

Welcome back

A warm welcome back to all our staff and pupils as we begin session 2019/20. Children have returned after their summer break and are settling well in to the new school year. We are delighted to welcome our new Primary 1 pupils who are being well supported by their Primary 7 buddies.

Children have been smartly turned out for school and we aim to ensure that all children wear the correct Oxgang uniform. Primary 7 pupils are asked to wear shirt and tie every day in preparation for high school. We appreciate your support in maintaining these high standards. Please ensure all uniform, including jackets and shoes, is labelled with your child's name.

We have welcomed 2 new members of teaching staff this session - Miss Devlin in Primary 4 and Miss McLaren in Primary 6. We have also welcomed back Mrs Sweeney after her maternity leave. She will be working across P5-7 this session. Mrs McDonnell will be with us until 6th September when she finishes up for maternity leave - we wish her a quiet and relaxing time before her due date!

Learning Teams

This session we are running new 'Learning Teams' which will take place on a Friday afternoon. This will replace Golden Time and pupils are currently discussing suggested activities with their class teachers. These include football, outdoor play, fitness, art and chess. Children will be able to sign up for their preferred club once they have collected 10 dojo points, and will mix with children from other classes to complete their team activity (Primary 1, 2/1 and 2 will join together, Primary 3, 4/3 and 4 will join together and Primary 5, 5/6, 6 and 7 will join together). Teaching and support staff will supervise the activities which will link to various curricular areas and to skills for Learning, Life and Work. More information about the teams will be posted on Dojo this week.

If you would be available to come in and support any of our teams on a Friday afternoon - we would love to have you! Please contact Miss Young or Mrs Adams who can give you more information.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 27th August

P5 trip to Kirkintilloch Town Hall (am) - Mrs Kennedy's class

Tuesday 27th August

SFA input begins: P1-4 during the day for PE and after school club for P5-7 pupils

Wednesday 28th August

Choir starts (P4-7 pupils)

Thursday 29th August

P5 trip to Kirkintilloch Town Hall (am) - Miss Nisbet's class

Friday 30th August

Sport Squad starts for P3 pupils

Thursday 12th September

Parent/pupil info night at Kirkintilloch High School - 7pm

Friday 13th September

Meet the Teacher afternoon 2.15-2.50 - All welcome!

Tuesday 24th September

Photographer in school

Friday 27th Sep - Mon 30th Sept

Holiday weekend - school closed

Tuesday 1st October

In service-school closed to pupils

Friday 4th October

Primary 5/6 class assembly

Monday 7th October

Achievement Assembly

Tuesday 8th October

Golden Tea Party (pm)

Wednesday 9th October

Winning house party (pm)

Thursday 10th October

Harvest Service - 9.30am

St Columba's Church

Friday 11th October

In service-school closed to pupils

Mon 14th Oct - Fri 18th Oct

October break - school closed

Health and Safety

- Due to an increasing number of children with nut related allergies we kindly ask that nuts and nut related products (eg peanut butter/Nutella) are not included in lunch boxes as snacks.
- Please do not use the school car park or the zig zag lines in front of the school as a drop off point. This is to ensure all pupils can enter the playground safely at the start and end of the school day. We will be working with our Junior Road Safety Officers and our community policeman Stewart Kerrigan to encourage safe parking and drop offs around our school.
- If your child is going to be late or absent from school due to illness or to attend an appointment, we kindly ask that you notify the school office before 9am. We have a duty of care to all pupils which means if parents don't notify us and we can't contact you, we have to inform the attendance officer who may visit to ensure children are safe. We also ask that if your contact details change during the school year, you inform the office as soon as possible.

Home/school communication

If you follow us on Twitter you will see photos and information about the things we have been doing. If you aren't one of our followers, please sign up @OxgangPs We post regularly on our newsfeed with information about school events and updates from classes. We also use Class Dojo as a communication tool. Thanks to all the parents and family members who have signed up to this and who regularly comment on our class and school news. If you haven't signed up yet, we would encourage you to do so to receive regular updates. Teachers will have 'focus children' throughout the year and post information about them. If you need any help signing up, contact us and we'll be happy to help you get started!

School Clubs/P.E

Last session we were awarded a gold Sport Scotland award for our commitment to exercise and physical education. Clubs running this term for pupils include:

Dance (Monday) 3-3.45pm for P4 & P5
SFA Football (Tuesday) 3-4pm for P5-7
Choir (Wednesday afternoon) for P4-7
Sports Squad (Friday) 3-4pm for P3

Reminder - all jewellery must be removed for PE. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, they cannot take part in PE unless they can remove earrings themselves for lessons. This in line with East Dunbartonshire Council policy.

Numeracy and Maths

Last year, our main improvement priority centred around raising attainment in Maths. Mrs Adams, our Depute Head and Maths Champion has been chosen to present a workshop related to this work at the Scottish Learning Festival on the 26th September at the SECC where delegates from all over Scotland can sign up to attend. We also received confirmation from the General Teaching Council for Scotland that Oxgang was successfully awarded **Excellence in Professional Learning** for the development work our staff completed in relation to Numeracy. Well done to everyone who supported our work in this area.

