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November Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers, **Raising Attainment**

Last year we identified that after the summer holidays some children have difficulty remembering all that they have learned previously in reading and writing. This year we have had great success in ensuring that children have already retained their attainment level far better than they have in previous years. Working with parents, our learning support team and teachers sent home resources for children to practise. This session we continue to improve literacy attainment in an effort to ensure everyone achieves no matter their background. As a result, our raising attainment continues to be a great success!



Parent's Evening

Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday 23rd November this year. Appointments will be available by contacting the school office from ***Monday 13th November***. Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss your child's learning.

RAAC Concrete

As you are aware our school has RAAC concrete. Work is ongoing through holidays and generally after the school day in relation to the girls toilets, closely monitored by experts and Council professionals. Learning continues as per usual!

Our outside toilets for girls during break and lunchtime are now in operation and seem to be working well.

During the school day all girls on the first floor use the top floor toilets and those classes on the ground floor use the toilet in the front foyer. No issues have been reported so far with these arrangements.

Over the October holidays our shelter was removed, however there are overhang areas at the doorway entrances to the school where children can shelter if they wish. During wet weather the children remain in their classes through the school day, with activities and games to amuse them.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Jones as Principal Teacher following a period of secondment for the last three years (she was formerly known as Mrs McMullan). Mrs Jones has taken over in P6/5 from Mr Webster.

Leadership Team

Mrs Randall, Headteacher, Mrs Jones, Mrs Wilson and Miss Robertson, Principal Teachers can be contacted via the school office. If you would like to speak with either, please phone 01436 674001 or email enquiries-johnlogiebaird@argyll-bute.gov.uk to arrange an appointment. We would like to thank Mrs MacMillan for temporarily covering a PT absence in term one.

Anti Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 will take place from Monday 13th - Friday 17th November. The theme is "Make A Noise About Bullying". P3/2 will be sharing their learning about Anti-Bullying at their assembly at 2pm on Wednesday 15th November.

Please follow this link for more information on Anti- Bullying [ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2023 | anti-bullying](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/anti-bullying)

Hello from Nurture

Many of you will know Nurture is available at JLB, but how much does everybody really know about Nurture? Nurture is in place to support the social and emotional well being of our pupils. It has a key focus on the importance of building strong, positive and trusting relationships and encouraging the children to build their self



confidence and esteem through participation in a range of activities. This year we are aiming to grow the reach of Nurture across the school and hope to achieve the Argyll and Bute Nurturing Schools Bronze Award. More information all about Nurture will follow in subsequent newsletters.

Attendance

Argyll and Bute has set JLB a target of 93% for attendance as a whole school. We are pleased to report that at the moment we are exceeding that target, sitting at just over 94%. As much as this is good news it is very important that children attend school regularly for their own benefit socially, emotionally and academically. It doesn't take much to dip below this target! We communicate with parents of children who require to improve attendance. We are here to help so do not hesitate to contact us should you need it.

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please remember to alert the school before 9am.

Children in Need

The John Logie Baird Pupil Council would like to hold a charity day to raise funds for Children In Need on **Friday 16th of November**. Children and Staff are invited to wear their pyjamas to school that day (or leisure clothes similar to pyjamas if people don't want to wear them). A donation would be welcome but not expected and all funds will be donated to Children In Need. There will be some fun activities for the children to do.



Naval Community Carol Singing 14th December 4.30 - 6.30pm

We are delighted to have been asked to participate in the Carol Service organised by the Naval Chaplains at Drumfork Centre. This is an event for **everyone** whether your Naval family or not. Our children have been asked to sing Carols around the Christmas tree after which they will sing inside the Drumfork Centre accompanied by the Neptune volunteer Band. Refreshments are provided free of charge. We would love to see as many of our families attend as possible! A letter with further details will follow.

ELC - Appropriate Clothing

Can all parents please send their children into Nursery in appropriate clothing - ie, jackets and hats and if possible wellies. We have some spares, but not all fit the children in the ELC. Donations also welcome.

ELC & P2/1 - Toys

Can we ask that parents remind children that toys from home need to stay at home. This is causing disagreements and upset with children and Toys are getting broken and lost which is becoming difficult for staff and children who bring them in.

ELC - Gate

The ELC gate is open from 9am-9.20am and reopens at 2.30pm. Where possible, could parents adhere to the times that the gate is open as outwith these times staff are limited to come out and collect children. At times there might be a wait as staff settle children in the morning.

