



Crosshouse Primary School

Newsletter

March 2019

It is hard to believe that we are now in March and Spring break is just around the corner. As always Crosshouse Primary is a hive of activity with lots of high quality learning and teaching going on. We are very pleased with our new open area outside Rooms 1,2 & 3. This area will be used to develop our approaches to play based active learning.



Art Competition

We were overwhelmed by the entries into the Woodlands Trust art competition. The creativity and thought that went into some of the creations was outstanding. Thank you to our families for supporting the children with this project. The entries have been collected by East Kilbride Woodlands Trust and they will be in touch with us shortly to advise on the location of the display and winners.

Spotlight on Success Winners

Our winners for February are:

Nursery - Sophia Ross & Rheeva Nicol

Room 1 - Molly Brown

Room 2 - Robbie Kennedy

Room 3 - Lachlan Smith

Room 4 - Jack Hamilton

Room 5 - Jay Cavanagh

Room 6 - Josh Fergie

Room 7 - Khloe McInnes

Room 8 - Martha-Rose McKinnon

Room 9 - Kaiden Kennedy

Room 10 - Harrison Cornelius

Room 11 - Molly White

Room 12 - Cal MacDonald

Room 13 - Leah Harold

Room 14 - Reece Hollywood & Calum Currie

Room 15 - Sonni Harkins

PE - Thomas Gallagher

Congratulations to our Spotlight winners!

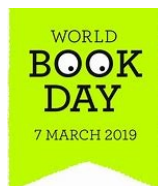


#FMBBookCrush

We were delighted to win a prize in the recent First Minister's Reading Challenge Book Crush competition. The children in Rooms 6, 9 and 12 told stories of their favourite books and made some attractive displays. Well done to all involved.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and children can come dressed as their favourite character or in pyjamas. We are looking forward to taking part in a range of reading activities during the day.



Comic Relief—15th March

This year children can (if they wish) donate some copper coins to 'Comic Relief'. Children will get the opportunity to toss some coins on our huge Disney characters. Red Noses are optional on the day and children should come to school in their usual red uniform.



EK Rotary - Annual Burns Competition

Well done to Arran Ronald, Sophie Louise Smith, Emily Wilson and Jack Haggerty who represented Crosshouse at the EK Rotary annual Burns competition. The children worked really hard to learn and recite a poem by Robert Burns and each of them performed very well, in front of a large audience. Congratulations to Jack who has qualified for Lanarkshire finals.



International School Meals Day - 14th March



International School Meals Day is on Thursday 14th March. The menu for that day was picked by Crosshouse pupils and will be :

Starter - breadsticks

Blue Tray - Pizza & Corn on Cob

Red Tray - Macaroni Cheese

Yellow Tray - Pizza

Green Tray - Ham Baguette

Dessert - Cake



Non Uniform Day

We will have a non uniform day on Friday 29th March as agreed by our Pupil and Parent Councils. Children can come in non uniform and pay £1 towards school funds.



School Holidays

School will close at 2.30pm on Friday 29th March and reopen on Monday 15th April. We will return to school for 4 days and be off for Easter on Friday 19th April and Monday 22nd April. We wish you all a lovely Spring & Easter break.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 6th March

Group to EK Curling
Room 1 & 2 to Greenhills Library

Thursday 7th March

World Book day - children can come dressed as favourite character or in pyjamas

Friday 15th March

Comic Relief

Wednesday 20th March

Football team at tournament

Thursday 21st March

2.00pm Room 11 Let's Learn Together session - parents/carers invited along

Wednesday 27th March

6.30pm Health & Wellbeing Family Learning Event

Friday 29th March

Non Uniform day - pay £1
2.30pm School closes

Monday 1st April - Friday 12th April

Spring Break Holiday

Monday 15th April

Back to school - Term 3 begins

Friday 19th April & Monday 22nd April

School Closed - Easter weekend

Tuesday 23rd April

P7 Trip to Dalguise

Wednesday 24th April

6.30pm Fundraising Committee Meeting
7.15pm Parent Council Meeting

Monday 29th April

Term 3 clubs begin

Tuesday 7th May

In-service day - school closed to pupils

Wednesday 29th May

6.30pm Internet Safety event - parents/carers only

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to our netball, football and athletics teams who have represented our school at events recently. Congratulations to Kayleigh Pew who qualified for the South Lanarkshire cross country finals.

