



Kinmylies Primary School

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Term 2



First steps on the West Link Road



P3A pose for a class photo on the bridge



Look at our convoy!

What a busy term we have had again! It was great to be so involved in the opening of the new West Link Road. This is something the children will be able to talk about for many years ahead! Thank you again to all the adults who came along and helped on the day. We couldn't have done it without you.

This week, the classes are enjoying their Christmas parties - our younger classes had a very special visitor who gave them each a small

gift!

This term also included swimming for P6 and P7, our Seasons for Growth programme to support children through bereavement and change, a "Beep Beep" Road Safety Awareness day for P1 and P2, Mini-Ref training for some of our P6 and P7 footballers, Switch Off Fortnight, Children in



Need, Christmas

Jumper Day, Christmas concerts and Christmas lunch, a visit from Pets As Therapy and a performance from the Charleston Academy wind band! No wonder we're exhausted and ready for the holidays! Thank you to all for your involvement in making sure all of the above happens.

Staffing

From January, Mrs Munro will take up a new post within the school focusing on the development of strong partnerships and supporting family learning. This post is funded by the Pupil Equity Fund which has been allocated to schools to support children from less affluent homes. We

are really excited about this new post and the opportunities that we will be able to offer families. Mrs Munro will be sharing more information about this soon! Keep an eye on school bags and the blog for relevant information. Currently, this post targets children who are entitled to Free School

Meals. If you think you are entitled but have not yet claimed, Mrs Munro can support with your application.

We welcome Mrs Judith Macleod (with the same name as our P5 teacher - how confusing!) who takes over as P4 teacher.



P1 party game winners!



P5 looked great in their Christmas jumpers!



"Bismarck" from Pets as Therapy

Visits to the Church

Our Primary 1 and 2 children have both benefitted from some visits to Kinmylies Parish Church to find out a little more about the Christmas story from some of the Church community. The children

always enjoy the activity mornings at the church - the adults involved go to a lot of effort to make them fun and engaging for all. Thank you to Anne and the team. P1 - 7 will be attending an end of term service at

the church on Friday morning.



Christmas Concerts

Thank you to all of you who came along to our Christmas Concerts. It was great to see so many of our families there - we were completely sold out on the Wednesday and only had around 30 tickets left for the Thursday performance. Again, we apologise for our late finish on the Wednesday which meant that classes were late

out for home time. We tweaked the organisation for the second show and did not do the sing-a-long meaning that we finished promptly and everyone got home on time!

We raised £1200 from the proceeds of the concert which is fantastic! We have used this money to fully fund a Theatre Company who

are coming to the school on Tues 9th January to perform Beauty and the Beast to P1-7 and we gave each class a contribution towards their party costs. Alongside this, we use school fund money to subsidise school trips and buses to try to keep parental costs to a minimum.

Seasons for Growth

Over the last couple of months, several of our children have been involved in a programme called "Seasons for Growth". This is delivered by Yvonne, our Children's Services Worker and Miss Rita O'Donohue, one of our Pupil Support Assistants. The programme supports children who are dealing with significant loss or

change. It helps them to develop the language needed to express their feelings, and gives them a safe place to talk about them. The programme ends with a celebration day where each family is invited in to find out about their child's journey.

This is the first time the programme has been

offered in the school and the families involved have spoken highly of its benefits.

We aim to offer this programme every year - please speak to your child's teacher if you feel this is something your child would benefit from being part of.

Parent Focus Groups

Many thanks to those of you who gave your names to Mrs McKellar at our last Parents' Night to show interest in joining one of our parent focus groups. It's so important to have parents involved at the planning stage of our school improvement to ensure that your views are heard and you are involved in the decision making. We have two main focus groups - **Profiling and**

Reporting (Looking at how children and parents are involved in discussions about their learning and next steps) and **Becoming a Nurturing School** (looking at children's wider health and wellbeing including school ethos). Both of these groups are invited to meet at **3.30pm on Thursday 22nd February**. If you did not give your name to

Mrs McKellar but would like to join one of our groups, please just come along on the day ☺

In addition, Mrs Tyronney has asked for some parents to be part of an E-Safety group looking at online safety and appropriate conduct. Thank you to those who have already noted interest. Please see blog for more information or get in touch with school.

"Speak to your children as if they are the wisest, kindest, most beautiful and magical humans on the earth, for what they believe is what they will become."

Brooke Hampton

Key Dates for the Session

Mon 8th Jan - School opens
Tues 9th Jan - Theatre Company Production: Beauty and the Beast
Thur 11th Jan - E-Safety group meeting
Tues 23rd Jan - Parent council Meeting 5.45pm Community Complex
Monday 29th Jan - P1 enrolment week
Wed 31st Jan - P7 class trip to Skills Development Hub

Monday 12th Feb - Nursery enrolment week

Wed 14th Feb - 1.30pm P2A assembly
2.15pm P5/6 Assembly
Mon 19th Feb - HOL
Tues 20th Feb - HOL
Wed 21st Feb - INSET
Thurs 22nd Feb - 3.30 Parent Focus Groups
Mon 26th Feb - Fluoride Varnishing all this week
Wed 28th Feb - 1.30pm P2B assembly
2.15pm P7 assembly

Mon 12th Mar - P7s to Laggania
Wed 21st Mar - P1 - 7 open afternoon 2.45pm

Mon 26th Mar - Eco Day with open afternoon 1.45pm
Wed 28th Mar - school closes

Mon 16th Apr - school opens
Tues 24th Apr - Parents' Evening 3.45 - 5.30pm
Thurs 26th Apr - Parents' Evening 5.30 - 8.00pm
Mon 7th May - HOL

Mon 4th Jun - INSET
Mon 25th Jun - Eco Day
Fri 29th Jun - P7 Leavers Assembly at Kinmylies Church School closes 12.15pm

REMINDER: Parents are asked to ensure you park safely at drop off and pick up times. If the shop car park is busy then please park at the Church.
The police will continue to monitor the situation.

Helpful Information

Any information on school closures will be shared via MFR. There is also a Parents Telephone Line which you can use to confirm if the school is open in the event of adverse weather.

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