use by the school.



Bingo

It is also our intention to arrange a bingo evening for parents and kids for some time in the spring. Further details will be provided in future newsletters once a date has been confirmed.



Summer Discos

We are hoping to arrange 3 summer discos this year, one for each of the age groups. Further information on these will be sent to all parents nearer the time.



Come and join us

If anyone is interested in coming to the next PTA meeting (date to be confirmed) please pass your name to the office and we will be in touch to provide details of where and when we will meet.

We only hold a few minutes per year so the commitment is not too onerous and it would be great to see some new faces coming along.

