



Kinnaird Mainstream Thistle Wing and Annexe News

October

I hope all our families had a lovely break and suddenly we are in November!

Foodbank Collection

We received a lovely letter from KLSB thanking us for all our donations. Please keep looking out for the reminders to send in donations so we can continue to support our local community.

Maths Week

We had a great week celebrating 'Maths in Motion' during Maths Week Scotland.

TWA Parent & Carer Cafes

We've had a great start to the year with our Cafés. Taking place on a monthly basis, they are an opportunity for families to get together and have a chat over a cuppa and cake. Each session has a different topic for discussion, or a guest

speaker.

In the past we have welcomed NHS colleagues, our visiting therapists and representatives from the Carers Centre in Falkirk.

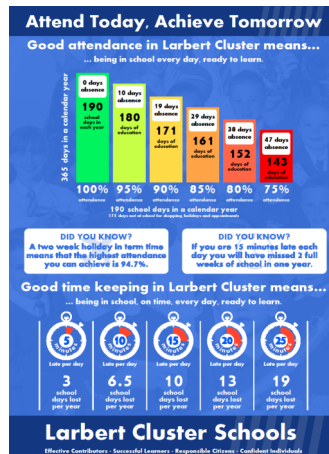
Most recently, we welcomed Pascale LeGrice, one of our linked Speech and Language Therapists, who spoke to our families about her role, how the school works alongside SaLT and how families can get support from her.

Next month, Cieran House, our Music Therapist, will deliver a presentation about how he delivers sessions to our children in order to enhance their engagement and communication skills. This will take place on Thursday 27th November, 1.30 p.m., at the Annexe.

Attendance

We regularly look at

attendance and some of you will have had letters at the end of each term. These are issued if a pupil has lower than expected attendance and is not a result of a known and approved reason.



We use the poster above to show the impact absence has on learning time and we compare it across the other Larbert cluster schools. Our attendance is usually slightly above the average across all Falkirk Schools of 94%.

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Special points of interest:

Enrolment

- P1 enrolments will be accepted from 01/11/25 - 31/12/25
- P1 & S1 PR's will be accepted from 04/12/25 - 15/03/26.
- Delayed entry requests will be accepted from 01/11/25 - 28/02/26

KPP Events

Our KPP Fundraising Group held our P1 Welcome Event for the new Primary 1s in the main-stream and Thistle Wing/Annexe at the end of August. This was really well-attended and was hopefully a great opportunity for our new pupils, as well as parents, to socialise and get to know one another!

We held our P2-7 year group discos in September and October. It was lovely to see lots of our pupils attend and have fun.

Say 'Yes' Day takes place on Friday 7th November and we look forward to seeing all the ways the children 'break the rules'!

Primary 2

Diwali

Primary 2 have been learning all about the traditions of Diwali.

P2D

We have been preparing for our class assembly.



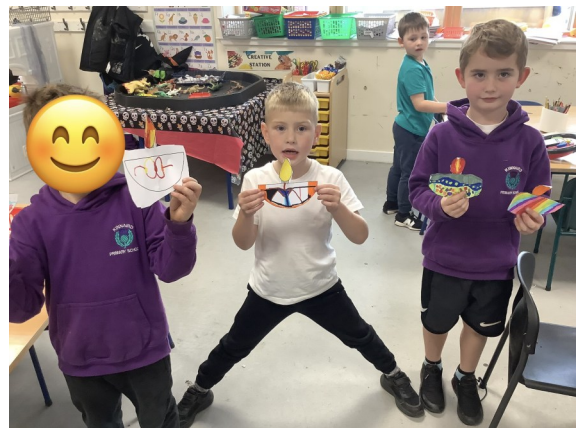
P2G

We created our own Diya lamps using clay and painted these to be bright for the festival of light.



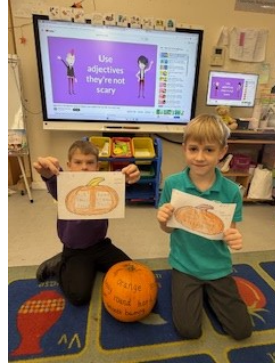
P2P

We made our own Diwali lamps and displayed these in our classroom for Diwali.



