



**ARROCHAR PRE-5 UNIT  
NEWSLETTER  
November/December 2019**

Dear Parents

Our topics this month are:

- ❖ Dinosaurs
- ❖ Firework Safety
- ❖ Christmas

The children had a vote to decide what they would like to learn about this month and the unanimous decision was dinosaurs. If anybody has any books about Dinosaurs, please feel free to bring them in to share with the group. (Please put a name in your books so that we can return them to the right child after we have finished our topic).

The children's evaluations from last month were:

- ❖ Rowan – "I had fun being outside and sweeping up all of the leaves in the garden"
- ❖ Leo – "I liked scooping out the pumpkin"
- ❖ Alyssia – "I liked drawing a scary ghost."
- ❖ Niamh – "I liked throwing the blow up pumpkin to catch and say my numbers in French"
- ❖ Hattie – "I liked drawing Halloween pictures like PJ mask"
- ❖ Adriana – "I liked playing Halloween bingo with my friends. We had to look for bats, cats and witches".
- ❖ Isla – "I liked dressing up as a witch".
- ❖ Nicole – "I liked learning the witch song".
- ❖ Ally – "I liked making my pumpkin face. I painted it, it was symmetry. Both the sides were the same"
- ❖ Elspeth – "I liked doing the skeleton dance with Mrs Gillies in yoga"
- ❖ Flora – "I liked drawing a spider for Halloween".
- ❖ Evie – "I liked playing in the water".
- ❖ Hazel – "I liked playing in the home corner".
- ❖ Sonja – Sonja enjoyed hand painting a pumpkin.

### **P.E/Fitness**

Please remember we have Fitness on a Wednesday with Mrs Nicolson and P.E on a Friday with Mrs Dodson. Each child needs to have a bag containing a P.E kit consisting of a t-shirt, pair of shorts and trainers/pumps. P.E kits can be in a small rucksack or other non-drawstring bag, which can be left on your child's peg as sometimes our classes can be swapped about if there is a clash of timetable.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

#### **Snappy Sounds**

Susan Tighe, from Snappy Sounds, will visit for her monthly music workshop on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

#### **Christmas Song**

We have sent home a sheet with two Christmas songs, please practice these with your child. Thanks.

#### **Music**

We shall continue to have music every second Tuesday with Mrs Ridland, the school music teacher.

#### **Soft Start**

Our next soft start session will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 8.45am – 9.15am. Then on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Please try to come along to work with your child and to enable you to have the opportunity to look through your child's personal learning plan, their individual floor book and our nursery floor book.

### **P1 Transition Visits**

The Pre-school children will be working with Mrs Hendry and P1/2 twice a week as part of our transition. The pupils will be working on Health and wellbeing activities and thinking strategies.

### **School Christmas Fair**

The School Christmas fair will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 3.00pm – 6.00pm. Please join us if you can to do some early Christmas shopping at the variety of stalls and for your child to visit Santa in his Grotto if you wish. There will be an opportunity to purchase your child's Christmas crafts and to visit the tea room for tea and cakes. If we have any bakers amongst you all, I am sure we would appreciate any baking for the tea room. Please avoid any cakes with nuts in due to allergies. Thank you.

### **Post Office Visit**

The Pre-5 unit hope to walk to the Post office in Arrochar on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, leaving the school at 10.30am to post their letters to Santa. We will be having lunch at the Pit Stop then returning to school. If you are available that day, we would love you to join us, please let a member of staff know.

### **PTA Meeting**

The next Parent Teacher Association meeting is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 9am in the school. All are very welcome.

### **In-service Day**

The school is closed on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November for an extra staff In-service day. The Pre-5 unit will operate as normal that day.

### **General Election**

The school and Pre-5 unit will be closed on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December as the school is being used as a Polling station.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas jumper day. Please send your child in to school that day in a Christmas jumper or outfit with £1. All money raised will go to Children in Need, this is one of the charities that the Pupil Council have decided to support this year.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Christmas lunch will be served in the Pre-5 unit on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of December, the cost for this is £2.20. Please complete the slip and pay for this by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please fill out the slip below or email to let us know.

### **Open Afternoon**

Parents are invited to join us on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 2-3pm to work alongside their child and see what they have been learning this term.

### **Christmas Concert**

The Christmas concert is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm in the church in Arrochar. Every year the Pre-5 pupils participate in the event, in order for us to do this again this year we need your help. We need you to collect your child from nursery at 12.30 and take them to the church. They will perform on stage just after 1pm. We would then require you to collect your child from the stage and sit them with you to watch the school Christmas concert. If you are unable to do this please let a member of staff know.

### **Christmas Party/Trip**

We are hoping to visit Santa at the Submarine Centre in Helensburgh for a 360° Christmas experience in December. The date is still to be confirmed. The school will meet the costs of this activity.

Regards

Pre-5 Staff

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### Arrochar Primary Pre-5 Unit Comments and Suggestions – November 2019

Please hand this in to a member of staff or e-mail your comments/ suggestions to the school:  
enquiries-arrochar@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/ Suggestions

### **Christmas Lunch**

My child/children \_\_\_\_\_  
would like to have a Christmas lunch on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. They would like:

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| Turkey with all the trimmings                                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vegetarian lunch   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I enclose £2.20 payment                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| My child does not want lunch, they will bring a packed lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> |