



November 2025 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There's been plenty of learning — and a few spooky surprises — around the school this month! As we reach the end of October, and the beginning of Term 2, pupils will be taking part in an exciting **Enterprise topic**, developing creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork as they design and make products to sell at the **Christmas Fayre**. They will explore different materials, learn practical skills in **food preparation, textiles, and technology**, and use their imagination to bring ideas to life. Through these hands-on experiences, pupils will build confidence, creativity, and a real sense of achievement as young entrepreneurs.

Staffing Changes

We would like to say a huge **thank you and best wishes to Mrs Dyrburgh** as she begins her well-deserved retirement. Mrs Dyrburgh has been a valued and much-loved member of our school community, dedicating her time and care to supporting countless children and families over the years. We will miss her greatly but wish her every happiness and adventure in this next chapter. **Thank you, Mrs Dryburgh!**

We are also delighted to **welcome Mrs Bechelli**, who has already joined us and is teaching **P3/4 for this term**. We are thrilled to have her as part of our school team.



PVG Scheme Update

From **July 2025**, new legal requirements under the **Disclosure Scotland PVG Scheme** came into effect. This means that **all volunteers in school must now hold a PVG**. If you regularly support the school or would like to volunteer, please **email the school office to request a PVG application form**.

****CHANGE TO P1 REGISTRATION****

Is your child due to start Primary 1 in August 2026? Registration will be open from **17th to 21st November** — a **little earlier than usual**, so be sure to mark the dates! More information will follow.

Glasgow Science Centre Visit

Last term, we were delighted to welcome the **Glasgow Science Centre** to our school. Pupils in **P1–4** enjoyed an exciting show all about **Oxygen**, while **P5–7** learned fascinating facts in a show on **Digestion**. After the shows, everyone had the chance to explore the **BodyVision** exhibits, where pupils discovered more about how the human body works. They examined **x-ray scans**, compared a **healthy heart** with a **smoker's heart**, tested their **memory**, learned about **chromosomes**, and much more! It was a fantastic, hands-on learning experience — and the children had **great fun exploring and discovering!**

Citizenship

Clubs

Our **Citizenship Clubs** have started this term, giving pupils a wonderful opportunity to share their **voice**, develop important **meta-skills**, and learn alongside children from **all classes**.



This year, our clubs are:

- **Rights Respecting Schools** with *Miss Nubour*
- **Developing the Young Workforce** with *Mrs Gibson*
- **Pupil Council (focusing on Nurture)** with *Miss Kingaby*
- **Eco Group** with *Mrs Bechelli*

These clubs help pupils play an active role in school life and make a real difference to our school community.

Bookbug in the ELCC

We would like to invite all **ELCC parents** to join us for a special **Scottish Bookbug session** on **Friday 28th November at 2:30pm**. During the session, we will enjoy **reading stories and singing songs together**.

This is a lovely opportunity to spend some quality time with your child and celebrate the joy of books, stories, and reading. We look forward to seeing you there!

Read, Write, Count Gifting Event for P1-3 Families

This term, **Read, Write, Count** with the **First Minister Bags** and **Bookbug Bags** will be gifted to every **Primary 1, 2 and 3** pupil. These bags, provided by the **Scottish Book Trust** through the **Scottish Government's Read, Write, Count campaign**, are packed with books and activities designed to inspire a lifelong love of **reading, writing and counting**. Each year, we use this special event to share **fun and practical ways** you can support your child's learning at home. This year, our focus will be on **Listening and Talking**.

 **When:** Wednesday 19th November

 **Time:** 9:10am – 10:00am

 **Where:** Hall

During the session, your child will receive their book bag, and you'll have the chance to take part in some engaging activities together. We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the **joy of reading, writing and counting** with our school community!

School Improvement and Staff Development

Our Children, Their Nurturing Education

During our recent **In-Service Days**, staff took part in valuable professional learning focused on **nurture and inclusive practice**. We were delighted to welcome **Paula Canon**, our Educational Psychologist, and **Christine Walker**, our Nurture Teacher, who led sessions on the **nurture principles** and how these support the wellbeing and development of all learners. Staff also explored the **CIRCLE framework**, using it to reflect on and set up classroom environments that promote positive relationships, engagement, and inclusion for every child.

Last week, all staff took part in an after-school professional learning session focused on the principle that **all behaviour is communication**. During the session, staff explored ways to **recognise and support distressed or dysregulated behaviours**, helping us to better understand and respond to the needs of our pupils.

All of this work is also part of our journey towards achieving our **Silver Award for Nurture**.

Argyll and Bute's Counting On Framework

Teaching staff also took part in a workshop focused on **Argyll and Bute's Counting On framework**, which supports the teaching and learning of numeracy across the school. This session helped staff deepen their understanding of key numeracy concepts and explore effective strategies to support children's progress and confidence in mathematics.

ELCC Positive Statements Workshop

Our **ELCC team** recently took part in a **Positive Statements** workshop focusing on **child protection and safeguarding**. The session explored the importance of using **correct terminology for body parts** and promoting **consent at all ages** — for example, asking for permission before touching someone's face.

Staff also discussed ways to **challenge gender stereotypes** and encourage children to develop **respectful, inclusive attitudes** from an early age.

ELC Inspection

ELC were recently inspected by Care Inspectorate. We are delighted with the outcome and have plans to act on their recommendations to provide an even better service to our families. Well done ELC staff!

Update Nurture Space

During the Summer holidays, the Inclusion and Equalities Team and other authority representatives toured the school to look at potentials for our Nurture Space development. Mrs Smith is continuing discussions and planning around their recommendations. Additional information will be provided in due course.

Parent Council:



To support our Parent Council, please email Vicci at kilcregganprimarypc@gmail.com

The PTC have a lovely new website! To find out how to support them and for more information about upcoming events, please visit their website [here](#).

You will be notified by the PTC regarding the date of their next meeting.

Look at the next page for upcoming dates!

Dates for your diary:



3rd Nov	After-School Clubs Start
10th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
10th Nov	ELCC Parents' Evening Week
13th Nov	School Parents' Evening
17th Nov	Book Week Scotland
17th-21st Nov	P1 Registration for Session 2026-27
19th Nov	P1-3 Read, Write, Count Book Gifting Event 9.10am-10am
21st Nov	School closes at 3pm
24th Nov	In-Service Day
25th Nov	School opens at 9am
3rd December	1.30pm Shooglie Road Pantomime
5th Dec	1.45pm-3.45pm Christmas Fayre

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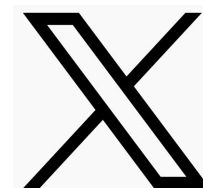
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