



# Kirkhill Nursery & Primary School

*'Playing, Learning & Growing Together'*

## October Newsletter

Welcome to our October newsletter. In this newsletter we hope to give you a flavour of all the learning and activities our children have been involved in during September and to share with you our upcoming events for October. We have a very busy October planned along with our holiday week and hope to see our parents/carers in school for parent consultations and all of our other parental engagement events that we have planned. We continue to be amazed by our wonderful children and the effort that they put into their learning which is leading to improvements in learning across the school. We would also like to thank our parents/carers for their continued support of the school and their children's learning. It really does make a difference when home and school work together.

## *Celebrating our September Successes — Looking back*

## Meet The Teacher

It was great to see our parents/carers at our Meet The Teacher afternoon and evening on Thursday 13th September. We hope that you enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher and having the opportunity to visit their classrooms.



## Kirkhill Chatter

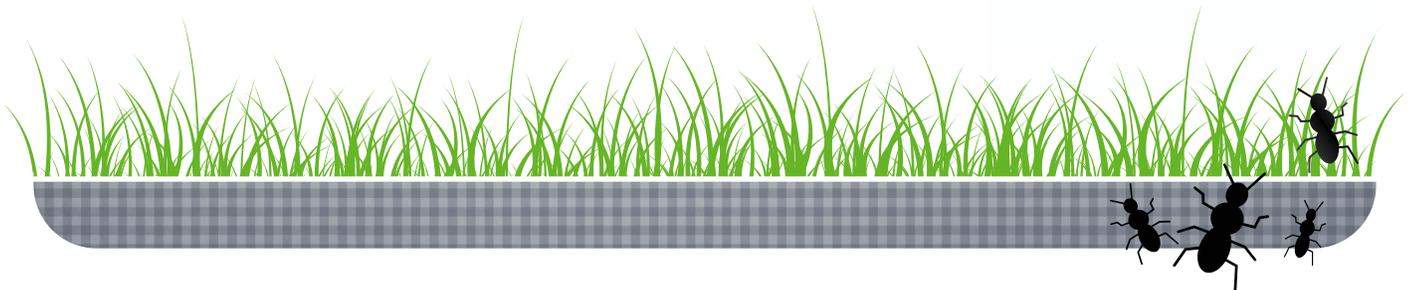
Our first Kirkhill Chatter took place on Friday 14th September with the focus on 'Our Goals and Aspirations'. The children became very involved in all the discussions that took place and the new display in school will keep you updated about all our future Kirkhill Chatters planned this session.



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### DIARY DATES - October

- 1st—P6 Cross Country
- 5th—9.15am—P4 Assembly  
10am-12pm Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 9th—4.00-6.30pm Parent Consultations  
5.00-6.00pm Nursery Open Evening  
6.30pm PSC Meeting
- 11th—4.00-6.30pm Parent Consultations
- 12th— 9.15am—Harvest Assembly
- 15th-19th— School and Nursery closed
- 22nd— Staff In-Service Day
- 23rd — P1-P7 Flu Immunisations
- 24th — 5.30-6.30pm P1-P3 Halloween Disco  
6.45-8.00pm P4-P7 Halloween Disco
- 26th— Dress Down Day



# Looking Back – September

## Sharing Our Learning

Thank you to everyone who came along to our first Sharing Our Learning event on Friday 21st September. It was great to see so many of our children sharing their learning with their parents/carers and engaging in the work they are doing in their classes. There was a real buzz around the school. We have tried to vary times for these so that you will be able to attend one of the events during the school year. We hope that one of the times will allow you the opportunity to come along. Our next Sharing The Learning event for P2-P7 parents/carers will be on 7th November 2018, 5.00pm-6.00pm.

## Special Assembly

We said a fond farewell to Miss Henderson on Friday 14th September. She was very emotional leaving Kirkhill and also very grateful for all the good wishes and gifts she received. She is settling into her new role in Fife although she does still miss us all at Kirkhill.

