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December Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your kind donations and contributions for our Christmas Fair – we hope you all enjoyed the event. I would also like to thank the PTA and staff for all their time and effort in organising the event, contacting businesses and collecting gifts. ★

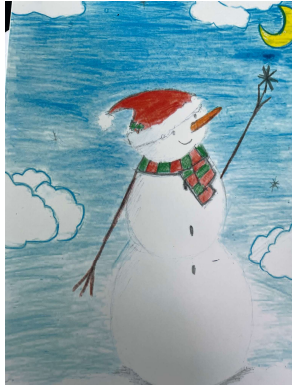


We were so lucky to visit Santa in a different location this year and he brought his reindeer too! The children had a really magical time and we would like to thank the Generation Group, PTA and all who helped make this a very special event for the children. Thank you so much for all your kind donations for Helensburgh Foodbank.



The children had a fantastic trip to the Pantomime this week to see 'Beauty and the Beast' – it was so funny and the children really enjoyed this special Christmas treat.

In recent weeks we were thrilled to host Theatre in Schools Scotland and Indepen-dance for their performance of 'Four go Wild in Wellies'. This movement and dance based performance entertained all the children from ELC through to P7.



Congratulations to Eva-Maria Martin in P7 who won Jackie Baillie's annual Christmas card design competition. The winning design will be printed onto the official Christmas card which the MSP sends out to thousands of colleagues and acquaintances over the festive period.

Nativity/Christmas Concert

Children will be performing their Christmas show for you all in Arrochar Parish Church **next Tuesday (13th December) at 1pm – doors will open at 12.45pm**. There will be mince pies, mulled wine and juice on offer at the interval and we will be holding a raffle for our staff hamper. On Monday the children will spend the day rehearsing at the church and they will have their lunch at The Three Villages Hall.

On Monday (12th December) children who are not arriving on school transport should arrive at the church no earlier than 8.50am.

Children must wear school uniform on Monday and should make sure they have a cosy coat for our walk to the village hall and back.

On the performance day it is essential that P4-7 wear full school uniform including a shirt and tie. Black footwear should be worn – ideally shoes instead of trainers if possible. P1-3 should also wear their uniform on the day but are not required to wear their shirt and tie. Everyone can bring a Santa hat or festive headband to wear.

Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumpers / Parties

Our Christmas lunch will be served on **Friday 16th December** and children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or something festive on the day. Please let us know your child's lunch choice for the day if you have not already done so. Class Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday 21st December. Children can come to school dressed in their party-wear on the day.

Open Afternoon

Our next open afternoon will be held on **Thursday 15th December at 1.30pm**. You are invited to come into your child's class to view some of the learning that has taken place this term and join in with activities.

Ardroy Co-op Funding

Co-op Members can officially support Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre (Cause ID: 71543) as part of the Local Community Fund. The funding period will run until next year, closing on 21 October 2023 and then the centre will receive funding. It would be great if as many parents as possible could support this as we stand to benefit with some days at the outdoor centre.

If you have a Co-op loyalty card already, you need to select Ardroy as your cause, and the Co-op will add a small amount to the pot every time you spend in **any** of their stores, you don't have to shop in Inverary which is where the cause is based.

Go to <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes> , type in Ardroy's postcode (PA24 8AE) and Ardroy should pop up as one of the options. The actual Ardroy page is [here](#) if you want to see how the money is accruing.

If you don't have a Co-op card, you can sign up for one [here](#). Every little helps!

Nature Calendar

We still have some copies of our beautiful school calendar available to buy for £6 each. The children's photos are absolutely stunning and the calendar would make a lovely Christmas gift. You can purchase a copy by emailing the school or contacting our PTA.

Den Area Swings

Many thanks to Michael Bainbridge for volunteering his time to replenish the rope swings in The Dens which were looking a bit tired and frayed. The children are really enjoying using these again safely.

Calendar Dates

School closes for the Christmas break on Thursday 22nd December at 2.30pm. The school re-opens on Monday 9th January at 9am.

Kind Regards



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