



March 2023 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,
We had an amazing turnout on Parent's Evening with 99% of families coming along to hear about their children's progress. Thank you also to those who gave their views on Playful Learning and Outdoor Play. Mrs McGuire will now be able to use your views to inform the school's Position Statements on these topics.

Online Safety Week

In February, the Digital Leaders presented an Assembly, to the whole school, on **how to stay safe online at home and at school**. Click [here](#) to see the presentation on our website.



Term 4 Curriculum

Next term, we will be **exploring weather, agriculture, the Scottish environment and food chains and ecosystems and enhancing our design skills**. For Literacy, we will be focussing on **creating a variety of texts**. In Maths, we will be looking at **2D and 3D shapes, fractions, decimals and percentages and investigating probability**.



World Book Day 2023

The Rights Respecting Steering Group organised a **successful World Book Day** this year, **raising £80**, for the **Scottish Refugee Council**. A charity chosen by the Steering Group, as they have been campaigning for refugee children to access all of their rights. They chose to lead this day because they wanted to highlight the importance of **Article 17, the right to access information**. Well done to the costume and bookmark winners!

Beach Clean

Miss Nubour and the Eco Group have organised a **Beach Clean with Jacqui Willis from Grab Trust**. P1-3 will hear a story about Tessa the turtle who lived in the ocean and the P4-7 will attend a workshop on 'Reducing Your Waste'. All classes will then conduct beach clean and **survey the litter** they find.

Citizenship Clubs

Over the year, pupils have had a chance at joining two Citizenship Clubs. Pupils have expressed **their enjoyment and can see the value of their work** in being apart of the clubs. The **Eco Group** organised a Beach Clean, a 'Waste-o-meter' to weigh our food waste at lunchtime, to encourage pupils to eat more of their lunch. The **Digital Leaders** worked towards gaining the Digital Schools Award and organised Online Safety Week. The **Pupil Council** asked the Parent Council for picnic benches and asked Mrs Smith to buy another bin for the larger pitch. They also organised the play equipment outdoors and presented an Assembly on the changes they had made to the school. To see the presentation, please click [here](#). The **Rights Respecting Steering Group** wrote a letter to Suella Braverman, the Home Secretary, to fight for the rights of refugee children. Click [here](#) to see the presentation the Steering Group presented to the whole school on what they have been up to this year.

New Books Celebration Event

Following our fundraiser earlier this year, we are delighted to say that our **new books have all arrived**. This week we will have a photograph taken with the **Parent Council Chair** and representatives of the **Shackle trust** in celebration of their arrival. We will share on our social media platforms and in the local press.



RNLI

As we live on a peninsula, last week we had Mrs Shields deliver a workshop to the ELCC and P1/2 on **how to stay safe around water**. They even got to try on an RNLI uniform. That afternoon, Mrs Shields delivered a **water safety talk to the whole school** and explained the role of the RNLI. For more information and **to revise the safety messages** with your child, the RNLI have online games and videos to [view](#).



Rights Respecting Schools

Thank you to everyone who has been working hard towards our **Gold Award for Rights Respecting Schools**. We had our assessment visit virtually, a few weeks ago and are now eagerly awaiting on the results. Groups of pupils from P1-7 were asked a lot of questions about rights in our school. We are hoping to hear from **UNICEF** soon. If you have missed or would like to see what we have been up to this year and our journey towards the **Gold Award**, please look on the school website [here](#).

Outside Grounds

A **big thank you** to the Parent Council and families for tidying up our playground and outdoor environment last weekend. They have taken down structures we no longer need, strimmed along the fencing and planted hedges and trees on the big playground.

iPayimpact

Thank you to everyone who has registered their account to order and pay for school meals. School meals can be ordered up to **6 weeks** in advance. The implementation of this payment system is to **reduce food waste** and limit the amount of cash schools receipt. This system will be used in future to enable parents to pay for trips, uniform etc. In order to help reduce the time it is taking clerical staff to ensure all children have a meal choice on a daily basis, please **log in regularly** and update your child's choices. Your feedback is being used to make changes to make the system more user friendly.

ELCC Staffing Update

Mrs Ferguson will be working with Mrs Roy and Mrs Dryburgh in the ELCC until the end of the session.

Retirements:

On 26th April **Mrs Evans** will retire from her post as clerical assistant after nearly 20 years at Kilcreggan Primary School. She has seen many children, some of whom are now parents, through their years here. The children and staff all hope that Mrs Evans puts her feet up and remembers not to answer 'Kilcreggan Primary School, Helen speaking', when she answers her phone at home! **Mrs McGuire** has also made the big decision to retire at the end of June. She has taught almost all of the children in the school and we are sure she will have many happy memories to reflect on when the time comes.



Seasons for Growth

We would like to invite parents of pupils who attend **Seasons for Growth**, to join us on Monday 5th June, for a **Celebration Event** with tea and biscuits. You will have the opportunity to see what the children have been learning. Times will be confirmed closer to the day.

The Exchange

The Exchange is a **new counselling service** available for children aged **10 years and up**. Schools can refer children for various reasons, for example anxiety, wellbeing, bereavement. Information for parents can be found at their website <https://www.exchange-counselling.com/>. Please contact Mrs Smith if this is a service you would like to find out more about to support your child's wellbeing.

Parent Council:

The next Parent Council meeting will be in **May**. A meeting link will be sent out closer to the time.

Email: Contact with the Parent Council can be made through their email address: Kilcregganprimarypc@gmail.com

Dates for your diary:



31st March	School closes at 2.30pm
17th April	Schools reopens at 9am
18th and 19th April	Fluoride varnishing
20th April	Seasons for Growth Session 7
27th April	Seasons for Growth Session 8
8th May	Coronation Bank Holiday - school closed
15th May	ELCC Stay and Play 9am-9.45am
25th May	School Evening Performance (more information to follow)
26th May	In-Service Day - school closed
29th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
5th June	Seasons for Growth Celebration Event

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Twitter:

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1. Go to the app store on your phone or other device.

1. Search and download Twitter.

2. Search for Kilcreggan P.S

3. Click follow

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