



Kinnaird Mainstream Thistle Wing and Annexe News

January

It has been an interesting month with a closure day for a storm. We hope the online learning provided was helpful for our families. Here's hoping February is a little quieter weather wise.

P7 Burns' Suppers

Parents of P7 pupils were treated to a traditional evening celebrating the life and work of Robbie Burns from the reciting of 'To a Mouse' to the 'Immortal Memory' but with some modern twists. Everyone enjoyed their haggis, neeps and tatties, washed down with Irn Bru and followed by lovely home-baking. It was a fabulous night and all of our P7 classes worked so hard on their performance. A very big thank you to all who helped make it a successful event.



Online Learning

We hope families found our Online Learning offer last Friday helpful. It is a fine line between providing opportunities for children to engage in learning and not putting

additional pressure on families in such an unusual situation. We will be reviewing our online provision, following the closure day, seeking views from parents, pupils and staff. If necessary we will amend our guidance and distribute this so we are prepared should we have another closure day. If you have any feedback from the online learning can you please email the office with the subject heading 'online learning'. We will also be seeking views at the next Parent Partnership Meeting.

House Captains' Charity Fundraiser

The House Captains have chosen the charity to benefit from their next Fundraising event—Guide Dogs for the Blind and were delighted to introduce 'Owen' to the pupils at the last Assembly. More details of the event to follow.

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Special points of interest:

Asda Cashpot

Thank you to all parents and family members who signed up to receive rewards for Kinnaird P.S. We are going to receive a fabulous £1249.33 as a result.

HSE Public Health Agency

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea &/or Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Respiratory Illness (e.g. colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off if well enough, school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	German Measles (Rubella) 5 days from onset of rash
Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Scabies Until after first treatment	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

This January, Primary 4 have been studying the Scots' language by reading 'The Eejits,' the Scots' language translation of The Twits by Roald Dahl.

Chapter 14: The Hoose, the Tree and the Puggie Cage (The House, The Tree and the Monkey Cage)

After Reading:

1. Which Eejit was the gardener?
2. What plants did The Eejits grow lots of in the garden? Why?

Predict how the monkeys will affect the story.

Link Maker: Do you think people should be allowed to keep wild animals in cages? Blind vote. Discuss.



And whit dae ye mak o yon guddle o a gairden? Mrs Eejit wis the gairdener. She wis awfie guid at growin thrissles and nettles. 'I aye grow hunners o jaggie thrissles and hunners o nippie nettles,' she yaised tae say. 'They keep oot nebbie nyaffie wee weans.'
Near the hoose ye can see Mr Eejit's bothy.

Chapter 6: The Puddock (The Frog)

Before reading:

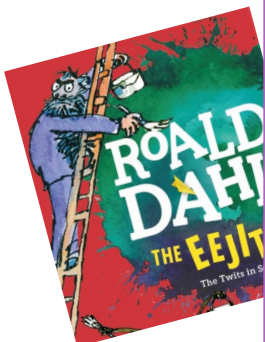
Have a go at translating the start of this chapter:

Tae get her back for the gless ee in his beer, Mr Eejit thoct it wud be a guid idea tae pit a puddock in Mrs Eejit's bed.

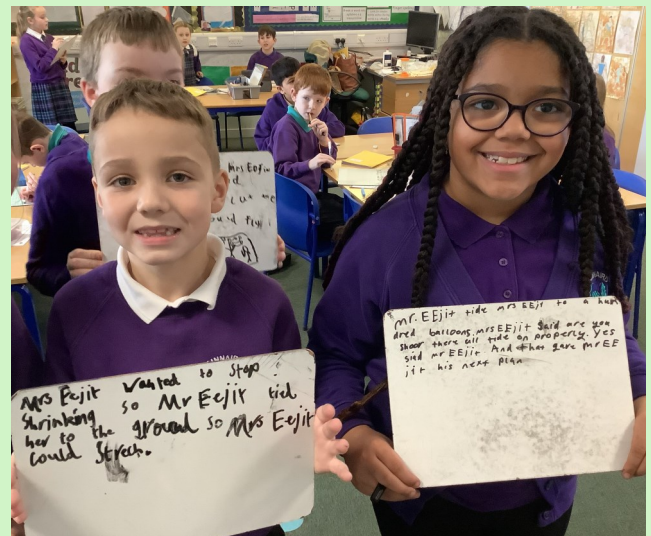
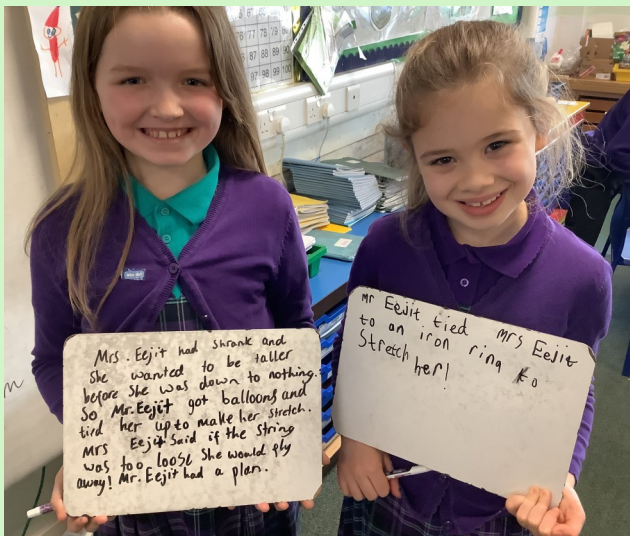
He catchit a muckle yin doon by the lochan and pit it in a kistie and cairried it back tae the hoose unner his jaiket.