Playground Supervision

Parents/carers are reminded that playground supervision starts at 8.45am and children should not enter the playground until after this time.

School Uniform

School uniform is an important part of our identity at Crosshouse and we work hard to ensure that children understand the reasons for having a school uniform. Please be advised that leggings, jogging bottoms and hoodies are not part of our school uniform. We have noticed a number of children wearing branded sports clothing to PE. Our PE uniform policy is a red polo/T-shirt and navy/black shorts. Children are permitted to wear black or navy jogging bottoms if they are going outside for PE.

Football Colours

Football colours are not allowed in school. This includes lunchboxes, pencil cases and other accessories.

Parents' Evening Changes

Many thanks to the parents/carers that took the time to complete the parents' evening survey. To date we have received 88 responses and the feedback has been extremely helpful.

We were asked by parents/carers last year to move parents' evening forward to give parents and children sufficient time, in the school year to work on the next steps identified. We agreed that teachers would report to parents every term as follows:

Term 1 - Parents' Evening

Term 2 - Parents' Evening

Term 3 - Report Cards

71.6% of respondents said they preferred parents night earlier in the year and 20.5% said they didn't know. 100% agreed that access to assessment folders helped them to understand their child's attainment levels and progress.



100% indicated that the information they received helped them to understand how their child is learning and progressing. We received very helpful suggestions regarding the booking of appointment times and this will be investigated further. All the responses will be discussed at our next Parent Council meeting.



Parent/Carer Surveys

Seeking the views of our parents and carers is very important to us at Crosshouse, as we work together to make Crosshouse an even better school. As our surveys are anonymous it is impossible for us to respond to individual concerns. We would urge any parent or carer who has a particular concern or query regarding their child that they contact us directly. We are aware that time with class teachers is tight during parents evening but we would urge you to make contact with our staff.

Family Learning Event

Our Health & Wellbeing family learning event will take place on Wednesday 27th March. A separate flyer will be issued. All families are welcome along.

School Improvements - Outdoor Learning

Curriculum for Excellence offers opportunities for all children and young people to enjoy first-hand experience outdoors, whether within the school grounds, in urban green spaces, in Scotland's countryside or in wilder environments. Such experiences motivate our children to become successful learners and to develop as healthy, confident, enterprising and responsible citizens. Well-constructed and well-planned outdoor learning helps develop the skills of enquiry, critical thinking and reflection necessary for our children to meet the social, economic and environmental challenges of life in the 21st century. Outdoor learning connects children with the natural world, with our built heritage and our culture and society, and encourages lifelong involvement and activity in Scotland's outdoors.

Different outdoor learning experiences offer opportunities for personal and learning skills development in areas such as communication, problem solving, information technology, working with others and thinking skills.

Learning in the outdoors can make significant contributions to literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.



In literacy there are opportunities to use different texts: the spoken word, charts, maps, timetables and instructions. In numeracy there are opportunities to measure angles and calculate bearings and journey times. In health and wellbeing there are opportunities to become physically active in alternative ways and to improve emotional wellbeing and mental health. Therefore, outdoor learning offers many opportunities for learners to deepen and contextualise their understanding within curriculum areas, and for linking learning across the curriculum in different contexts and at all levels.

As part of our improvement plan priorities we are developing our approaches to outdoor learning. We are working with an outdoor learning and play charity called Learning Through Landscapes. So far, our staff team have attended 2 training sessions, both of which have provided lots of practical ideas and suggestions on how to take learning outdoors. Our grassy area above the carpark will be developed over the coming weeks and will be the focal point for our outdoor learning activities. You may have noticed we have started to plant a willow shaped classroom in this area.

If there are any questions relating to the items in this newsletter or any other matters please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours Sincerely,

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Believe &
Achieve**

