



Kinnaird Mainstream Thistle Wing and Annexe News

February

I hope everyone had a good mid-term break. It is lovely to be enjoying lighter nights.

Parents' Evenings

You should by now have received information about the upcoming Parents' Evenings.

These will once again be face to face. For those classes located in the main building appointments will be in classrooms but for P5 classes located in the mobiles appointments will take place in the gym hall. Entry for all appointments is through the main door.

Appointments will last 10 minutes and class teachers will have to bring the conversation to a close at the end of that time to avoid delaying other parents waiting. Please don't be offended by this.

Class teachers will be using SHANARRI indicators to report on your child's progress.

This gives a holistic view of your child's progress in school and focuses on the following aspects of their learning and development: Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Responsible, Respected and Included.

If there is a TAC meeting arranged for your child in February or March you will not receive a Parents' Evening appointment.

World Book Day Thursday 6th March

Our Reading Reps have been very busy planning lots of exciting things in school to celebrate World Book Day. Pupils will be taking part in a variety of activities throughout the day related to books and reading. We are encouraging children to bring in their favourite book from home to read on the day. Our P1-3 classes will also have an author visit from Linsey

Fletcher, author of Bob's Magic Boots, on Wednesday 5th March as part of our celebrations.

All classes will be starting the day with a Book Breakfast. Pupils are encouraged to bring their own breakfast snack (cereal bar, pastry, fruit etc.) along with their favourite book. Pupils will all receive a World Book Day voucher which they can exchange for a free book in most supermarkets/bookstores.

Scholastic Book Fayre

Once again we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fayre as part of our World Book Day celebrations. The Book Fayre will be in school from Wednesday 5th - Wednesday 19th March. Children will get an opportunity to visit with their class during the school day and then it will be available to parents on both our Parents' Evenings.

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Special points of interest:

School Values

We regularly remind pupils of our school values

Honesty

Kindness

Respect

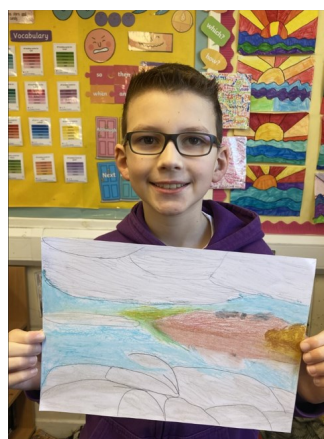
and appreciate if you can take time to do this also.

Parent Partnership Fundraising News

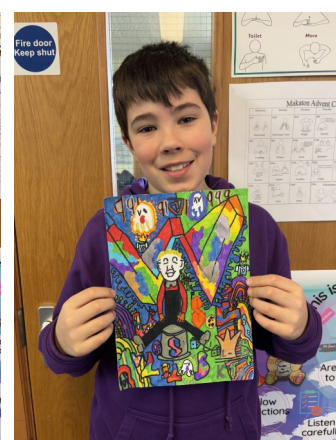
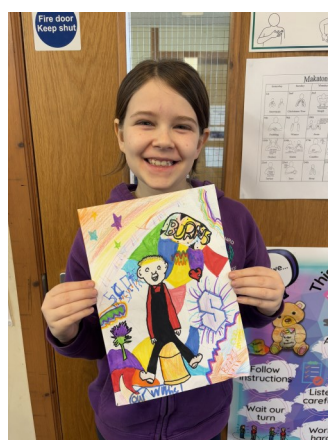
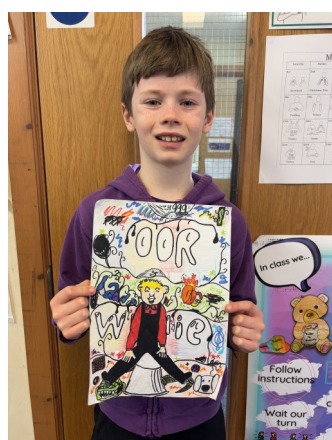
Family Quiz Night

On Thursday 20th February the Parent Partnership Fundraising Committee hosted another Family Quiz Night. With more than 20 teams competing for the first prize it was a fun-filled but tense night. Mr Denholm and Miss Taylor hosted the event and made teams work hard with a range of question rounds from guess the teacher using their P1 photos to name that musical tune. Everyone enjoyed the night and the snacks from the tuckshop. Lots of class dojo vouchers were given away as prizes and an amazing £346 was raised. Many thanks to all involved in organising the evening.





We have created different art pieces based on our Scotland topic.



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Kinnaird Parent Partnership News

Pupil representatives from the School's Council provided feedback on the recent Languages Week, commenting on the activities pupils enjoyed and their ideas for next year.

The KPP group discussed the recent school closure due to a Red Weather warning and Mrs Tait invited feedback on the home learning provided on that day.

**Next Meeting: Thursday 27th March 7.00 p.m.
face to face—in the school.**

DIARY DATES

MARCH

3rd Home Learning Grid
4th Book Café—4.00 p.m.
5th P5 trip to Science Centre
5th P1-3 Author Visit
5th Cluster Choir Concert—6.00 p.m. -Larbert East
6th World Book Day-in school activities
6th Book Swap
7th House Treat
11&13th Parents' Evenings-face to face
12th Dental Inspections P1&P7
13th P1&P7 Tempest Class Photos
17th-21st STEM Week
17th-21st Sustran Big Walk & Cycle Survey
18th X-Country Event—venue tbc
18th Book Café 4.00 p.m.
21st Food Bank
21st Fundraising Sponsored Event—details to come
24th-26th P7 to Dalguise
27th-28th P7 Activities
27th KPP Meeting 7.00 p.m.

31st TWA Virtual Café—time tbc

APRIL

1st Book Café 4.00 p.m.
2nd P1 Transition Drop-in
3rd Dress-down £1 per family
3rd P4 Trip to Dynamic Earth
4th School closed—INSET
5th -21st April Easter Holidays
22nd Term 3 starts
23rd Homework Grid out for Apr&May
25th Food Bank
29th Book Café 4 p.m.
30th TWA Café time tbc
30th X-Country Event- venue 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.

Mrs Duff and Mrs McShane both started their maternity leave of absence, 19th and 28th

February respectively. However, Mrs Duff didn't have much time to put her feet up giving birth to a beautiful baby boy on Monday 24th February. We hope Mrs McShane has a little longer to enjoy her leave. We wish them both the very best.

We have appointed for both posts with Mrs McAusland covering for Mrs Duff, leaving Miss McEwen in P5M full -time and we welcomed Miss Gayle Dormer who will be covering in

P7M.

In February we also welcomed new staff to our Support for Learning Assistant Team—Mrs Carrie Ross and Mrs Sarah Middleton. They have already become a very integral part of our support staff team.

**Thank you,
Ghislaine Tait,
Headteacher**