



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 be online as our November appointments were face to face. Appointments will last 10 minutes and will end automatically after this time.

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 has been or is a TAC meeting arranged for your child in

January, February or March you will not receive a Parents' Evening appointment. If you have mistakenly booked one our clericals will sort this.

World Book Day Thursday 5th March

We 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. Pupils will all receive a World Book Day voucher which they can exchange for a free book in most supermarkets/bookstores.

Swimming Champions

Congratulations to our P6 swim team for their victory at the Larbert High School Cluster Swimathon. Our swimmers completed the highest number of lengths in the competition.

Our P7's took part in a cluster Swimming Gala at Larbert High School. We are delighted to share that our Kinnaird swimmers came first and picked up the trophy!

Anya, P7, competed in the Scottish Junior Championships disability sports and secured a bronze with a personal best of 26 seconds for 25m breaststroke.

And finally.....

we have a record breaker in our school. Ollie, P6, delivered an outstanding performance in the 10 and Under Boys' Category, breaking 3 West District long course records with his 100m backstroke surpassing a long-standing record previously held by Duncan Scott, Britain's most decorated Olympic Swimmer.

What a wonderful showcase of the athletic talent we have here at Kinnaird. Well done team!

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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

We are very excited for our Family Quiz Night, taking place on Thursday 19th March at 6pm. We have space for 25 teams to sign up, on a first-come, first-served basis via the following link: <https://volunteersignup.org/BLKL9> Please note, teams are limited to a maximum of 8 people per team (including children). When signing up via the link, please only use one of the spaces and put down one key contact name for this - you do not have to list all members in your team. The cost per team is £10, payable in cash on the night. There will also be a small tuck shop available on the night for snacks, a tea/coffee station and some games during the interval, so you may wish to bring along some loose change for these. We look forward to seeing you for a fun-filled evening! 😊

Thistle Wing and Annexe Breakfast Clubs!

We are delighted to share that **The Thistle Wing and Annexe successfully secured Greggs Feeding Brighter Futures breakfast club funding.** Feeding Brighter Futures supports small groups right through to settings serving over 100 children each day, but its core purpose remains the same: to offer children a safe, welcoming space to eat, spend time with friends, and engage in learning. This opportunity aligns closely with our approach to building essential life skills for our pupils, and it offers brilliant potential to further enhance their daily school experience.



Building life skills through spreading pancakes — practising independence, coordination and confidence

Nurturing social interaction and confidence by serving food to peers — learning to be a Successful Contributor



Promoting social wellbeing and positive relationships through sharing food together — supporting our learners as Confident Individuals

Developing communication and early literacy skills by sequencing each step of the recipe





We are incredibly grateful to have received Greggs Feeding Brighter Futures funding, which has already made a significant difference across Thistle Wing & Annexe. Thanks to the start-up fund, we have been able to purchase a range of cooking equipment, including specialist safety knives that allow pupils to spread and prepare food with greater independence and confidence. Alongside this, we now receive fresh bread every week from Greggs, as well as a weekly budget to spend on healthy ingredients for pupils to prepare in class.

Our amazing staff have embraced this opportunity with creativity and enthusiasm — thinking outside the box to deliver world breakfasts, themed mornings, and a wide range of engaging food-based learning experiences. It has been an absolute delight to see the buzz each morning as pupils work with staff, build their social and communication skills, and take part in the much-loved “toast rounds” across our classes.

This funding has already had a huge impact on learning, independence, social interaction and overall wellbeing. It supports our goal of helping every child develop skills for life through meaningful, real-world experiences. We are excited to continue challenging ourselves to be as creative, inclusive and ambitious as possible for our amazing pupils

5 FACTS ABOUT TW&A

1. We support 60 children across 10 classes, creating inclusive learning environments that help every learner grow as Confident Individuals and Successful Learners.
2. Our classes are organised by children's needs and abilities, ensuring each learner experiences a curriculum that is personalised, relevant and appropriately challenging.
3. Our pupils use a wide range of communication approaches — including symbols, visuals, objects of reference, Makaton, on-body signing, and AAC — helping them develop as Effective Contributors who can communicate in ways that work best for them.
4. We work closely with a range of partners such as NHS Physiotherapists, Speech & Language Therapists, Teachers of the Deaf, Teachers of the Visually Impaired, and ASN and disability teams. This supports a holistic approach to wellbeing and learning, central to Curriculum for Excellence.
5. To strengthen communication and relationships within our community, all staff use first names, promoting inclusion, trust, and a more accessible communication environment.

Want to learn more about Thistle Wing & Annexe? Visit our section on the Kin-naird Primary School web-site..

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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.

**Next Meeting: Thursday 30th April 6.15 p.m.
face to face—in the school.**

DIARY DATES

MARCH

2nd Home Learning Grid
2nd-6th P7 Activities Week
5th World Book Day-in school activities
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
16th Screen Smart Workshops P5-7
16th Screen Smart Parent Session 6.00 p.m.
17th Book Café
19th Family Quiz & Bingo Night
20th Food Bank
23rd Generation Science P4
26th P1&P7 Dental Inspections
31st TWA Parent Café—10.00-11.00

APRIL

1st P7 Falkirk Herald Photos
2nd Dress-down £1 per family
3rd -19th April Easter Holidays
21st Term 3 starts
22nd Homework Grid out for Apr&May
24th P5 to Science Centre
24th Food Bank
28th Book Café 4 p.m.
30th Book swap
30th TWA Café 10-11
30th KPP Meeting 6.15 p.m.

Staffing

We welcomed Mrs Duff back from maternity leave on the Feb. Inset. She will continue her work as part of the Support and Challenge Team.

Mrs Tait, P3T, will finish for maternity leave on Friday 20th March. We interviewed for a temporary teacher last week and are awaiting recruitment checks. A letter with details of the new class teacher will go out to parents of P3T once all checks are cleared. We hope

the new teacher will be able to start on the 19th to have some transition time.

Musical Masterclass

Pupils from 5 Falkirk Schools took part in an immersive day of workshops hosted by Royal Air Force musicians. One of our very own pupils, Caitlin P7, was the only primary pupil to be invited to join the event. The visit offered a unique 'side-by-side' experience where Falkirk schools' top instrumentalists had the rare opportunity to rehearse and perform

professional scores alongside the military ensemble. Following an intensive morning of rehearsals the day culminated in a grand concert. Well done to Caitlin. Feedback from Larbert was she was a great ambassador for the school. Full story in the Falkirk Herald this week.

**Thank you,
Ghislaine Tait,
Headteacher**