



# Onthank Primary School Newsletter - November 2017

## Christmas Fayre

The school's Christmas Fayre is due to take place on Tuesday 5 December. All classes in the school are busy making crafts and items to be sold at the Fayre. Each class will have their own stall and will be manned by pupils and helpers. There will be many other stalls including toys, DVDs, books, soft toys, raffles and tea/coffee will be available. We are being Eco Friendly and recycling toys, books and games. Please come along between 9.20 am and 12.00 pm. Christmas Fayre timetable - P1s 9.20 am, P2s 9.40 am, P3s 10.00 am, Gaelic Classes 10.20 am, P4s 10.20 am, P5s 11.00 am, P6s 11.15 am and P7s 11.30 am.



## Christmas Jumper Day

Pupils who have a Christmas jumper can wear it on Friday 15 December. If you don't have one, please wear school uniform. Please send in a small donation we are collecting for Save The Children.



## Celebrating Wider Achievements

We are keen to celebrate children's wider achievements at our school assemblies. Children's photographs are taken and displayed on our Celebrating Wider Achievement Wall in the main corridor. This display receives praise from visitors to our school and are often amazed at how talented the children of Onthank are! If your child receives something in an activity or club please send in to school for a mention at assembly. Personal achievements so far include Highland Dancing, Tai Kwon Do, Karate, Swimming, Running, being in Panto at The Palace Theatre, Gymnastics, Hockey and Pipe Band. A wider achievement provides a real boost to your child's confidence and self esteem.



## Children In Need

For Children In Need this year we asked pupils to be SPOTACULAR, wear Pudsey clothes or do your own thing. Pupils and staff took part in this event. Pudsey Bear visited the school and met many pupils. Thanks to everyone for their donation, we raised the fantastic amount of £1010.32. Pudsey Pics were in the Kilmarnock Standard.



## Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch is on Thursday 7 December and costs £2.05 (to be paid through ParentPay) or free if your child is in P1, P2, P3 or is in receipt of free school meals. The menu is turkey and all the trimmings or steak pie with mash or roast potatoes, peas and carrots followed by Christmas ice-cream, trifle or profiteroles.



## Christmas Parties

P4 party is on Tuesday 19 December at 1.15 pm, P5 party is on Wednesday 20 December at 1.15pm, P1-P3 party is on Thursday 21 December at 9.30 am (parents invited at 11.15 am to see Santa in main hall), P6 party is on Thursday 21 December at 1.15 pm and P7 party is on Friday 22 December at 9.30 am.



## P5&P7 Panto 'Aladdin Trouble'

Panto 'Aladdin Trouble' to parents is on Tuesday 12 December at 10.00 am and Thursday 14 December at 7.00 pm—tickets are on sale through ParentPay—£2.50 each including tea/coffee.

## Baby News

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Newall on the birth of their baby daughter.



### Nut Allergies

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

### Headlice

Parents are reminded of the need to regularly check their child's head. Headlice are a common problem for all schools and parents need to be vigilant and routinely use the detection combing method.

### 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 on Facebook.

### 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.



### Swimming Championships

A huge well done to the 12 swimmers who took part in the Ayrshire Schools Swimming Championships. Excellent swims with a few Personal Bests and medals. Thomas came 5th and Adam 3rd in Breaststroke and Adam came 6th in Butterfly. And congratulations to the boys relay team who came 1st and won gold and now qualify to swim at the Brodie's Scottish Schools championships in 2018!

You all did a fantastic job representing our school. Thanks to Karen Thomson for organising the swimmers.



### Road Safety Banner Competition - JRSO

The JRSOs are happy to announce the school level winners of the recent national road safety banner competition. The official theme this year was **Speed Down Save Lives**. Unfortunately we were not lucky enough to have national winners but we wanted to celebrate the high level of entries within our own school. Congratulations to Shaw Saxelby P2B, Ben McLean P5DI and Hayley Coull P7S. Check out their fantastic designs on our JRSO display in the main corridor.

### National Road Safety Week

To raise awareness of road safety the JRSOs and Mrs Klein enlisted the help of all the P6s. P6 pupils were asked to share the road safety book, *GO Safe!* - Ziggy's Road Safety Mission with our Primary 1 classes and P1-3G class. It was an enjoyable session and helped highlight ways in which we all can keep safe near roads.



### Day of Dance 2017

P6M took part in the RSCDS Day of Dance in The Grand Hall. There were 8 dances in total and everyone worked very hard to learn them. Well done to our fantastic Demonstration Team who performed The Waratah Weaver. Also well done to Eve Shirkie who designed a fantastic banner for Onthank Primary. Photographs are in the Kilmarnock Standard.





## November Star Pupils

**Primary 1:** Zoe McCracken, Annalise Bruce, Rachel McTaggart, Lucy McLean, Logan Steel, Hannah McAvoy, Tyler Phillips, Christina McNaughton, Robbie McKie, Alfie Orr, Cameron Lindsay, Ellemarie McLean, Lewis Mackie, Piper Stewart, Jessica Dickie, Evie Ballie, Jay McFadzean, Ben Love.

