



## Celebrating our March/April Successes— Looking Back

### May Newsletter

We have had a very busy start to the final term of this school session with lots happening already in classes across the school. We have lots going on in school over the next few weeks as we prepare our P7 children for moving onto secondary and our nursery children for starting P1 as well as the preparation for children moving to the next stage in their primary school journey. As always we are keen to celebrate our children's successes both in and out of school. If your child has an achievement out of school we would encourage them to share this with their class teacher and other members of the school community.

### Primary 7 Kingswood Transition Camp

Our Primary 7 children had a great week at Kingswood Outdoor Education Centre in April where they were able to meet and work alongside other children from our cluster primary partner schools who they will be going to secondary school with in August. Everyone had a great time challenging themselves on the various activities which they took part in. Many thanks to Miss Sutherland for giving up her time to take our children away for the four days.



Our children who remained at school during these four days took part in a number of activities with other children from the cluster primary schools including a science morning, sports and team building activities and a canal walk. Thanks to Mrs Gardinier from Broxburn Primary School for organising this.

### Superhero Competition

Congratulations to Allie (P5) who was runner up in the Herriot Watt, 'Year of the Sea Superhero' competition. We are all very proud of her achievement.



### PSC Spring Discos

We had a great turn out at our PSC Spring Discos before the spring break with lots of our children taking part in the egg decorating competition and the games on the evening. A grand total of £241 was raised which will go towards PSC funds which are then passed onto the school to pay for a number of school activities including the Christmas panto, presents from Santa for Nursery to P3 children and recently for our new play house for the early years playground which we hope to have built this term. Many thanks to our PSC members for all of their support with fundraising activities.



### Gala Queen

We are delighted to announce that the Broxburn Gala Queen for August 2018 is again a Kirkhill pupil. Congratulations to Caitlin Spence (P7) who will be this years Broxburn Gala Queen. Congratulations also to all of our children who have gained a role in the gala celebrations.

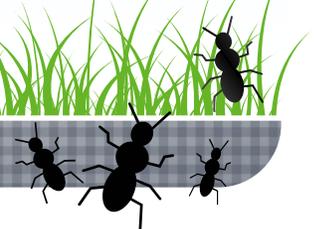


#### DIARY DATES - MAY

- 30th April-2nd May—P5 & 6 to Broomlee Camp
- 3rd—AM & PM PSC Movie in Nursery
- 7th – HOLIDAY
- 8th – INSET 5
- 11th—Kirkhill Chatter AM
- 14th—Nursery Class Photos
- 15th—9.30am P1-3 Celebrating Success
- 15th—11am—P4-7 Celebrating Success
- 16th—6.30pm—PSC Family Night in Kirkhill PS
- 21st—HOLIDAY
- 22nd—Iain Anderson (engineer) to visit P7/6 & P7
- 22nd—PM Glee Competition (choir) in Edinburgh
- 25th May—Dress Down Day
- 29th May—Sports Day (Option 1) - weather dependent
- 30th May—P7 Transition Day 1
- 30th May—P4 to Low Port Camp
- 30th May—Nursery Sports Day (Option 1) - weather dependent
- 30th May—6pm - New P1 Parent Information Evening
- 30th May—P7 Parent Information Evening at Broxburn Academy
- 31st May—P7 Transition Day 2

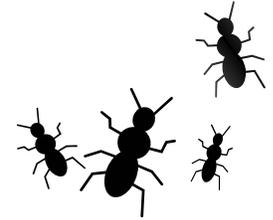
#### Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who handed in a Bags2School. Our PSC raised £50.80 from these.



## A New Baby for Mrs Hawkins

We are delighted to share with our school community that Mrs Hawkins has welcomed a new baby girl into the world whom she and her husband have named Claire. She was born at a very healthy 7lb and 11oz on the 5th March and has already been in to Kirkhill for a visit.



## Sport Relief

We ended last term with our Sports Relief celebrations which were organized by our P2/1 and P6/5 classes. Everyone had a great time taking part in the planned activities and it was a great way to end our term. A total of £190.75 was raised and has been sent to Sports Relief to add to their total.



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## *Looking Forward—May*

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## Celebrating Success

Our Celebrating Success assemblies will take place on Tuesday 15th May 2018 with P1-3 performing at 9.30am (including P4/3) and P4-7 performing at 11am (including P4/3). At the event each class will perform a musical rendition for attendees and certificates will be awarded for Effort and Improvement,

Demonstrating School Values, Excellent Behaviour and Head Teacher's Award. Tea/coffee will be served at the end of the first assembly for parents who are attending the 11am assembly. We hope that you will be able to join us to share in our successes.

