

Crosshouse Primary School

Newsletter

March 2020



**Attain,
Believe &
Achieve**

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.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Gayle McGill to the Crosshouse team. Mrs McGill was appointed as Support Staff Team Leader and joins Crosshouse this week.



Many of the Room 14 children and families will be aware that Miss Slesser is expecting a baby and will begin her maternity leave at the end of May. Mrs Alexander is due to return from maternity leave and will take over from Miss Slesser in Room 14.

Miss Bell started her maternity leave last week and we are awaiting the news of her new arrival. Mrs Sanderson who was working in our office is now covering for Miss Bell.

Wellbeing Indicator of the Month- RESPONSIBLE

Every month we introduce and reinforce one of the areas which helps our children explore their wellbeing and how this can be improved or supported. Children will be introduced to the wellbeing indicator during assembly and this will be followed up in class during Health & Wellbeing lessons. This month's focus is on being RESPONSIBLE. This means having opportunities and encouragement to play active and responsible roles at home, in school and in the community. It also means that where necessary, having appropriate guidance and supervision, and being involved in decisions that affect them. Our Pupil Leadership Teams are a great example of this.



Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will take place on Thursday 19th March. Appointment times have been recorded in your child's learning log. We ask that you attend at the allocated time as it is very difficult to provide an alternative due to the large number of children we have. All teachers will be located in the gym hall during parents' evening and you will be directed to wait in the dining hall when you arrive. As always, we would like children to be part of the discussion.



Parent Information Session

We will host a parent information session on Tuesday 17th March at 2.00pm & 6.00pm. We will focus on Curriculum for Excellence levels and our approaches to assessment. Parents/carers who attended this last year said it really helped with understanding the information shared with them during parents' evening. Parents/carers are invited to attend at either 2.00pm or 6.00pm.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 10th March

6.30pm Fundraising Committee
7.15pm Parent Council

Thursday 12th March

1.45pm Room 6 Let's Learn Together
Parents/carers welcome to attend.

Friday 13th March

Euroquiz Team attending event

Tuesday 17th March

1.30pm Room 15 Let's Learn Together
Parents/carers welcome to attend.
2.00pm & 6.00pm Parent Information Session. Curriculum Levels & Assessment

Wednesday 18th March

12 noon Football team attending festival

Thursday 19th March

Parents' Evening

Monday 23rd March

Nursery Daffodil Dawdle

Tuesday 24th March

2.00pm Room 12 Let's Learn Together
Parents/carers welcome to attend.

Wednesday 25th March

Nursery Daffodil Tea

Friday 27th March

Room 7 trip to Dynamic Earth

Thursday 26th March

2.00pm Room 11 Let's Learn Together
Parents/carers welcome to attend.

Monday 30th March

World Autism week begins

Thursday 2nd April

Room 11 & Room 12 trip to Dynamic Earth
9.00am Parent/carer coffee morning - all welcome

Friday 3rd April

Non Uniform Day

Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April

Spring Break Holiday

Monday 20th April

Return to school

Spotlight on Success Winners

Our winners for February are:

Nursery - Lucas White & Charlie McGowan
Room 1 - Zach Whiting
Room 2 - Jack Denham
Room 3 - Lewis Heslop
Room 4 - Jackson Currie
Room 5 - George Kneller
Room 6 - Marcus Inglis
Room 7 - Penny Barr
Room 8 - Evie Dobrowolska
Room 9 - Tyler Hollywood
Room 10 - Harry Johnston
Room 11 - Jasmine Miller
Room 12 - Amber Moss
Room 13 - Lilly Barkley
Room 14 - Harry Docherty
Room 15 - Kayla McLaughlin



Congratulations to our Spotlight winners!

EK Rotary - Annual Burns Competition

Well done to Finlay, Kiera, Eilidh, Eva, Arran, Kahleia & Aleesha 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. Huge congratulations to Aleesha & Finlay who won 1st place in their categories.



Pilates for Parents

Our Pilates for Parents class started last week and will run for a further 3 weeks, every Wednesday from 4pm - 5pm. The class costs £5 per week and all money raised will go towards school fundraising. Huge thank you to Aileen Dingwall, parent and Pilates Instructor for giving up her time to help raise funds for the school.

Message from our Parent Council

As I write this I find it hard to believe that this is the last newsletter before the end of term two! The time really is flying in!

Once again on behalf of the Parent Council and the wider parent/carer group we would like to thank our fundraising committee and in particular Mrs Jacqui Galloway for organising the 'bag pack' at our local Morrison's. Thank you to all the parents and children who took the time to help on the day. We raised an amazing £685 towards our outdoor learning.

The Parent Council continues to work alongside the school and at our most recent meeting Mrs Murray provided an input on "the cost of the school day". Everyone in attendance left with a great deal to think about moving forward. The input was both informative and hard hitting.

You may recall in the last newsletter the Parent Council again raised the issue of parking and the use of the drop off zone. Can I please give a gentle reminder that if you are required to take your child(ren) to the playground entrance or you need to get out of your vehicle to observe them going in can you please park out with the school car park and escort them accordingly. The drop off area is for 'drop off only'. Again thank you all for your ongoing assistance, cooperation and shared responsibility with this matter.

Finally can we take this opportunity to say how fabulous all the children and teachers looked on 'World Book Day'. The costumes and PJs all looked great!.

As always new members are welcome to attend and our next meeting which is on Tuesday the 12th of May at 7:15pm. If you would like any issues raised please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Lisa Leslie- Vice Chair

Improvement Plan Update

Following lots of consultation with children, parents/carers, staff and other stakeholders we now have 5 core values for our school.

We believe that children should be at the heart of all we do and therefore our HEART Values will underpin all aspects of our school. Heart stands for: Happiness, Excellence, Achievement, Respect, Together.

**Heart Values - Achievements**

We are really keen to celebrate children's achievements inside and outside of school. We have regular celebrating achievements assemblies but if your child has achieved something outside of school please share this with us via the school Twitter feed or school office email.

Cost of The School Day

We know that those disadvantaged through poverty often struggle with living costs. This affects members from across our community. In order to support our children and you as parents/carers, we will now include the 'Cost of the School Day' as an item on our newsletter. We will use this opportunity to share the range of support which is available to you.

This month, we would like to draw your attention to the free sanitary products which are available in the school as part of the work to reduce Period Poverty. Products are readily available in the school and extras can be provided for holidays and weekends. The products are available in our toilets and via the school office. This is done in a discreet, confidential way so please come in if you would benefit from access to these free products.

The school can also provide clothing and uniform if needed. Please contact me at the school if you would like to know more. As always, this would be in the strictest confidence.

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 Isabelle Murray

Head Teacher

Dates for Your Diary**Tuesday 21st April - Friday 24th April**

P7 Residential trip to Dalguise

Wednesday 29th April

Duncanrig Information Evening for parents/carers and children.

1.45pm Room 7 & Room 8 Let's Learn Together Parents/carers welcome to attend.

Wednesday 6th May

12 noon Football team attending festival

Thursday 7th May

In-service Day - school closed to pupils

Friday 8th May

School holiday

Monday 11th May

Term 3 clubs begin

Tuesday 12th May

6.30pm Fundraising Committee

7.15pm Parent Council

Friday 22nd May & Monday 25th May

School Holiday

Wednesday 27th May & Thursday 28th May

P7 Visit to Duncanrig

New P1s visiting

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