

Kinnaird Mainstream Thistle Wing and Annexe



January

What a busy month it has been with Burns' Suppers and a production of Oliver!

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.



Oliver



Children in P5,6&7 put their heart and soul into their performance of Oliver last week. The show was a tremendous success with the children showing confidence and enthusiasm throughout. The performances were a result of months of hard work and dedication from both pupils and staff. Congratulations to all the children who took part and a very big thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly to pull off an amazing production. Special thanks must go to Mrs Markey and Mr Bateman.

See Page 5 for photos and the article in this week's Falkirk Herald.

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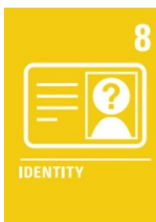
Please use the guide below to help you decide if your child should stay off school in the event of one of these illnesses.

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	Diarrhea & /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, but 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	
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 celebrating the Scots' language by reciting Scots poems and reading 'The Eejits,' the Scots' language translation of The Twits by Roald Dahl.



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



The Eejits are mingin.

Neave

I think 'The Eejits' is a gid book.

Jasmine

The Eejits are mingin'!

Harper

The Eejits are hackit!

Logan M

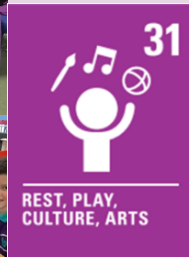
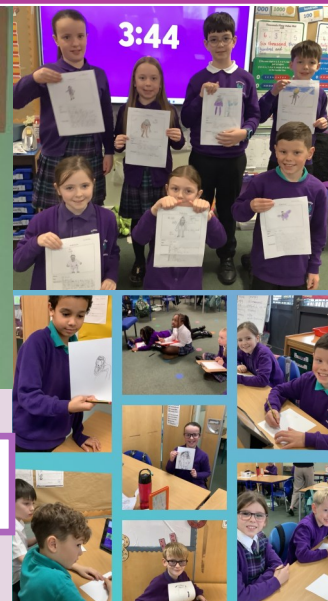
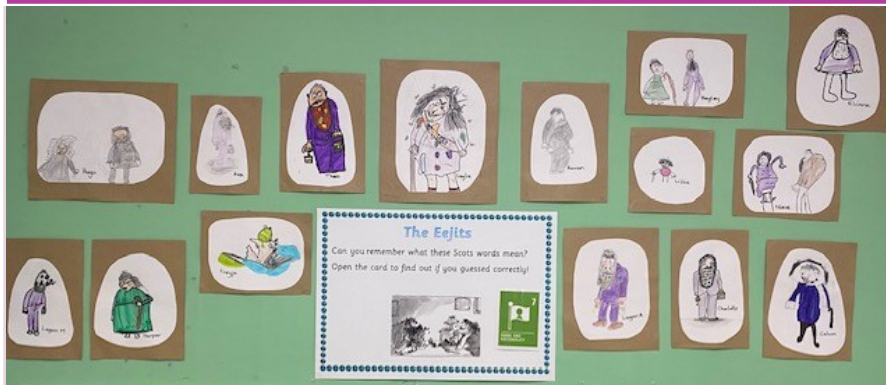
Pure Dead Brilliant!

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The pranks are funny!

Frazer

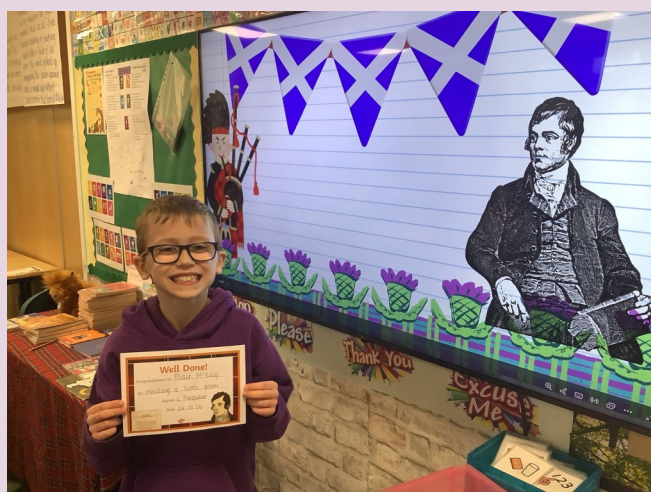
It's fair to say that Mr and Mrs Eejit have provoked some negative responses!



P4R illustrated the mawkit eejits!



P4D put the eejits in kilts!



P4F have even learnt some Gaelic!

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Kinnaird Parent Partnership News

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

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

Next Meeting: Thursday 5th February 6.15 p.m.—in school

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

2nd Home Learning Grid
2nd-6th Languages Week
4th P7's to LHS—Academies Taster Sessions
5th Book Swap
5th Basketball League Match
5th KPP Meeting 6.15 p.m.
10th P7 Swimming Event—LHS
10th Book Café 4.00 p.m.
12th Dress-down £1 per family
13th&16th School Closed—HOLIDAY
17th School Closed—INSET
18th LHS Academies Parent Info. Session—6.30 p.m.
20th Food Bank
23rd P7C to LHS
24th P1&7 Class Photos
25th P7 STEM Event—LHS
27th Home Files out

27th House Captain Fundraiser

27th Parents' Café—10.00-11.00

MARCH

2nd Home Learning Grid
2nd-6th P7 Activities Week
5th World Book Day-in school activities
5th Book Swap
5th Basketball League Match
9th&11th Parents' Evenings GpA—online
10&12th Parents' Evenings GpB—online
10th X-Country Event
10th P7 Rotary Quiz
16th-20th STEM Week
17th Book Café
19th Family Quiz & Bingo Night
20th Food Bank
23rd Generation Science P4
31st TWA Parent Café—10.00-11.00

Kinnaird School Council

We have recently carried out class surveys to monitor the impact of our recently implemented visual communication environment, across all stages (P1-7). The aim of this was to have a predictable and secure learning environment. Some key points from the surveys were:

- The same symbols are used in every classroom to help pupils visualise their day and support transitions.
- Every classroom door features a photo of the teacher and the class name, while hallway signs act as a map for the building. Pupils report feeling safer and more independent because the environment is

- predictable and easy to navigate.

Most classroom resources are already clearly labelled with pictures. Pupils suggested adding specific "zone" labels (e.g., Library area) to further improve organisation.

The current system of signs and timetables is highly effective and well-received. Moving forward, the school will continue to monitor the system and may introduce "zone" labels based on pupil feedback.

Staffing

Mrs Duff will be returning from maternity leave on 17th February. She will be returning to the Support and Challenge Team working M-W each week.

Ghislaine Tait
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