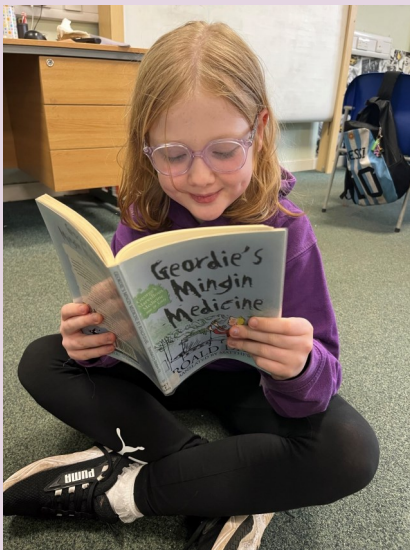
That nicht, when Mrs Eejit wis in the bathroom reddin hersel up for bed, Mr Eejit slippit the puddock in atween her bed claes. Then he lowped intae his ain bed and waited for the stooshie tae stert.

1. What Scots word means frog?
2. What Scots word means pond?
3. What Scots word means box?
4. What Scots word means under?
5. What Scots word means night?
6. What Scots word means jumped?
7. What Scots word means fun?



As well as learning what some of the Scots' words mean, we have been practising our reciprocal reading strategies (summarising, predicting, using prior knowledge, inferencing, making connections and visualisation) through this novel.





Mr Eejit is as mingin' as a
puddock!

Sofia

I dinnae like all they pliskies
he plays on his guid wife.

Niamh

It's fair to say that Mr and Mrs Eejit have provoked some
negative responses!

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Kinnaird Parent Partnership News

The Kinnaird Parent Partnership last met on Thursday 5th December.

Minutes of the meeting are posted on the KPP Facebook page and the school website.

Next Meeting: Thursday 6th February 7.00 p.m.—in school

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

3rd Home Learning Grid
3rd Basketball League Match
3rd-7th Languages Week
5th P7's to LHS—Academies Taster Sessions
6th Book Swap
6th P5H Swimming
6th KPP Meeting 7.00 p.m.
10th P7S to LHS
11th Book Café 4.00 p.m.
13th P5M Swimming
13th Dress-down £1 per family
14th&17th School Closed—HOLIDAY
18th School Closed—INSET
19th P7R to LHS
19th LHS Academies Parent Info. Session—6.00 p.m.
20th P5M Swimming
20th KPP Family Quiz Night/Bingo—6.00 p.m.

21st Food Bank

21st House Captains' Charity Event
24th P7M to LHS
24th Generation Science to P3
26th Dyslexia Awareness Café—2.00 p.m.
28th Home Files out
28th TWA Virtual Café—time tbc

MARCH

3rd Home Learning Grid
4th Book Café—4.00 p.m.
5th P5 trip to Science Centre
6th World Book Day-in school activities
6th Book Swap
12th Dental Inspections P1&P7
11&13th Parents' Evenings-face to face-details to come
13th P1&P7 Tempest Class Photos
17th-21st STEM Week
17th-21st Sustran Big Walk & Cycle Survey
31st TWA Virtual Café—time tbc

Staffing

Mrs Ford has made the very difficult decision to retire at the end of this term. She has had a long and successful career within Falkirk Council and fortunately for us latterly at Kinnaird. We will be marking her time in education with some events in March.

Maternity Leaves

Mrs McShane and Mrs Duff will be leaving near the end of February for their maternity leave. We wish them both the very best and look forward to hearing news of the latest Kinnaird babies. Last week we interviewed for temporary staff for these posts and will be making a decision on this prior to the February holiday.

Celebrating Success

Huge congratulations to Harris P6 who has had his brilliant idea turned into reality. Harris shared his vision for a fitness class for parents and children with General Manager of Xcite and he was so impressed with the idea they have just launched 'Family Fitness Factory'. Harris has been awarded with a 'Rise to the Challenge: Inspiring Young Innovator Award' We are very proud of him.

Reminders

We appreciate children can forget things for school but this has been increasing of late and adding to the work of the office. Can you please encourage children to check they have everything before they leave the house/car. In the event you do have to hand something in please leave it in the box in the foyer with a note of the child and their class.

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