



KELVINDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2015



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Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting for Term 2 **Wednesday 11th Nov, 7pm**. Please email points for agenda to: kelvindaleppc@hotmail.co.uk

PTA Meeting

New members welcome
Next Meeting **Wednesday 4th Nov 7.15pm**.

PTA Christmas Fayre Your PTA Needs You!

Sat 5th December 10am – 12.30pm

The PTA work very hard to raise funds for all the pupils of our school and this festive season they need your help. Can you spare a few hours to help?

Fri 4th Dec: Set up 3.15pm

Sat 5th Dec: Help at the Christmas Fayre
Please contact school office or email HT to offer your support. Thank you.

ALERT

Nut Allergies

We have several pupils in school who are allergic to nuts (**both to eat and even just being beside someone who has them**). Please do not give your child nut products, or products containing traces of nuts, for snacks or lunch as this could cause a child to have a serious allergic reaction and require urgent medical attention. Staff will remove any nut product from any child bringing them to school for return to parent. Your support in this is vital and much appreciated.

Non Uniform & Fruity Snack Day

We raised **£234.27** for **Wear it Pink!** On 23rd October. Thank you for your generosity.

Non-Uniform day: **Friday 27.11.15**

Theme: **Wear Tartan!**

Collection to: **Children First**

A donation on this day is appreciated.

Don't forget your fruity snack too!

Next Non-Uniform day: **Tuesday 22.12.15**

Theme: **Festive Red!**

Collection to: **School Funds**



School Golden Jubilee

Our school was officially opened on **13th January 1966** and to mark our 50th birthday we will enjoy a variety of events from Wednesday 13th January 2016 to end of June 2016. A designated area is set up on our website where you will be kept informed of events planned. As many of our parents are former pupils we would appreciate you spreading the word of our request for photos and/or memorabilia of our school. If you have a social media page please upload our message below:

[Kelvindale Primary Golden Jubilee](#)

[13th January 2016](#)

Calling all former pupils and staff ... Do you have photos and/or memorabilia you could lend or scan and email to help us enjoy a trip down memory lane! Please see the school website for news of events from Jan-June 2016. Your help is appreciated.

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Diary Dates

NOVEMBER 2015

Wed 4th P6 Playground Buddy Training

Thurs 5th 8 x P6 Firhill Football

Wed 11th P3 Open Afternoon

Thurs 12th 1.30pm P1 Aug 2016 Enrolment

Tue 17th Road Safety Workshops 1a,1b,2a,3b,3c,5a,6b,7b

Wed 18th Parents' Evening 5.30-8.00pm

Thurs 19th Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm

Thurs 19th Road Safety Workshops 1c,2a,3b,3c,5b,7a,7c

Wed 25th P1 & P7 Dental Inspections

Thurs 26th Road Safety Workshops 4a,4b,6a

Fri 27th Non-Uniform Day - Tartan

DECEMBER 2015

Wed 2nd P5b Guest Assembly

Thurs 3rd P6 Sports Challenge Cleveden

W/C 7rd P6 Blairvadach Outdoor Education

Fri 11th Fuel Zone Christmas Lunch

Tue 22nd Non-Uniform Day Festive Red

Tue 22nd 9.30 Church Service St John's Renfield



Annual Fundraiser

Our fun **Obstacle Course** on 30th Sept was a great success. Thank you and your friends and family for your generous support of this event which raises money for our School Fund. Any outstanding sponsorship money to school office asap please. Thank you.



Reading Books

In the last year we have added to our infant reading books courtesy of our PTA's fundraising.

Unfortunately some children are not returning books to school, resulting in a shortage of books for the next class of children. Please ensure all school resources are returned to school. If you find any books at home (no matter how many years they have sat in your house), please return ... no questions asked ... we'll just be delighted to have them back! Thank you for your support.

Adults in Playground

All adults must leave playground when **Adult Bell** rings at 8.57am. Our aim is to ensure the safety and security of your children and at the same time encourage their independence and confidence.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening appointment times will be issued on **Wed 11.11.15**.

Wed 18th Parents' Eve 5.30-8.00pm

Thur 19th Parents' Eve 3.30-6.00pm

Book Fayre will be in school w/c 16th and open at both parents' evenings. All profits provide literacy resources for our pupils.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Book Fayre

During School Day

Mon 16th to Fri 20th November

9am-10.30, 11am-12noon

1.20pm-2.15pm, 2.15pm-3pm

At Parents' Evenings

Wed 18th Parents' Eve 5.30-8.00pm

Thur 19th Parents' Eve 3.30-6.00pm

If you can spare an hour or two to work alongside staff at our book fayre during one or more of the above dates/ times please contact main office for further information. Thank you.

Driver Road Safety

We continue to have issues when drivers drop off or collect children from school in both Dorchester Place and Weymouth Drive. Some drivers are stopping or parking without due consideration for other drivers, pedestrians and local residents. Please ensure you are not one of these drivers. Lack of consideration of others does not support our school ethos of care, respect and consideration of others. We regularly discuss with children how showing others care, respect and consideration are an important part of being a good citizen. Please support our school ethos and show care, respect and consideration of others when driving outside our school.



