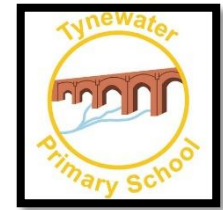




# TYNEWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME

Welcome to our December Newsletter – the final newsletter of 2023!

It has been a wonderful festive month with lots of fun opportunities for children. We have had two very successful Nativities, a Panto, a festive Christmas lunch, a Christmas House Quiz event organised by our House Captains, a surprise Christmas movie event organised by our School Ambassadors and each class has had their Christmas Party too. A big well done to Tyne who have won the House Treat for Term 1 and Term 2 with a tremendous total of 2,241 points!

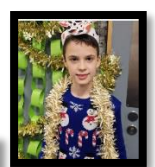
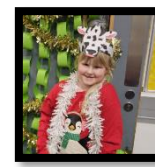


Following interview for our Acting Depute Head post last week, I would like to share with you the news that Ms Donaldson was the successful candidate and will continue in the role of DHT until the summer holidays.

After Christmas, we will be continuing with a Head Teacher and Depute Head Teacher only. I'm sure you'll agree that Mrs Clarke and Mrs Leonard have done a tremendous job in their posts as Acting Principal teachers and have been a particular support to me as new Head Teacher. Thank you both for all your hard work, kindness and guidance. Both will be continuing in their roles as our Support for Learning teachers and Mrs Clarke will continue teaching in P2 on a Wednesday.

## NATIVITY

We were treated to two wonderful Nativity performances this year by our ELC children and our P1-3 classes. The children excelled themselves; singing, dancing and performing confidently. They were a credit to you and to our school. Thank you also to the teachers, Learning Assistants and ELC staff whose hard work made these performances possible.



## WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

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.

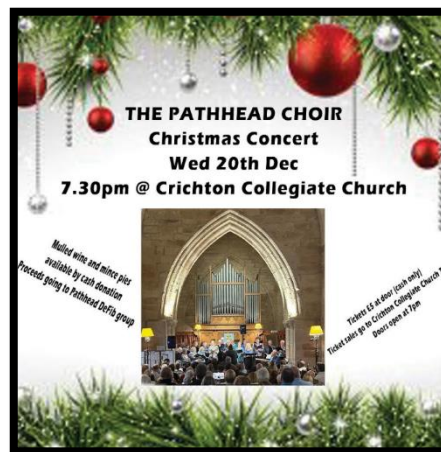
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### Read&Write Free for Families- REMINDER

Information on how families can download Read&Write at home for free is available in this [Free for Families Info for Parents/Carers](#) doc.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



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/>



## P4 CLASS TRIP

Our Primary 4 class visited the Forth Bridges Education Centre this week and had the most wonderful time learning about the construction of the bridges and completing fun STEM challenges.



## PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Before everyone collapses in a heap at the end of term we wanted to share some good news. Firstly a huge thank you to everyone involved with our Christmas Fair this year - as a visitor, a volunteer, a donor or a sponsor. We hope you enjoyed it. A huge well done goes to the children, who put in so much effort with their Christmas crafts. We also owe a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who made it happen. We raised a grand total of just over £1400!

Did you know that funds raised by your Parent Council have been spent on the following things over the past couple of years?

- renewing playground equipment
- this year and last year's in-school pantomime (free for all children)
- reading books
- £5 per child for a school trip in both 2022/23 and 23/24
- mending and maintaining the raised vegetable beds
- Reading Cloud library management
- Easter Egg competition prizes
- muddy kitchens and indoor play equipment for P1-3
- plants and vegetables for growing

We will continue to work in partnership with Miss Ferguson to ensure that all funds are spent for the benefit of the whole school. Your support for fundraising events is hugely valued and most importantly, enables all our children to benefit from learning opportunities and experiences which are beyond the reach of other budgets. Next year's Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 7th December 2024.

With best wishes for a merry Christmas,  
Emma, Tynewater Parent Council Chair

## DIARY DATES

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Staff Inservice Day
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – all children return to school
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Scotland Focus Fortnight
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Parent Council Meeting (in school)
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January – P6 Class Assembly

Have a wonderful festive break and Happy New Year!

