



Kinnaird Mainstream Thistle Wing and Annexe News

November

I can hardly believe we are at the end of November—what a quick month!

And so the Festive Season begins.....

Christmas events

Advent Stories

We have lots of different people reading our Advent Stories this year. Each day classes can listen to a Christmas Story.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunches take place on Wednesday 10th December for GpA (P1, P3 & P6) and TW and Friday 12th December for GpB (P2, P4, P5, & P7) and TWA pupils. It is once again a traditional menu of Turkey or Steak Pie with a vegetarian option available.

Christmas Jumper Day

Children can wear a Christmas Jumper on

the same day as their Christmas lunch.

Nativity

Our Primary One pupils have been busy rehearsing 'The Big, Little Nativity'. Their performances take place on Thursday 4th for P1J&P1S 9.45 a.m. and Friday 5th for P1F&P1M 9.45 a.m.

Christmas Parties

Due to restrictions with our dinner hall and gym hall most of our Xmas Parties will once again be in the mornings. Children can come dressed for their party. In the afternoon there will be a chance for them to relax and enjoy a Festive Movie. Dates on Pg4.

Winter Fayre

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our Winter Fayre on Thursday 11th December. This year we are organising the event

slightly differently to allow for more space for people to get round the stalls.

3.00-3.30 Quiet Time—TWA families and those of pupils who received an Enhanced Transition visit in August—if you wish.

3.30-4.30 Borders & Deeside

4.30-5.30 Highland & Galloway

We have a number of external stallholders joining us and a range of activities each stage has organised:

Winter Games
Reindeer dust

Baubles

Christmas Crafts and decorations

Christmas Photo Booth,

Face Paint, Tattoos

Guess the Elf's birthday

Festive Treats

And of course

Santa!

KPP Fundraising Group

At our Winter Fayre this year we will be drawing the winning tickets for the lovely Hampers.

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Dressing for the Weather

As the weather gets colder and wetter, please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for being outdoors. As well as break time and lunch time, pupils will be outdoors for PE and various outdoor learning activities. We appreciate your support with this.

Oliver!

We are very pleased to share that tickets have been in high demand for our upcoming production of

Oliver! in January 2026. A special thank you goes to all staff and pupils who have dedicated their time—both after school and during lunch—to rehearse so

enthusiastically. We are certain you will be impressed by their hard work and talent.

Tickets are selling fast, but there will be another opportunity to purchase them at our upcoming Winter Fayre. Please note that these will be cash sales only (£4.00 for adults and

and under). **Please do not send any money into the office or via class teachers. We will continue to use our Friday Update to advertise any further dates and times for ticket sales.** Programmes and interval snacks will also be available to purchase by cash (please note there will be no interval during Tuesday's matinee). We look forward to welcoming you very soon!

Primary 3

Primary 3 have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities for Book Week Scotland.



P3T

We had so much fun sharing our favourite books with our friends at Book Breakfast.



We worked together in small groups to answer questions set by our reading reps. Well done to the winning teams!

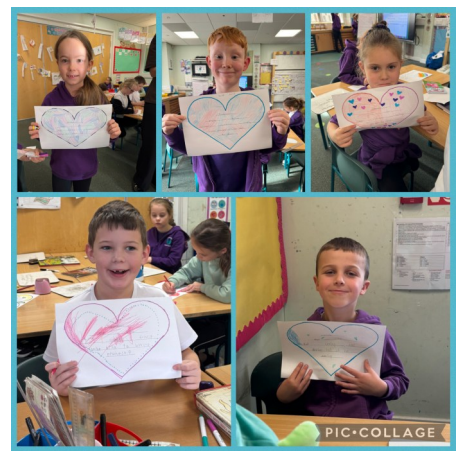
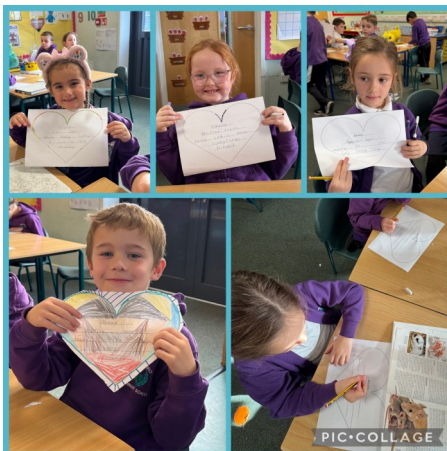
P3A

We loved the Read, Write, Count gifting event... It was a great success! Thank you to all parents and carers who attended.



P3H

As Book Week Scotland fell on the same week as Anti-Bullying week, we were challenged to write a friendship themed poem. We can't wait to find out who the winners are!



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Parent Council News

At the last meeting an update was given on the work of each of our sub-groups.

Please see the website for the full minutes.

At the next meeting pupils from the School's Council will be reporting back on our Book Week.

Next Meeting: Thursday 5th February 2025—time tbc

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

1st Story Advent Calendar starts

2nd Family Festive Fun—Wing

4th Book Swap

4th Nativity P1J&P1S 9.45 a.m.

4th Family Festive Fun—Annexe

5th Nativity P1F&P1M 9.45 a.m.

10th Christmas Lunch & Jumper GpA & Wing

11th Winter Fayre

12th Christmas Lunch & Jumper GpB & Annexe

8th-17th—Xmas Parties—most parties will be in the morning with all classes enjoying a movie in the afternoon.

TWA Class Party dates will be shared on Seesaw

8th P7 Party p.m.

9th P6 Party a.m.

10th P5 Party a.m.

15th P4 Party a.m.

16th P3 Party a.m.

17th P2 Party a.m.

17th P1 Party pm.

18th Christmas Services P1-3 a.m./P4-7 p.m.

19th Dress-down £1 per family

19th End of Term—1.30 p.m. finish—free meals only

JANUARY

5th Start of new term

20th P7B&P7C Burns' Supper—evening

21st P7R Burns' Supper—evening

27th Oliver Performance—afternoon & evening

28th Oliver Performance—evening

Staffing

We have had a number of longer term staff absences this term and we thank you for your patience as we cover these as best we can.

We have a few changes occurring from January:

Mr Ferguson is leaving to take up a new post as Headteacher of St Mary's, Kenmure

Mrs McNairney will be covering as Acting DHT in TWA

Mr Rutherford will cover as Acting PT in the mainstream

Mrs McShane returns from maternity leave and will teach P7R in place of Mr Rutherford.

Communication

Just a reminder that our main form of communication is via the App (Seesaw is used for TWA). The Friday update provides a summary of events coming up. If you don't have the app please scan the QR code below.



Reporting Absences etc.

If you are reporting an appointment, an absence, holidays etc. to the school office, please email rather than calling. This allows the office staff to forward information directly to class teachers and to keep an accurate record.

Thank you,
Ghislaire Tait
Headteacher