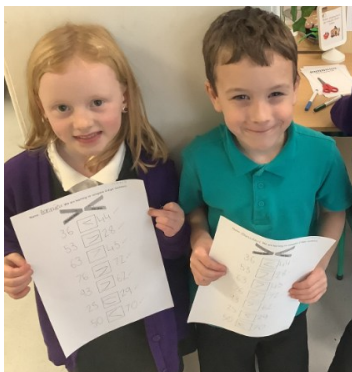
Halloween Adjectives

We have been learning about adjectives. We thought of as many adjectives as we could and got to write them on a real life pumpkin.



Makaton

P2G have been learning lots of spooky Makaton signs with Marshmallow Bear.



Numeracy

We can compare 2-digit numbers using symbols.

Patterns

We have been learning about patterns in maths.



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Parent Council News

The next Parent Council meeting will take place face to face on Thursday 6th November at 7.00p.m.

We hope you can join us as we move forward with our school priorities.

There was a good turnout at our first meeting of the year on Thursday 4th September. We shared our school priorities for this session which include Skills Development, Literacy and Diversity, including communication and UNCRC.

Future Meeting: Thursday 5th February 7.00 p.m.

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

3-5th Tempest Photos—Siblings and Individuals

3rd Homework Grid out

5th -18th Scholastic Book Fayre

6th Book Swap

6th KPP Meeting—7.00 p.m.

7th YES Day

10th-21st Scottish Book Week

11th&13th Parents' Evenings—face-to-face

18th Book Café

19th &20th Flu Vaccinations

21st Food Bank

21st House Treat

27th TWA Parent Cafe

28th School closed—INSET

DECEMBER

2nd TWA Xmas Fun Day—Wing-Xmas Jumpers

4th TW Xmas Fun Day- Annexe-Xmas Jumpers

4th Book Swap

4th Nativity P1S&P1J 9.45 a.m. start

5th Nativity P1M&P1F 9.45 a.m. start

8th-18th—Xmas Parties—details to follow

8th TWA Santa Cruise 1

9th TWA Santa Cruise 2

10th Xmas Lunch GpA&Wing—Xmas Jumpers

11th Winter Fayre/Xmas Lunch—Annexe

11th TWA Santa Cruise 3

12th Xmas Lunch Gp B—Xmas Jumeprs

12th Food Bank

16th Book Cafe

18th Xmas Services

19th End of Term 1.30 p.m.—Dress-down £1 per family

Steve Burns' Memorial Cup

In annual tradition, some of our Primary 7 pupils took part in the Steve Burns' Memorial Cup at Stenhousemuir Football Club on Thursday 9th October 2025. This is an annual event in memory of the late Steve Burns, who was a past director of Stenhousemuir Football Club, with responsibility for developing community links. This year, two teams from Kinnaird took part and represented our school. They did very well, with one of our teams reaching the final. Unfortunately they were pipped to the post in penalties! Mr Rutherford was extremely proud of the commitment and teamwork on display from our

pupils.

Parents' Evenings

The booking system is open for appointments. If you have not booked an appointment please do so by end of day Friday. Our November Parents' Evenings are face to face this year as per feedback. Appointments are restricted to 10 minutes so please don't be upset when class teachers round of the meeting at the allotted time. It is important we run to time to ensure other parents are not kept waiting too long. If you have a TAC Meeting for your child then you will not need a Parents' Evening appointment. On the night there will be an

opportunity to visit the Book Fayre and our House Captains will be asking for your feedback on the Curriculum.

Remembrance Day

Poppies will be available from 4th to 10th November. A donation of at least £1 is required to receive a poppy.

Some of our House Captains will be joining me at the annual Remembrance Day wreath laying at the Larbert War Memorial on Sunday 9th November.

Thank you,
Ghislaine Tait,
Headteacher