Farewell  
and  
Good Luck

## Staffing Update

As you know I have taken on the role of Acting Head Teacher until a replacement for Miss Henderson is appointed. During this time Mrs McCann has been appointed as Acting Depute Head Teacher.

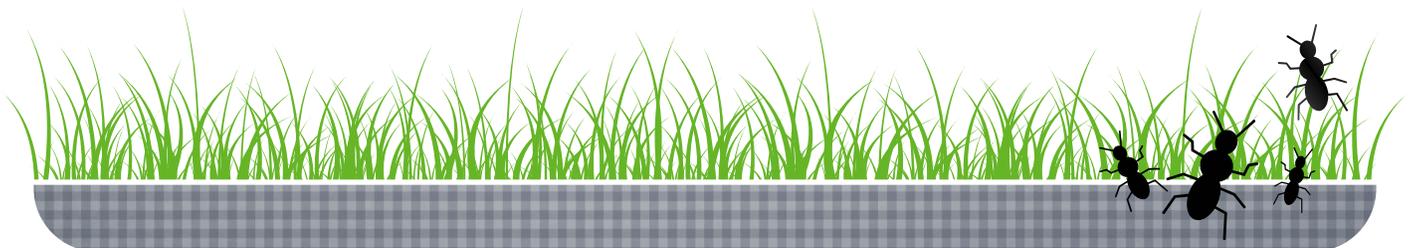
Mrs Featherstone, one of our PSW ladies, will be leaving Kirkhill on Friday 12th October for pastures new and we wish her well in everything she does in the future. Mrs Featherstone, you will be greatly missed.

Miss Wilson has joined our Nursery team in the afternoon in her new role of Early Years Officer (EYO) and Miss Chisholm has joined us as Nursery Nurse in the mornings. Welcome to Kirkhill.

## PSC News

The PSC and the Kirkhill Community would like to say thank you to Colin Brown Motors for all their support with our Gala Day Float both on the day and leading up to the day.

Our PSC are in need of new members to help with fundraising and school activities. The PSC raise funds to support residentials, ties for P7 leavers, playground developments, Christmas Pantomime, Santa gifts for N-P3 at Christmas as well as many other resources which help to enhance the children's school experience. If you would be interested in supporting their efforts then please let the school office know and one of the PSC will get in touch with you or come along to their next meeting on 9th October at 6.30pm.



## Professional Learning

Our staff team continue to engage in professional learning activities this session. During September INSET day all teaching staff and Nursery staff attended '5 Pillars of Pivotal' based on our professional reading this session 'When the Adults Change Everything Changes' by Paul Dix. This was a cluster event held in Broxburn Academy and will continue to inform our professional learning through the session.

Miss Thomson is currently undertaking 'Maths Mastery' sessions alongside other colleagues in West Lothian and is very keen to put this training into practice in her classroom and throughout the school.

### *What's Coming Up in October?- Looking Forward*

#### PSC—Halloween Discos

Our Halloween Discos will take place on Wednesday 24th October at :  
5.30pm-6.30pm — P1-P3

6.45pm-8.00pm — P4-P7



We are really looking forward to seeing our children in their Halloween costumes. If you would be free to help out at one or both of the discos please let the school office know.