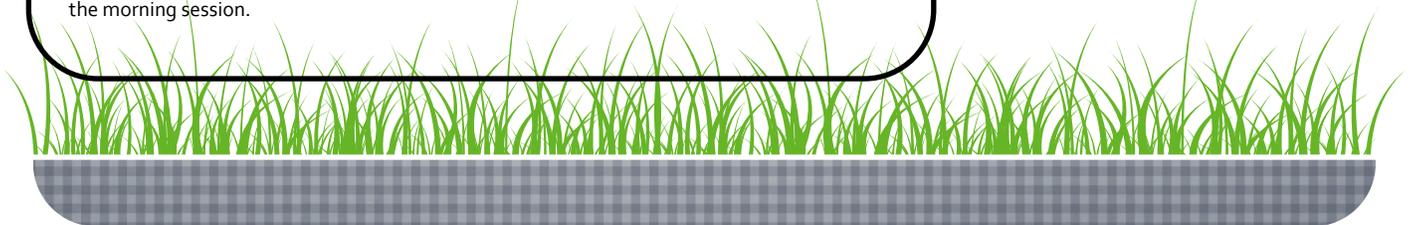
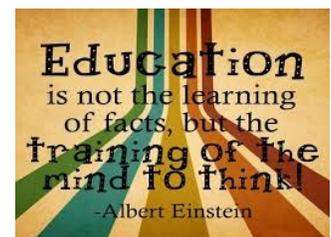


## Staffing Update

As some of you may know Mrs Wightman (Nursery Nurse) has taken the decision to retire at the end of this nursery/school session. We will be sorry to see her go and will miss her terribly, however we also wish her all the very best for the future and a relaxing and enjoyable retirement.

Mrs Stenhouse will return to work on Tuesday 29th May from her maternity leave. She will be helping out in classes for the remainder of the school session.

We also welcome Mrs Matthews to our PSW team and Mrs Smith to our nursery team during the morning session.



### Professional Learning

Our staff team continue to engage in professional learning as the session progresses with the following training taking place:

- ⇒ all PSWs have completed SEAL maths training
- ⇒ Mrs Goodall has completed training in Pre-requisite oral language skills
- ⇒ All teaching staff have taken part in a workshop about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) which will be a focus on our improvement plan next session
- ⇒ Miss Henderson along with cluster colleagues has completed training in improvement methodology techniques with the West Lothian Attainment Advisor
- ⇒ Mrs Shankland continues to work with Education Scotland colleagues on quality assurance and moderation of first level maths.



### Parent/Carer Support

We would like to put out a plea to our families to support us with not bringing dogs into the playground. A number of our children have a fear of dogs or suffer from allergies and in line with West Lothian policy we would be grateful if parents/carers would support us by not bringing dogs into the playground.

### Safe Parking

We would also appreciate your support with safe parking around the school at the start and end of the school day in order to keep



## Sports Day (Option 1)

Our Sports Day will take place at Broxburn Academy on Tuesday 29th May 2018 (weather depending). Our Primary 1-3 children will take part in the annual races at 9.30am and our P4-7 children will start at 1.30pm. Children can dress down in their sports wear for this day. All parents/carers are invited to come along and cheer on the children.



## Choir—Glee Competition

Our choir have been very busy working with Mrs Smith on preparations for the regional Glee Competition finals in Edinburgh on Tuesday 22nd May 2018. Information with a link to purchase tickets will be sent home separately to all choir members parents/carers as soon as we receive it. We hope that our families and friends will purchase tickets to come along and cheer them on.



## Careers Fayre (*cancelled*)

The Careers Fayre which was scheduled to take place on Thursday 24th May at 6pm in Kirkhill has had to be *cancelled* due to unforeseen circumstances. We will instead during the week have speakers visiting classes to share their world of work information with the children.

## Traffic Survey

We have recently received the following message regarding a traffic survey which will be done in the area of Broxburn Academy and Kirkhill Primary School.

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Julia Taylor and I work for a traffic survey company called Tracsis Traffic Data Limited. We have been commissioned by the Department for Transport to conduct a traffic survey within close proximity of Kirkhill Primary School and Broxburn Academy on Henderson Crescent on the 25th of May 2018 (Map).

This will involve 2 enumerators counting the traffic from their vehicle. They will be wearing yellow jackets and have signs displayed in their car.

Regards  
Julia Taylor



## Community News

### A message from Community Enterprise for all Broxburn and Uphall residents:

Community Enterprise has been commissioned by a group of active local people who want to hear the views of all residents about what the priorities should be for Broxburn and Uphall over the next 5 years. What you tell us will help to plan the things that will happen here and which will make a direct difference to you, your family and neighbours. Please take a few minutes to complete this important survey and make sure that your voice is heard. For any questions, please contact Douglas Westwater at Community Enterprise at 01506 862 227."

The survey link is: [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BroxburnUphall\\_Community\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BroxburnUphall_Community_Survey)

### St. Nicholas Church - Messy Church

The next messy church is on 13 May. Please encourage children aged 3 and up to come and bring an adult - parent, carer, grandparent. We meet from 12 -2pm in Strathbrock Church Hall starting with filled rolls, fruit, tea and juice. We have games, crafts and stories. There is no cost. We hope to see you there. friend. Tea, coffee and home baking are available.