

Kilcreggan Primary School and ELCC



November/December 2023 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Evening session. It was great to see so many of you face to face.

We are sad to share that **Ms. Gaughan is moving on** following her secondment. She will be missed by pupils, staff and parents and we wish her well in her new post within the Council. Mr MacKenzie will continue on in post.

Seasons for Growth

After our highly successful pilot of Seasons For Growth last session, we will again be running Seasons for Growth lessons. This is a **programme for pupils** who have experienced changes in their lives because of a death, separation or divorce, or another significant loss. When someone we know dies, or when a family member moves out of our home, or another big change happens it can be a sad time for us. 'Seasons for Growth' is a programme where children **learn how to cope** when difficult things like this happen.



New Wet Weather Arrangements

We are implementing **new procedures** for **8.50am - 9.00am** should the weather be very inclement. The arrangements are as follows:

1. Mr Mackenzie will direct all children into the school hall when he opens the gate
2. A member of the Leadership Team (Mrs Smith or Miss Kingaby), where possible will supervise the children in the hall until 9am
1. A PVG checked parent will assist supervision in the hall if necessary.



We are hopeful that these arrangements will not need to be implemented very often! If you hold a PVG and are able to help support, please let contact Mrs Smith.

P1 and ELCC Registration

In **January**, registration will be open for **Primary 1 and ELCC enrolment** for **next session**. Look out for messages alerting you to the dates and link to the online registration process.

Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Non-Uniform Day in aid of Children In Need. We **raised a total of £120**. A fantastic total!



Creativity Inspiring Learning Showcase

Get ready to mark your calendars for our next Creativity Inspiring Learning Showcase, on the **14th December at 2pm**. **Families and our community are invited** to this event, for the children to present their **innovative ideas and visions** of Cove and Kilcreggan in the year 2033. This will be a great opportunity to engage and empower the younger generation in community development.



Christmas Parties

Pupils are already excited for their Christmas Parties in December. On the day of their party, children are to **bring their party outfit to school in a bag**, to change in to later in the day.



RRS Gold Celebration Party

Last year, we achieved our Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award and it's time to celebrate our achievement. The RRS Steering Group have organised a **Gold Party** for pupils, on the **5th December**, to celebrate the hard work and dedication that everyone has worked towards. The Steering Group has asked everyone to **wear Gold/Yellow** on this day, to celebrate in style.

Pantomime

Shoogalie Road Theatre Company will be coming to our school and ELCC on **13th December** to perform their annual pantomime. This year it is **Sleeping Beauty** and we are opening our doors to parents to come along and join us in watching this spectacular together. **Doors will open at 1.15pm** for anyone wishing to come along, the performance **starting at 1.30pm**.





Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on the last day, **Thursday 21st December**. Mrs Jamieson and the kitchen staff are busy planning the menu to ensure all dietary requirements are catered for. Please ensure you order your child's lunch in advance. Please note **school closes at 2.30pm** on 21st December.

Mrs Smith's Challenge

Mrs Smith is setting all children in the school and ELCC a **festive art and design challenge**. As a homework task, all children have to **make a decoration** to hang on our school Christmas tree. Get your thinking hats on! Children can ask their teachers if they need any resources to help make this at home.

Festive Wear Day

Also on **Thursday 21st December**, all school and ELCC children and staff will be able to **wear some festive attire** for a suggested donation of £1. This could be a Christmas jumper, dress, hairband, brooch or tie. When Citizenship Clubs reconvene in January, the Pupil Council will decide on a **charity to send our donations** to. Donations can be brought into school on the day, preferably in an **envelope marked 'Donation'**.



Parent Council:

The next Parent Council meeting will be in January 2024. A Teams meeting link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

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

Mugs and Baubles Fundraiser

Thank you to all the helpers who came along to support the painting of the mugs and baubles this week. The finished items will be back with us as soon as possible in time for being wrapped for the perfect Christmas gift or addition to your tree!

Parent Council Christmas Fayre

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Christmas Fayre! Join us on **Friday 8th December, from 2-5pm**, in the **school hall** for a festive celebration. Enjoy a delightful array of craft stalls, pupil crafts, singing, and seasonal treats.



Monitoring and Maximising Attendance

You may have seen Argyll and Bute's campaign on social media, highlighting the importance of attending school. Schools are striving to **lower unauthorised absences and late arrivals**. Attendance is monitored on a termly basis by Mrs Smith. Should you require assistance to **support getting your child to school**, please contact Mrs Smith. For more information, our Council's policy on monitoring and maximising attendance is available on our school website.

Where to find us:

Twitter:

If you are not yet following us on Twitter, please carry out the following instructions.

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

Or scan the QR code to see our Twitter page



Website:



www.kilcreggan.argyll-

Getting in touch:

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Please look at the next page for dates for your diary.





Dates for your diary:



27th November	In-Service Day (School closed)
4th December	P1 and P7 Dental Visit
5th December	RRS Gold Celebration Party
7th December	P4-7 Art Workshop with Artist Ali Mills
8th December	Parent Council Christmas Fayre 2-5pm
13th December	Pantomime at 1.30pm
14th December	Creativity Inspiring Learning Showcase 2pm
15th December	ELCC Festive Stay and Play 9-9:45am
15th December	P6/7 Christmas Party
18th December	P4/5 Christmas Party
19th December	P3/4 Christmas Party
20th December	Christmas Service at Craigrownie Church 10am - Families welcome
20th December	ELCC and P1/2 Christmas Party
21st December	School and ELCC Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day 2.30pm finish
4th January 2024	Pupils return to school at 9am
17th January	P6/7 Residential Parents Meeting 6-7pm

We hope you all have a relaxing and joyful holiday filled with fun and laughter.

Best Wishes to you all!

Kilcreggan Staff Team