**Primary 2:** Lewis Anderson, Amelia Gregorek, Nathan Jamieson, Logan Miller, Ellie Calder, Lily Gilbert, Macie O'Donnell, Alistair Krupp, Jack McArthur, Adam McAvoy, Tulisa Webb, Jessica Rodgers, Ella Gilbert, Amy McArthur, Brodie Callaghan, Tyler Livingstone, Nicholas Morson.

**Primary 3:** Milo Horner, Oskar Wylde, Elise Harrigan, Emily McPhail, Ellie Archibald, Lewys Cairns, Rudy O'Brien, Molly Muirhead, Callum Nicol, Erin McCormack, Christopher Lynch, Lyla Mathieson.

**Primary 4:** Sophie Hopkins, Lewis Kirk, Kyle Brown, Tom Reid, Faye Armstrong, Dylan Torrance, Sophie Kerr, Lexi Mackie, Ethan Craigen, Jake Downs, Sophie Malone, Lily Nimbley, Lewis Campbell, Aran Cowan, Lewis Boyd, Ellie Moir.

**Primary 5:** Andrew Scott, Miller Davidson, Callum McAvoy, Emily MacDonald, Callum McNaughton, Stuart Anderson, Owen Black, Rhiannon Smith, Adam Ferrell, Isla McMahon, Stuart Anderson, James McIlvanney, Mackenzie Simpson, Liam MacIsaac, Callum Thomson, Bailey Watt, Emily Tosh, Tom Sneddon.

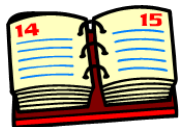
**Primary 6:** Niamh McDonald, Owen Thomas, Leighah Campbell, Brian Cree, Eve Gregory, Lewis Mitchell, Robbie Qua, Ruby James, Luke Edgar, Adam Paterson, Scott Henderson, Dawn Robertson, Eve Shirkie, Ellie Rodgers, Holly Fleming, Sean McGhee.

**Primary 7:** Bryce McGregor, all of P7, Amy Grant, Kaitlin Bennett, Sophie Robertson, Finlay Smith, Molly Sneddon, Declan King, Nico Minchella, Daniel Boyd, Jessica Harris, Alesha Grant, Alfie Banks, Kyle Speirs, Thomas Dunlop.

**Mrs Findlay's Head Teacher Award:** Ellie Nicol, all of P6K, Ollie Shopp, James Callaghan.

SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS / CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS / EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTORS /  
RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

## Dates for your Diary



As per previous sheet in October's Newsletter.

Can also be viewed online at [www.onthankprimary.org.uk](http://www.onthankprimary.org.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE ON FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER WE CLOSE AT 2.30 PM AND  
REOPEN ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018 AT 9.00 AM**

G. Findlay

## Gaelic Early Childhood Centre - November 2017

Big massive welcome to all our lovely new children, we are so happy you have joined us!

We celebrated St Andrew's Day on the Thursday 30 November with the whole Gaelic department and P1 from the mainstream. We had lots of fun dancing with everyone and we were even brave enough to get up and sing 'Tunnagan Beaga' in front of them all. We had a special snack too to taste lots of Scottish food. Turns out we love 'Spicy Mince'! As well as learning all about St Andrew this month, we've also finished our topic on Autumn. We're now all geared up to learn about Christmas.

We've got lots of events planned for this month. Please check the newsletter for relevant events but here's a few special ones for your diary;

Tuesday 5 December: Christmas Fayre (9.00 am-12.00 pm)

Thursday 7 December: Christmas Lunch (11.30 am-12.30 pm approx)

Friday 8 December: Nollaig tro na Linntinn (Christmas Show) 10.00 am

Friday 15 December: Christmas Jumper Day (in aid of Save the Children)

Thursday 21 December: Gaelic ECC Party (10.00 am- Santa at 11.15 am)



Here are some helpful Christmassy words!

### English

Christmas

Santa

Happy New Year

Toys

Snow

Snowman

Hat

Scarf

Gloves

### Gàidhlig

nollaig

bodach na Nollaig

bliadhna mhath ùr

Dèideagan

sneachd

bodach-sneachd

ad

stoc

miotagan

### Phonetics

Noll-ack

botoch na Noll-ack

bleena-va-oor

Jay-jack-in

Sh-neeck

botoch- sh-neeckk

at

stock

mit-agin



We've seen some lovely pictures of our new ECC. We're very excited to move in after Easter. Keep your eyes open for pictures on our Parent Board.

We want to know all about your Christmas tree! Please feel free to create a picture for us of your tree at home.





# PTA Newsletter

## Upcoming Fundraising Events



The PTA has been taking a bit of a break following the Hallowe'en discos but is now planning its fundraising events for next year. We will issue the annual quiz sheets again early in the new year and are aiming to run a bingo evening some time in the spring, as well as the normal summer discos.



We are also hoping to arrange one further fundraising event for late January or early February but the planning for this is at the very early stages and there are no details as yet. Further information will be posted in the newsletter once we have firmed up on the arrangements for this so please keep an eye out for that.

## Could you help out on the PTA?

Onthank PTA is currently low on members. The PTA relies on volunteers to make it work and we desperately need some more people to be part of the Committee. If you are a parent or guardian and think you might be interested in being a part of the fundraising effort at the school please pass your details to the office, or speak to one of the PTA members.