ELCC Parents Evening

For children who are registering to attend school for August 2024, shortly there will be appointments made available to parents to come in and chat to Keyworkers around transition to school or support for additional Nursery placements. This will happen on the same day (Thursday 23rd November) as the school parents evening for continuity for families.

Peanuts

Please remember that we are a Nut Free school. No products containing nuts are permitted in the school grounds for lunch or snacks.

Christmas Fayre

The children are all very busy preparing for our Christmas Fayre which takes place at 1:15 on **Friday 8th December**. We have several local stall holders joining us and some amazing raffle prizes including; *Treezone, Loch Lomond Bird of Prey, Helensburgh Christmas Shop, Riverhill Court Yard Restaurant, Auchingarrich Wildlife Park, Monty's, Brairlands Farm and Helensburgh Co-op !*



The entry fee for this event is an item of food for the foodbank!

Carols by Candlelight

The children are doing a great job of practising their Christmas songs with Mrs MacFarlane our music teacher. They will perform these at our “Carols by Candlelight” event whilst you enjoy some light refreshments. Tickets for Carols by Candlelight will be available to purchase week beginning **4th December**. This event takes place on **Friday 15th December**.

iPay impact

Please remember that all families must register for “iPay Impact”, even those who provide their child with a packed lunch. Please contact us if you require support.

Christmas Tree Decoration

Our tree will be arriving at the end of November so we would once again be delighted if every child could make a Christmas decoration to hang on our tree.

Expressions

Please contact our school office if you are not receiving regular updates on the Expressions app. This may be due to an email address error. There are still a number of families that are not registered on “Expressions”. Please ensure that you contact us if you require any support.

P.E. Kit

Pupils will continue to wear PE kit to school on their class PE days. Pupils should wear a white t-shirt and blue shorts (not denim) as their uniform for PE, (no cropped tops). Please also note that football strips, football colours and boots are not permitted.



In winter grey or blue jogging bottoms are acceptable to wear on their PE days.

Jewellery should not be worn. For any earrings that are unable to be removed, tape should be provided throughout this limited time.

Water Bottles

At JLB, we work closely with Child-Smile, who are actively working to promote dental health within our school. In line with their guidance and our commitment to



promoting healthy choices, please ensure that bottles are filled in the morning before coming into school and that they contain water, **not juice**.

Spare Clothing

Any donations of spare pants, socks and tights would be greatly appreciated by both the ELCC and school. Where possible, we try to offer a change of clothes to children without the need of contacting parents for spare clothing, but our supplies are currently very limited. Please provide spare clothing for your child in their school bags if they are prone to having accidents or requiring to be changed.

Tempest Photography

On Wednesday 22nd November we have Tempest Photography coming in to take individual and Family Photographs. Please ensure your child is dressed in uniform on that day.

Classroom Bulletins

ELC

This term we are working on improving our Family & Community Engagement and this is closely linked to Numeracy Skills of Money, time and Measure. We

have been exploring the festivals of Halloween, Christmas and Diwali . We are also working hard on our performance for Christmas.

Primary 2/1

P2/1 are in full swing preparing for the upcoming Christmas Fayre. Many thanks to those who took part in our market research questionnaire - we can reveal that Christmas cards have been voted for by parents as the most popular item to sell at our class stall. The children are enjoying the process of creating quality cards to sell and learning about the different job roles within a business. We are looking forward to showing off our final products at our class stall!

Primary 3/2

This term P3/2 are working on an enterprise topic for their Interdisciplinary Learning by designing a product which we will create and sell at the Christmas Fayre. To help us learn about budgeting, buying materials and making a profit as part of an enterprise, we will be focusing on

money in our maths lessons! By doing this, we will learn how to calculate costs and give change which will come in handy when running our stall!

Primary 5/4

Primary 5/4 organised a collection for the Helensburgh Foodbank and they were very grateful to receive it during the October holidays. We are currently working on our Enterprise topic, we have been looking at different job roles within a business and are about to apply for a role within our business. We are also learning to add amounts of money, calculate change and budgeting. We have recently started to focus on using a variety openers in our writing, as that is something that we find tricky to do.

Primary 6/5

Primary 6/5 quickly settled into the routine with their new teacher. They are working hard in Numeracy learning all about budgeting, profit and loss. They will apply what they have learned in their enterprise topic as they sell their items for the school fayre, They are also consolidating their times tables.

Our IDL is going really well and we have managed to appoint the whole class into their job roles in our company. We have been carrying out some market research on our product and next week we hope that costing, purchasing and production can begin!

