

Welcome to our November Newsletter.

We ask that all children are appropriately dressed for being outside in our Scottish climate. We will continue to go outdoors as much as possible.

Our Parent/Teacher phone calls are now complete. The teachers found this to be a very useful way to share positive news and next steps for learning and from your comments parents found this to be helpful too. Thank you for your patience as the calls have been spread out over the month.

In November we have been looking at how to keep **Achieving** and in December we will focus on **Nurtured**. We have looked at lots of different ways to achieve and have celebrated many different types of success- from swimming awards to writing a book. Well done to all our children who have achieved in November.

Our Parent Council met at the start of the month. Watch out on our website on the Parent Council page for updates. We are keen for children to cycle or scooter to school and ask parents/ carers to ensure that children wear a helmet. The school has a supply of helmets if anyone needs one.

Tempest Photography were in school and took individual photos of our Primary 1 children. We hope when restrictions are relaxed to have photographs taken for the rest of the school as well.

On Monday 16 November all our staff joined an online meeting to participate in the launch of South Lanarkshire's Attachment Theory Training. We joined schools across the Learning Community in a Google Meet where we heard from Educational Psychologists about the impact of creating good relationships with our learners. It was a valuable and thought provoking morning.

Our Christmas plans are underway and we truly miss hearing our children singing around the school. Each class has made a wreath for the classroom door and Mr Robbins was in school on Saturday 21 November getting all of our Christmas decorations out of the boxes. Each Primary One child who wanted has helped decorate our

tree and with great enthusiasm has placed a bauble on the tree. Well done Primary 1.

We had a fun afternoon on Friday 13 November where children across the school got to join in with different activities linked to Children in Need. Children designed Pudsey eye patches, masks and clothing. Others planned a picnic for Pudsey and wrote invitations to friends.

From Tuesday 17 November- Friday 20 November we celebrated Book Week with lots of different tasks. We had reading in the garden, designing bookmarks, making front covers for books and writing a book to be read to younger children.

Our Junior Librarians met, socially distanced, and voted on the winning entries for our young authors.

The winners are:

Archie Anderson- A visit to the Zoo

Isla MacFarlane- A Woolly Tale

Jessica Cowan- Friends at the Factory

We have been invited to join an art competition organised by George Taylor & Co. All children in the school can make a winter or a Christmas picture using paint, coloured pens, pencils or crayons. Put the name and class on the back and post into the special postbox on George Taylor & Co's gates. All entries will be laminated and displayed on the gates and the winning entry will receive a £20 Amazon voucher and the runner up a £10 voucher. The closing date for entries is **Friday 4 December**.

We are aware that children will have Christmas jumpers which they have few places to wear them until the new level 4 restrictions are reviewed. In light of this if anyone wants to wear a Christmas jumper on any day in December they can.

We have been thinking about Christmas cards and ask that children just send a card to the whole class rather than all the individual cards that are usually given out. The teachers will display the class cards in each room. We hope to reduce the amount of paper used as well as cut down on items being brought from home.