



# Onthank Primary School Newsletter - March 2017

## Comic Relief—Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to Red Nose Day. Pupils and staff dressed in funny clothes and took part in a Zumba session with Silly Gilly. Thank you to all parents/friends who joined us. The total collected was £615. Thank you to P7 boys Adam Cowan, Lewis Robertson and Marcus Campbell for cycling and raising £85.



## Picnic Tables

We have many picnic tables in the P5-P7 playground. Pupils are allowed to dine 'al fresco' if they want. Please remember to use the litter bins provided.



## The Big Pedal 2017

We are taking part in the Big Pedal from Monday 20 March to Friday 31 March. Pupils came to school on bikes/scooters. Parents were also counted if they cycled or scooted to school. Thanks to Miss Adam's P3A class who collated the data every day.



## World Book Day—20th Anniversary

This year was the 20th Anniversary of World Book Day. We asked everyone to dress as a book character. There were many fabulous costumes—pictures on website. During World Book Day, Greg Kiltie from Kilmarnock Football Club came into school to read to P1s. He brought a signed Killie football for us to raffle. P1 pupils sold the tickets and raised £300 which we gave to The Willow Foundation. The winning ticket was drawn at assembly and Blake Cunningham in P2N won the signed ball. Thank you to all who bought tickets.



## JRSOs

Every day JRSO collect information from every class to ask who has cycled/scooted/walked to school. This info is counted and the weekly Golden Ticket Winner is announced at assembly.



## 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. Please inform the school of any changes.

## RRS—Article 24

Our Article of the month is Article 24—Your Right to a Good Standard of Living. We focused on what it means to have a good standard of living, raising awareness of nutrition and a safe place to live. This was tied into Comic Relief Films and RND songs.



## 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.**

## 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.

## Eco Update

The Eco Committee held their Eco Assembly on Monday 27 March. They talked about our 3 topics which we are focusing on this year: Sustaining Our World, Food and The Environment and Litter. We also took part in Switch Off Fortnight and Food Waste Week. Well done to the Eco Committee. Rag Bags were collected on Tuesday 28 March—this was organised by Mr McIlwraith's P7M. We collected 738kg of bags. Thank you to all who cleaned out and brought us bags to recycle. As part of being an Eco School we ask parents to not leave engines idling in the car park.



## 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.



## Annabelle

We are delighted to report P1-3G had an invite to go to Annabelle's Bell Ringing Celebration at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow. We are very happy her classmates could be there. The Gaelic Class is having a Strawberry Tea on Friday 31 March to mark this achievement and to raise money for the Schiehallion Ward. Brilliant Annabelle!



## Staffing

After Easter we have a few staffing changes. Mrs Mills, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Kidd and Mrs McPhail are on Maternity leave. We wish them well in their forthcoming additions to their family. Miss Lamond (P1L) is leaving to relocate to London. We wish her well in this new chapter of her life. P1L new teacher has to be confirmed. 4 x P2 classes became 3 x P2s: P2B Miss Breen, P2N Mrs Findlay, P2S Mrs Strain. P5M—Wednesday, Thursday, Friday—Mrs Saxelby. We will keep you up to date with any other changes.

## Homework Survey

Thank you to all who completed the homework survey on our Facebook page. The results/comments are very mixed—half of you like homework and half would prefer not to have it. Further information will follow.



## Tesco Bag Packing



Thank you to all P7s and staff who gave their time to help bag pack at Tesco, Glasgow Road. We raised £725 towards P7 Residential Visit to Inverclyde in May. Thank you to all who came and put money in the buckets.

## Football Team

Our P6/7 football team have been very busy recently. They are through to the quarter finals of the Ayrshire Cup after beating Barassie 11-0. In the same week they also won the regional finals in Hamilton, winning every game along the way and qualifying for the national finals. The P6 team won their regional finals too and are also through to the national finals. Both teams are now in the top 8 teams in Scotland. Well done!



## Pupil Equity Fund

Thank you to everyone who responded with suggestions. These were helpful and you will be receiving more information about this in term 4.

## P3s Visit to Vikingar, Largs

On Wednesday 29 March P3 went to Vikingar, Largs. We had an amazing day. We visited the Hall of Gods and a Longhouse. We learned about Viking marriages then we watched a movie. We had a great time. We loved it! By Callum Walker P3C/K.



# March Star Pupils

**Primary 1:** Leo Daly, Tyler Mason, Isla Duncan, Jack McArthur, Kaycee Ritchie, Lara Dougan, Eden Longmuir, Kaiden-Lee Henderson, Jack Colligen, Lucy Pratt, Iona Patrick, Liam Paterson, Lauchlan Dunn, Lily Brown, Shae Smith.

**Primary 2:** Megan Hamilton, Aaron Harper, Emily Skinner, Rhona-Mae Borthwick, Molly Muirhead, Milo Horner, Calum Brown, Rory Hunter, Ethan Lewis, Brooke Morgan, Elise Harrigan, Callum Walton, Jamie McDowall, P2MCP, P2N, Lukas Chisholm.

**Primary 3:** Ellie Moir, Callum Hamilton-Booth, Jennifer Angus, Jay Milne, Jaiden Muir, Sam Skilling, Alfie Campbell, Tom Reid, Kyle McGowan, Sarah Robertson, Daniel Harvey, Kalib McLean, Kelsie Dorans, Hannah Phillips, Katie Brown.