## Book Fair

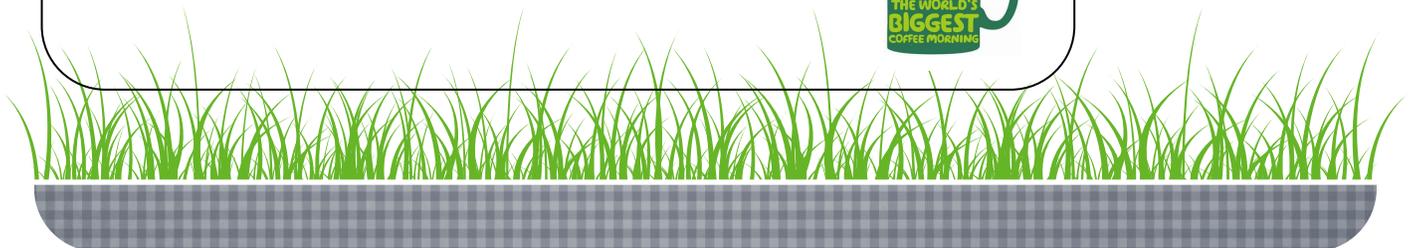
The book fair will be in school from Tuesday 9th until Friday 12th October and books will be available to buy during both parent evenings. This is a super opportunity for you and your child to browse around all the lovely books and select any you would like to purchase. Pupils in P1-P7 will also visit the book fair with their Class Teacher during class time (please make sure your child has money with them if they wish to buy one this way.)

Parents and carers of nursery pupils are welcome to pop in to school when dropping off/collecting their children or when attending the nursery Open Evening on Tuesday 9th October.



## MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our Primary 4 class are currently busy organising our MacMillan Coffee Morning which will be held on Friday 5th October from 10am-12pm. Please check schoolbags for a letter with details of events planned for the day. If you would like to join them for their assembly before the Coffee Morning then you would be more than welcome to join us at 9.15am.



## Parent Consultation Evenings

Our Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on Tuesday 9th October and Thursday 11th October. Appointments were sent out on Friday 28th September. If you have not yet received this via school bag mail or post then please contact the school office who will let you know your time.

## Nursery Open Evening

Our Nursery Open Evening will be held on Tuesday 9th October from 5pm-6pm. We hope you will be able to come along and meet the nursery team and have a look around the nursery.



## Harvest Assembly

We will be celebrating Harvest in school on Friday 12th October at 9.15am. We would be delighted if parents/carers/family members would join us in our celebrations. We will be collecting donations for West Lothian food-bank as our Harvest offering. Any donations to this will be gratefully received.

## PSC Christmas Cards

Just a reminder that orders and payment for PSC Christmas Cards should be sent to school by Friday 5th October.



## EE2 and Photography Consent Forms

We still have a number of pupils who have not returned their local event EE2 form and/or photography consent form. It is vital that these are returned to school as soon as possible. Without a completed EE2 form your child will not be able to take part in local events and activities. If we do not have a completed photography consent form, no photographs of your child will be able to be taken in school **and your child will also be unable to have his/her photograph taken by Tempest Photography when they visit in November.**

We have today given outstanding forms home for completion. Can we please ask that these are returned as soon as possible to school.

## Learner's Journals

In school and nursery we will be using secure online journals which record the children's learning and achievements throughout their school career in a variety of ways including using photographic evidence. At times this may include taking photographs or short video clips of children working co-operatively in a group to complete a task. This online record will be available for parents and carers to view.

We would like to ask your permission to include your child in group photographs/video clips which may be part of **other** children's online Learner's Journals. This allows us to capture a wider and more realistic range of activities for these online profiles. Your child is today bringing home a permission form for this. Can we please ask that this is completed and returned to school indicating your preference.

## Community news

- ◆ Craft Fair in Strathbrock Church Hall on Saturday 6 October 10.30am -3.30 pm
- ◆ The Girls' Brigade – fun on Monday night at 6.45pm. Please come along and bring your friends for P 1 to P 7. We meet in Strathbrock Church Hall
- ◆ A Thrift shop operates on Strathbrock church hall the first Friday of every month lots of bargains 10-12noon. Clothes for all ages, books, household goods. Come and have a browse and refreshments.
- ◆ The Boys' Brigade meets on Thursdays at 6.30pm. Please come along join us. All boys from P1 upwards.
- ◆ Messy Church  
Sunday 7 October, 11 November and 9 December 12-2pm in Strathbrock Church Hall  
Please bring a grown up. Food, games, music, stories and craft. Open to all ages from 3 years upwards.