



TYNEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



WELCOME

Welcome to our November Newsletter. We have had a busy month and are now getting in the festive spirit as we approach the Christmas holidays with only three weeks to go!

There are lots of fun Christmas events and activities planned over the coming month for children including our Christmas House Event (led by our House Captains), our P1-3 Nativity performance, whole school Pantomime (funded by our Parent Council) as well as Christmas lunches and parties. *Our Primary 1-3 Nativity will have a collection for our Infant Atrium who are looking to refresh our small world play resources. Any donations will be gratefully received.*

We are now including in our school newsletter a 'Community News' section which will detail any events that are coming up in our local community that you may wish to get involved in. We are keen to work in partnership with our local community members to enrich experiences for children. As such, we will be welcoming Rev. Dale London into our school on a weekly basis to support in classrooms (one class per week) and complement various areas of learning. There will be no religious observance included in these visits – instead the focus is to build partnerships across our school community. We look forward to welcoming him to Tynewater.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you very much to Dalmeny Christmas Trees, who have very kindly donated a real Christmas Tree for our school. This will be up for the entirety of the Christmas Season and will help the children and staff take full advantage of the Christmas Spirit.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Saturday at our Christmas Fair. This will be between 11am and 1pm. The young people in school have been creating crafts which will be sold on the day and the Scholastic Book Fair will also be available to order books from amongst many other stalls from local artists and businesses.



WINTER WEATHER

As the snowy season approaches, it is important to note that although we do our very best to avoid school closures, severe weather can result in the school being closed.

In the rare event of this happening, you will be informed via Groupcall Messenger in the first instance so it is very important that your contact details are up to date. Notice of any school closure will also be shared on the school website, Midlothian Council website and on Forth Radio.



Should the school close, there are a variety of Home Learning activities on our school website for the first day. If we are closed for any longer than this, learning activities will be posted on Seesaw for pupils.

CURRICULUM OPEN MORNING

Thank you for your recent attendance at our Curriculum Open morning on the 17th of November. This was well attended and children and staff enjoyed welcoming you into our classrooms to engage with learning.

Our next Curriculum Open Morning is on the 22nd of March 2024.

STAFF GIFTS

We understand that many parents and carers wish to give Christmas gifts of thanks to the staff who work hard to support your children every day. Whilst these are appreciated, we are an Eco School and also wish to model for our children the value of helping others. Therefore, we feel that a small note of thanks or a donation to charity would be a fitting way to express your gratitude.

Each staff member will select a charity that is close to their heart and we will share these with you in due course for should you wish to make a donation in their name.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wed 20th December at 7.30pm

THE PATHHEAD CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ Crichton Collegiate Church

Tickets available on door @ £5

(ticket sales go to the [Crichton Collegiate Church Trust](http://www.crichtoncollegiatechurchtrust.org.uk))

Wed 3rd Jan 2024

PMC Family Ceilidh @ Pathhead Village Hall

more details to follow but please SAVE THE DATE!

To join the PMC e-newsletter list and receive information on upcoming PMC events please sign up here:

<http://pathheadmusiccollective.org.uk/join-the-mailing-list/>



CLASS UPDATES

November saw two wonderful Class Assemblies shared by Primary 4 and Primary 7 on the themes of Bonfire Night and Armistice Day.

Primary 7 have attended a trip to Dalkeith Palace where they chatted with veterans and learned about the story of the poppy. It was lovely to hear about this at their assembly.

Primary 6 and Primary 7 also attended Rosslyn Chapel, taking part in Literacy and STEM workshops and learning about the history of a Midlothian historic site.

Primary 5 have also visited Dynamic Earth this month to enrich their learning about Space (amongst many other things!) and had a wonderful time.



DIARY DATES

6th December – Whole school Pantomime performance

8th December – Parent Council Coffee Morning

11th December – Whole School Christmas House Event

12th December – P1-3 Nativity (daytime)

13th December – P1-3 Nativity (evening) / Christmas lunch

18th – P1&2 Christmas Party

19th – P5 Christmas Party / P4 Forth Road Bridge Trip

20th – P3&4 Christmas Party (**please note swap of P5 and P3&4 on Parent Calendar**)

21st – P6&7 Christmas Party

22nd December - Last Day of Term (**please note error on Parent Calendar – this day is NOT a holiday**)

