



Gala Date and Venue

The annual Kirkliston Children's Gala will take place on Saturday 8th June 2024 in Allison Park.

Dress Code

Girls

All P7 girls will be required to wear a white/off white outfit. Traditionally this has been a LONG dress and P1 girls a KNEE LENGTH dress with white shoes or sandals but we are happy if they would prefer another outfit. If desired a small tiara can be worn.

Boys

Traditionally all boys wear a kilt (with exception of champion who wears tartan trousers). Kilt hire is through Caledonia Scotia Kiltmakers, 6 Newhalls Rd, South Queensferry. For information kilt hire will be £40 (should an adult kilt be required cost will be around £45). There will be information for dates of fittings to follow.

If you would prefer for your child to wear their own kilt or smart trousers and a shirt then please do so but email us to let us know.



Programme

Pre-order Programme

You are able to pre-order a copy of the programme and this will be delivered to you. You can do this by ordering online <https://www.kirklistongala.co.uk/shop> by 3rd May

Gala Day Greetings

Our programme will include a section for family and friends to post a greeting for children taking part in the Gala Day. To do this go to <https://www.kirklistongala.co.uk/shop> by 22nd March. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any after this date due to printing times.

Programme Selling

This year we are hoping to get our programme out to as many people as possible so we will be selling programmes round the houses. We need volunteers to make this happen. If everyone helped with at least one street we would cover most of Kirkliston. Please email us to let us know you can help and the area you could cover kirkliston.gala@aol.co.uk

Best Dressed Arch or House

It is now a well established tradition that members of the Court decorate their house frontages on Gala Day. Over the years we have seen more traditional arches while others decorate their whole house front. As these two styles differ greatly, we have split the category and can enter **either** a best dressed arch **or** a best dressed house.

Judging of the entries will commence at 8.30 am with the results being announced at the Crowning Ceremony. An application form **needs** to be submitted to take part. These will be handed out nearer the time.

We also have a category for the Best Dressed Street. This helps add to the festive atmosphere in the village.

Parade

The parade allows our children as well as local community groups, bands and other acts to participate. It makes its way along Main Street and heads back to Allison Park for our crowning ceremony. The people of Kirkliston come out to line the street and cheer on the parade participants.

We understand that some children may wish to have a parent close at hand and if this is something you know your child would like then could we please ask that you volunteer to be a marshal. As we are sure you will understand, we have to comply with health and safety laws, and the safety of the children is at all times our paramount concern and do need parents to help with marshalling. If you are able to be a marshal, you will be given a high vis vest and be able to sit near the front of the stage. Please contact Yvonne kirkliston.gala@aol.co.uk if you wish to do this.

Fund Raising Events

The key to a successful Gala Day (apart from the weather!) is the levels of funds we have available.

Grand Prize Draw

One of our core fundraisers is the Grand Prize Draw. Tickets for this will be sold via Facebook on the run up to the Gala Day. The draw will be made during the afternoon programme of events.

Contact Us

We appreciate there is a lot of information contained in this letter. We will keep you updated via email and our Facebook pages (remember to 'like' and 'follow' us so you can be kept up to date). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us kirkliston.gala@aol.co.uk

2023/2024 Committee

Steph Wilson, Yvonne Morrison, Anne Wilson, Fiona Willis, Laura Doohan, Melissa Turnbull, Katrina Rutherford, Liz Lambert, Lorraine Shaw, Jo Hannah, Carolyn Henry



Rehearsal Dates

Please note proposed dates and times for rehearsal below. These will all take place at Kirkliston Primary school 3.15pm-4.15pm, except Friday 9th June will be in Allison Park at 4pm.

Monday 22nd April: rehearsal for P7 main parts **Queen, Herald, Champion, Lady in waiting, Crown Bearer, Sceptre Bearer**

Monday 29th April: rehearsal for P7 main parts **Queen, Herald, Champion, Lady in waiting, Crown Bearer, Sceptre Bearer, Queen of Fairies and Head of the Highlands**

Monday 13th May: Rehearsal for all P7's

Monday 27th May: Rehearsal for all P1's and P7's

Friday 7th June: Rehearsal for all P7's and P1's at 4pm Allison Park

We try to limit the rehearsal times to as little as possible. If for any reason your child is unable to attend then please contact Yvonne on kirkliston.gala@aol.co.uk