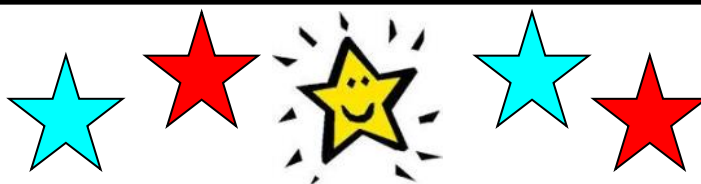
**Primary 4:** Ellie Kerr, Millie Allan, Zara Lochhead, Miller Davidson, Robert Morris, Erin Mooney, Christopher Brown, Andrew Scott, Katie McIntyre, Alex Chudleigh, Owen Black, Brooke Holland, Liam MacIsaac.

**Primary 5:** Ben Copland, Katie Wood, Lee Curran, P5E, Brooke Dewhurst, Eubh Baillie, Liam Cassidy, Jamie Marshall, Isla Tonner, Kyle Miller, Adam Gold, Liam Ross.

**Primary 6:** Pearse Shields, Ben Robertson, Greg Robertson, Kyle Morrison, Abbey Stewart, Emily Black, Aimee Kirkwood, Abbey Stewart, Erin Sharkey, Lucie Corrigan, Saifaddine Mouaouka, Sarah Kirk, Courtney MacIsaac.

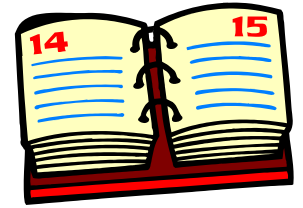
**Primary 7:** Anne Miller, Amelie Warnes, Mya McCartney, Robbie Pretswell, Lorena Scott, Katy Dudgeon, Steven Gilmour, Luca Antinoro, Brooke Dunlop, Sam Barrowman, Shannon Barbour, Sophie Stewart, Kaitlin Dickson, Alex McGibbon, Niomi Morris, Emma Fraser, Rachel Hadley, Skye Sloan, Rebecca McAtee, Charisse Rogerson, Elise White, Adam Cowan, Ashton Hastings, Joshua McLeod.

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# Dates for your Diary



## March 2017

Friday 31 March School closes **2.30 pm**

## April 2017

Tuesday 18 April Pupils return to school 9.00 am  
Monday 24 April STEM Fortnight begins / P6 K'Nex Challenge at Silverwood  
Tuesday 25 April P6s rearranged Visit to Kelvingrove/Riverside Museum  
Wednesday 26 April P4F+P4M to Kelvingrove Museum / STEM in the Real World Afternoon  
Thursday 27 April P4C to Kelvingrove Museum / P5+P6 'Meet An Engineer' Day



## May 2017

Monday 1 May May Day Holiday  
Wednesday 3 May P1 Induction 9.30 am—10.30 am / P5s to Science Centre / P7s to JHA Expressive Arts  
Thursday 4 May Inservice Day  
Friday 5 May STEM Finale Afternoon  
Monday 8 May New P1 Parents' Evening 6.30 pm—8.30 pm  
Wednesday 10 May P1 Induction 9.30 am—10.30 am  
Thursday 11 May PTA Bingo Night  
Friday 12 May Whole School Spring Clean—Parents/Carers Invited  
Wednesday 17 May P1 Induction 9.30 am—10.30 am  
Monday 22 May RRS Week  
Tuesday 23 May P7s to Elim Hall  
Wednesday 24 May P7s to Inverclyde Sports Centre, Largs  
Friday 26 May Hopscotch Production 'Think Global' / UNICEF Day for Change / P7s return from Inverclyde  
Monday 29 May Holiday  
Wednesday 31 May P1-P2 Sports 10.00 am / P3-P4 Sports 1.00 pm



## June 2017

Thursday 1 June P5-P7 Sports 10.00 am / St. Joseph's Induction  
Friday 2 June The McDougalls Production 'Green Machine' 9.30 am / St. Joseph's Induction  
Monday 5 June P7s to JHA Induction  
Tuesday 6 June P7s to JHA Induction  
Wednesday 7 June P7s to JHA Induction / Kilmarnock Academy Induction  
Thursday 8 June Grange Academy Induction / Kilmarnock Academy Induction  
Friday 9 June Grange Academy Induction / Kilmarnock Academy Induction  
Thursday 15 June P7s Fun Day  
Tuesday 20 June P7s to Millport  
Tuesday 27 June Prizegiving 9.30 am  
Thursday 29 June School closes **1.00 pm**



K. McCartney / G. Findlay

*Kirsten A. McCartney*



# PTA Newsletter

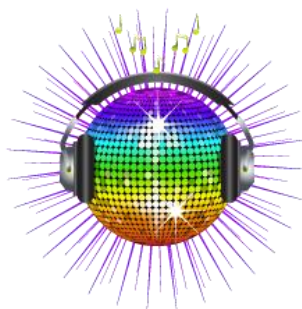
## Upcoming Events

### Bingo

A family bingo evening has been arranged for **11 May 2017**. The evening will include a raffle, plus there will be other chances to win prizes. Refreshments will be provided as part of the ticket price. Please come along and support this event.



We are looking for additional items to use as prizes for the bingo and the raffle so if anyone has any suitable items please hand these into the office. Or if anyone owns a business and could offer gift vouchers to use as prizes we would also be delighted to accept those.



### Summer Discos

We intend to run 3 summer discos this year, one for P1 and P2 classes, a second one for P3 and P4, and a third one for P5s-P7s. More information will follow after the Bingo night.

## Come and join us



If anyone feels they could spare some time, please come along to the next PTA meeting (date to be confirmed). You can either pass your name to the office and we will be in touch with you, or can speak to one of the members of the PTA.

We only hold a few meetings per year so the commitment is not too onerous and it would be great to get input from some new parents.