In Literacy we are learning how to use Direct Speech in our writing and ensuring the presentation of our handwriting is consistent and neat. We have been exploring higher order thinking in creating questions for our job interviews and our “Newsround” bulletins. We are thoroughly enjoying our class novel and have explored lots of new vocabulary which we are trying to use in their writing.

Primary 7

Primary 7 have been working exceptionally hard since returning from their October holiday preparing for their class assembly and getting their enterprise project up and running.

Primary 7 have been learning all about Remembrance Day and reflecting on why it is remains such an important day for us to commemorate so many years later. Working hard on their drama and performance skills the class took us back in time to meet the famous

Unknown Warrior. They also made connections between their work on conflict resolution in PATHS and Christmas Day 1914.

In IDL the class have been working hard to get their enterprise business off the ground. After researching job roles, applying for jobs and attending interviews children were all successful in being given a role within the business. Following this the class carry out lots of market research to complete their business plan and secure their startup investment. They are now very excited to begin designing their prototypes and products ready to sell at the upcoming Christmas Fayre.

Learning Centre

The children have been working very hard in the Learning Centre and have enjoyed celebrating Halloween. We had fun with our 'spooky' science and learned how to 'Grow A Monster!

In Numeracy the children have been developing their recognition of number patterns within their times tables and using mental maths strategies including 'counting on' to aid them to find the missing number. All of the children are focusing on money this term. We are learning to name and count coins, calculate totals and change

and begin to calculate budgets, profits and loss.

In Literacy, the children have engaged enthusiastically with our new writing project. They have focused tremendously well and have written some fantastic pieces. These have included designing a haunted house!

In Our I.D.L we are loving our Enterprise project which is developing products for the Christmas Fayre. The Learning Centre have decided to embrace the 'Office Style' and split into teams. One team is designing a game, which everyone will have an opportunity to play, and one team are designing decorations and making decorations to sell.

In Health and Wellbeing, we are continuing to work on our recognition of personal space and boundaries. Within this, we are looking at body language and how our body language can communicate how we are feeling but often lead to misunderstandings!

Dates for your Diary

Fri 10th Nov	P7 Class Assembly – Remembrance, 2.15pm
Mon 13th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week Parents Evening Appointments
Wed 15th Nov	P3/2 Class Assembly – Anti-Bullying, 2.15pm
Thurs 16th Nov	P7 Christmas Unwrapped Event (tbc)
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need Day
Wed 22nd Nov	Tempest Photography
Thurs 23rd Nov	School Parents' Evening
Fri 24th Nov	School closes, 3.00pm
Mon 27th Nov	In-service Day
Tues 28th Nov	School opens, 9.00am
Fri 8th Dec	Christmas Fayre
Wed 13th Dec	ELCC Christmas Concert
Thu 14th Dec	Naval Community Carol Singing
Fri 15th Dec	Carols by Candlelight
Mon 18th Dec	P1 - 3 Christmas Party

Tues 19th	P4 and P5 Christmas Party tbc
Wed 20th Dec	Christmas Service & P2/1 Nativity, 9.30am P6 and 7 Party tbc
Thurs 21st Dec	School closes, 2.30pm
Thurs 4th Jan	School opens, 9.00am
Thurs 18th Jan	P7 Residential Trip Meeting, 6.30pm
Mon 22nd Jan	Health Week
Fri 26th Jan	Scottish X-Factor, 1.30pm
Thurs 1st Feb	Movie Night tbc
Tues 6th Feb	P6/5 Class Assembly – Cyber Safety, 2.15pm
Fri 9th Feb	School closes, 3.00pm
Mon 19th Feb	In-Service Day
Tues 20th Feb	School opens, 9.00am
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite character
Fri 22nd Mar	One World Celebration, time tbc
Wed 27th Mar	Easter Service, 1.30pm
Thurs 28th Mar	School closes, 2.30pm

Mon 15th Apr	School opens, 9.00am
Wed 17th – Fri 19th Apr	P7 Residential Experience - tbc
Thurs 9th May	Sports Day - tbc
Fri 10th May	Alternative Sports Day - tbc
Fri 17th May	Garden Party to celebrate 'Armed Forces Day'
Mon 20th May	Pupil Progress Reports sent out
Thurs 23rd May	School closes, 3.00pm Parents' Evening
Fri 24th May	In-service Day
Tues 28th May	School opens, 9.00am
Thurs 13th June	P7 Leavers' Dance – tbc

Wed 19th June	JLB Awards Ceremony, 1.30pm
Fri 28th June	School closes, 1.00pm

***Best wishes,
JLB Staff Team***