Kelvindale
Appreciates
Considerate
Drivers

P1 Enrolment for August 2016

Thursday 12.11.15, 1.30pm

Enrolment afternoon for parents/ carers of children living in the **Kelvindale Primary School catchment** area who will be starting school **August 2016** (born between 1/3/11 and 28/2/12). Please bring child's **Birth Certificate** and **proof of address** e.g. utility bill, child tax credit form. Your child must enrol at their **local** school. If you live outside Kelvindale catchment you may make a **Placing Request** to Kelvindale **when registering at your local school**. More information re school catchment areas and placing requests available GCC website:

<http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/GoingtoSchool/>

Winter Fun Pack £4 per child

Parents/ carers may pay in instalments for the Winter Fun Pack. With ever more challenging budgets we need everyone to contribute to ensure we cover the cost of the following Winter Festivities:

The pack includes:

1. Christmas Pantomime (2 performances)
2. Christmas Parties (snacks, juice, prizes, crackers, napkins)
3. Discos for Christmas Parties
4. Gifts P1 pupils

All payments to class teacher asap. Thank you.

Website – New Layout

If you haven't already noticed... have a peek at the new layout, with some new features, on our website. In particular, please note that you can now select your chosen language and the whole website is then translated to the language of your choice. Thanks to **Mrs Milne & Miss Cockburn** for working on this update.

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P7/6 Football – National 7s

Congratulations to **Ben S** and **Duncan 7a**, **Grant 7b**, **Reece**, **Lewis** and **Dominic 7c**, **Jackie** and **Greg 6b** for qualifying at the **Glasgow West section of the National Scottish 7s**. The team is safely through to the next round after winning every match and not conceding any goals. Big thanks to **all the coaches** who work so hard with our teams to develop their fantastic skills and teamwork. Well done and Good luck!

Gymfest

Congratulations to 24 x P5-7s who together with **Mr Rodger** choreographed and created a group gymnastics routine to open this year's Gymfest at the World Gymnastics Championships at the SSE Hydro. The group received a standing ovation following their outstanding routine and thoroughly enjoyed performing on a world championship stage. Well done girls!



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Eva P6a** who attends Royal Ballet dance classes as she has been chosen to perform in **Scottish Ballet's production of Cinderella at the Theatre Royal** over this coming festive season. Well done Eva ... you will feel as if you are going to the ball, just like Cinderella, with this success and great experience ahead!



Head Lice

Please check your child's hair regularly and inform school if you discover your child has head lice. Help and advice available from your local pharmacist. Thank you for your support.



easyfundraising.org.uk

When you shop via the **easyfundraising.org.uk** website you help raise funds for our school. Why not try it out when online shopping for Christmas?



*Please do not hesitate to contact me,
I am always happy to help.*

Kind regards,
Caroline Darroch
Head Teacher

headteacher@kelvindale-pri.glasgow.sch.uk



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Maleetah P4a and Kaiwen P4b** who were recently successful at auditions for **The Voice Factory Choir!** You've got a lot to sing about with this success, well done!

Pupil Absence Procedure

Provided below & available on website.

In particular please note:

- 1) Phone Absence Reporting team, number provided, and not school (exceptions detailed in 'Additional Information' section)
- 2) In unlikely event you have not reported your child's absence an immediate response to absence text is vital
- 3) Absence note to class teacher on your child's return to school is required, example provided in procedure

Thank you for your support

Kelvindale Primary

Pupil Absence Reporting Procedure

Effective from Monday 8 June 2015

Pupil Absence Reporting Team Telephone Number: 0141 287 0039
Lines open 8.00am Monday – Friday

To report your child absent from school:

Please phone above number to report your child absent from school on the first day of your child's absence. If the absence lasts more than one day, parents/ carers must call the pupil absence reporting team on subsequent days to provide update.

When your child returns to school from any absence:

Please give your child a brief note to pass to class teacher for your child's attendance file:

The absence note must include:

1. Pupil name
2. Date(s) of pupil absence
3. Specific reason for absence ('sick' or 'unwell' not accepted)

Example of what to write on brief absence note to teacher:

11/9/15

Dear Miss Teacher,

My child, **John Smith**, was absent from school **8/9/15 to 10/9/15** as he had **tonsillitis**.

Kind regards,

Mrs Smith

Additional Information

When you phone the pupil absence reporting team your child's absence for that day is entered on the school's system by the absence reporting team and thus the school is made aware of the absence.

Medical Appointments:

Parents/ carers must provide letter or appointment card as evidence of medical appointment.

Text to Parent/ Carers:

It is parent/ carers responsibility to ensure all absences are phoned in to Absence Reporting Team. If you do not inform Absence Reporting Team of your child's absence we have no way of knowing if you are aware of your child's absence or if something has delayed your child on their way to school. ***If a parent/ carer does not phone the Absence Reporting Team before 9.15am a text message will be issued by school.*** Hopefully we never need to text a parent/ carer as adults follow the absence reporting procedure, however if you do receive a text re your child's absence it is ***vital that you reply to the text immediately.***

Absence from school due to sensitive or personal nature:

Please phone school directly and request to speak with a member of management team to share details of reason for absence and thus ensure your child receives appropriate support on their return to school. School will enter absence on school's system; you are not required to phone absence reporting team.

For example,

Family bereavement

Serious illness, for example, an absence which is going to last more than one week

Contagious diseases or illness

Injury, for example, broken limb

Pupil Holiday during Term Time:

In line with Glasgow City Council Policy pupil holidays from school are not encouraged and time off can only be authorised by the head teacher in **exceptional circumstances**. All requests for time off for a holiday must be made in **writing to the head teacher**. Absence with no prior explanation from parent/ carer has to be recorded as unauthorised. No pupil work will be provided for absence due to holiday.

Thank you for your support in following the above procedure

This procedure is available on the school website