



HAPPY
NEWYEAR

Friday 12th January 2018

Parent Council meeting next Wednesday 17th January at 6.30 - ALL WELCOME

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Oaklands,

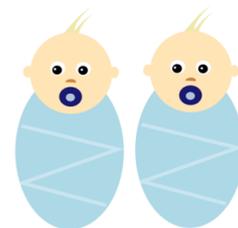
Happy New Year to you all! I hope you and your families had a lovely break and enjoyed some quality time together over the festive period.

The children and staff have settled quickly back into the routine this week, although we've had the usual January bugs with a few members of staff and few pupils unwell.

Staff News:

We did get some lovely staff news over the holidays: **Lucy Smith** our Principal Teacher gave birth to a baby boy, Hector Edmund in December.

Nancy Dundas, (Class 3 teacher), gave birth to another baby boy, Robert, last Friday. Both mothers and babies are doing well. We hope they'll visit us in school soon.



Other good news is that our new **Family Link Worker, Kirsti Willis**, started on Wednesday. She will be attending all pupil review meetings, so some of you will get to meet her very soon. She will also arrange some home visits. It's been a long wait but I'm sure Kirsti will soon become a very valued member of our team and a help and **support to many of our families.**

On Monday, we were also pleased to welcome **Angela Mulhern** as Acting-Principal Teacher. Angela will have a teaching remit for half of our Senior Phase Class and will be covering Lucy Smith's maternity leave.

As mentioned before Christmas, we are delighted that **Frances Duncan**, (former PT at Oaklands Nursery and DHT at Braidburn), has returned to Oaklands in a part time capacity as Nursery class teacher on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

It has been great to welcome Angela to school and to have Frances back with us. Both teachers bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the school.

What's happening in school?

☆ Our upper primary and secondary pupils will be off to the **King's theatre** next week to see the relaxed performance of the **pantomime Cinderella**. Some of our younger pupils will also be enjoying a performance at The Festival theatre.

☆ I'm delighted that our pool is back in use and **hydrotherapy and swim sessions** will finally resume.

☆ The building work maintenance of header ties is ongoing, with three out of four comers completed. The **Nursery Class** has been decanted to the Conference Room and the final works should be completed by the end of next week.

☆ We're welcoming lots of visitors to Oaklands this term. We were pleased to welcome our local **MSP Alex Cole-Hamilton** to our school Christmas show last term and are welcoming **Andy Wightman MSP** to Oaklands on Monday.

Can you help?

Innowalk Campaign:

As you know, we are working extremely hard to fundraise for two Innowalk Pro machines. Our Just Giving page got off to a great start but has now slowed down.

- ✓ An enthusiastic group of staff and parents (led by Sophie, one of our dynamic PSAs!), met on Wednesday to discuss innovative fundraising ideas and we are delighted to let you know that we will be hosting a **Race Night at Spartans Football Academy on Friday 16th March**. (Look out for more details soon!)
- ✓ One of our lovely bus drivers, Billy, is willing to prepare all the food for a **curry fundraising night** with his son. You may have heard of his son: an up and coming young Edinburgh chef by the name of **Tony Singh!** (Again, look out for more details to follow soon!)

We would be delighted to have your support as part of the Innowalk fundraising group, or any ideas you might have to raise money.



Please do share the link widely to friends, family or anybody who may be able to help.

[#WalkTallWithOaklands](#)

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/oaklandsschool-innowalkappeal>

<https://www.facebook.com/stvnews/>

As a school community, we're continually looking to develop our links with families. We hope to have another family social event this term. Look out for information via a bag drop or on our website.

I've been delighted to get back into a routine after Christmas and I'm looking forward to the term ahead.

Kind Regards,

Morna (Morna Phillips - Head Teacher)

**Oaklands
School**

