

# Crosshouse Primary School



## Newsletter November 2019

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### Welcome

We hope everyone had a lovely October break enjoying the unseasonably good weather that we had. As we approach the winter months, remember to wrap up warm for school!



We are delighted to announce Crosshouse have been awarded the **Gold School Sport Award** for 2019-2022. This award recognises our school's achievements in putting sport at the heart of our school's planning, practice and ethos. The Gold Award also highlights our excellent practice and demonstrates our on-going commitment to increase young people's opportunities and engagement in physical education, school sport and leadership and provide clear pathways to life-long participation in sport. This has been a real team effort from pupils, parents and staff and we would like to thank

Mrs Doig for all her hard work in compiling our nomination.

We are delighted to welcome Steven Lytham from Sports Scotland to our School Assembly on Friday 15th November, 2019 when he will present the award.

Well Done Crosshouse!!!

### Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is Monday 11th to Friday 15th November. During this week the school will continue to raise awareness of this extremely important issue. This week will also see the launch of the School's new Anti-Bullying Policy. The Policy has been developed by the Anti-Bullying Working Party as part of our School Improvement last session in consultation with pupils, parents and staff. A copy of the policy is available on the school website.

### Read, Write and Council

As part of the Scottish Government's commitment to development of literacy we are delighted that the school will once again participate in the Read, Write and Count initiative. Sharing stories, songs and rhymes with young

Scottish  
Book Trust

children has many benefits including supporting children's language, learning and social skills. Our gifting session will take place on **Friday 29th November, 2019 at 2.15 p.m.** Every child will receive a free Book Bug Bag filled with books and activities. For more information on how you can support your child in literacy follow the link!

[www.scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug)

### Maths

As part of the school's on going partnership working, Primary 7 pupils are continuing to participate in weekly numeracy and maths sessions with Mrs Thomson from Duncanrig Secondary Maths Department. The children are thoroughly enjoying working with a member of staff from our local secondary school and pupils are especially enjoying the Numeracy Ninja challenge, where they complete a series of calculations against the clock to earn the next Ninja Belt! Keep up the good work.

### Children in Need

Sport your trainers to school, bring £1 to donate to Children in Need and take part in our whole school workout. There will also be raffle tickets on sale, 50p, all next week. Prize: Teddy Bear's Hamper.



### Pupil Leadership

Our Pupil Groups recently enjoyed a joint leadership workshop event. This session allowed the children to share their ideas and discuss the skills and knowledge they require to take forward school improvement.

This session was also attended by Carol Gillies, Chair of Crosshouse Primary's Parent Council. Mrs Gillies enjoyed working with the



children, sharing her role within the Parent Council and discussing how our pupil leadership groups might support the school. Many thanks Mrs Gillies.

### School Trips

Recent trips include Room 5 visiting Whitelee Windfarm as part of their topic on Renewable Energies.



The children learned how Turbines are designed and learned lots of interesting

facts about the wind farm. The boys in Room 5 would recommend this trip to other classes!!

Rooms 13 and 14 recently visited the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh.

The children said

*"Spectacular because we got to go into the debating chamber. We were also on the t.v." "I would love to visit again". "It was great meeting an MSP" and "I liked the debate because it was on football."*



### Dates for Your Diary

Monday 11th November—Anti-Bullying week

Tuesday 12th November

6.30 p.m. Family Learning Event

Wednesday 13th November

2.00 p.m. Room 9 Let's Learn Together

Friday 15th November

Children in Need

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th November

Inservice— School closed to Pupils

Friday 22nd November

Groundwork Day

Monday 25th November

Last week of Afterschool Clubs

Wednesday 27th November

6.30 p.m. Fundraising Committee

7.15 p.m. Parent Council

Friday 29th November

2.15 Read Write and Council Gifting Session  
Primaries 1,2 and 3

Tuesday 3rd December

Primary 1 Christmas Party

Wednesday 4th December

Primary 2 and 3 Christmas Party

Thursday 5th December

Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December

Primary 6 and 7 Christmas Party

Monday 9th December

Primary 4 and 5 Christmas Party

Wednesday 11th December

Nursery Nativity (morning and afternoon)

Thursday 12th December

School closed to Pupils—General Election

Friday 13th December

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17th December

Nursery Christmas Parties

Wednesday 18th December

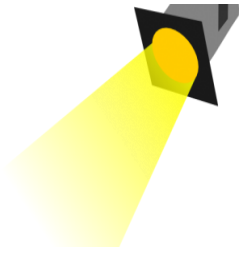
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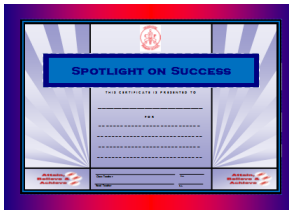
Friday 20th December

Non Uniform Day School Closes 2.30 p.m.

**SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS**

Well Done to all our Winners!

**Nursery Oliver Kennedy**  
**Nursery Ethan Knight**  
**Room 1 Layla Smith**  
**Room 2 Callum Freer**  
**Room 3 Callum Trevena**  
**Room 4 Caleb Hughes**  
**Room 5 Jay Cole**  
**Room 6 Molly Borwn**  
**Room 7 Savannah Stafford**



**Room 8 Lachlan Smith**  
**Room 9 Sam Bradley**  
**Room 10 Megan Whitelaw**  
**Room 11 Jasmine Miller**  
**Room 12 Adam Russell**  
**Room 13 Ryan Lyndsey**  
**Room 14 Hannah White**  
**Room 15 Ben Watson**

**Halloween Discos**

Many thanks to the Fundraising Committee for organising our recent Discos. All the children had a spooktacular time !!!

**Parental Engagement**

In continuing our commitment to parental engagement, if you would like to become more involved within the school please contact Miss Ashwood through our school office.

**Lunch**

All children will have lunch from 12.15pm - 1.00pm. Children who are having a home lunch should be collected from the main entrance at 12.15pm.

**Parking—Polite reminder**

While we appreciate the recent inclement weather, parking is not available within the school grounds. We would encourage pupils to walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible or 'park and stride' from outwith the school.

**Nut Products**

May I remind parents/carers that we have children in our school who are severely allergic to nuts. Please do not send any nut products to school with your child. This includes chocolate spread products which often contain nuts. Many thanks for your support regarding this matter.

**Parent Pay**

While the new system is still providing a few challenges, most parents are navigating this successfully. If you are still experiencing issues, please contact the School office.

**Email**

Almost all of the communication from school will be sent out via email from our generic office email address. If you do not receive emails or would like to be added to our mailing list please contact the school office.

**Lost Property**

We have a number of jackets left at lost property. If your child has lost a jacket recently please contact the School Office.

**P.E.**

Please ensure your child has appropriate P.E. kit on gym days.

Please note that long hair should be tied back and no jewellery should be worn while taking part in P.E. lessons in line with health and safety

**School Uniform**

Thank you as always for continuing to support our policy of asking all pupils to wear school uniform. Please remember to label items. Please also ensure that your child has black gym shoes to change into once they arrive at school.

**Clubs**

Please note that the last week of clubs will be Monday 25th November, 2019.

**Late Coming**

Please note that once the bell rings at 9.00 a.m., children should enter the school through the main door.

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,  
 Mrs Lara Tolland  
Depute Head Teacher

**Crosshouse Outdoors**

We are holding an Open Day on **Friday 22nd November** to clean up our grounds and lay the foundations for high quality outdoor learning. We will be carrying out lots of tasks, such as pruning, digging and painting. We would be delighted if you would be willing to come along and help. Remember aunts, grannies, uncles and grandads are welcome too!



