



# Nether Robertland Primary School

## October Newsletter



### Head Teacher Update

Welcome, to my first newsletter.

I hope that all of our young people and families have had a relaxing October holiday and had the opportunity to spend some valuable family time together.

As we move into a new term, I felt it would be useful to create a newsletter to share some of our successes and achievements from last term, as well as provide some details of what this term has in store.

I am very pleased to share that the first term of session 2022/2023 was a hugely successful one. All of our young people have settled into their new classes and have been displaying and promoting our school values of **Respect, Responsibility, Determination and Teamwork** at every opportunity. At Nether Robertland Primary, our vision is to create happy, secure, inclusive, and caring learning environments where our young people can flourish and be motivated and supported to reach their full potential. To ensure that our vision is experienced by all our young people and wider community, we will continue to work hard to promote a school culture and ethos that is underpinned by our values. I am delighted to share that this session, our Pupil Improvement Group will be tasked with reflecting on how our values can be promoted further by linking these to learning and behaviour. We look forward to sharing this work as it progresses.

### Some of Our Successes and Achievements – August to October

- P7 buddies have done a fantastic job in helping our new P1 pupils settle into school life. They have supported them in building confidence and in feeling safe, nurtured and included as they have transitioned into Nether Robertland Primary.
- A large number of young people put themselves forward to be part of our ten pupil leadership groups. Well done to everyone for putting yourselves forward and to those who are now representatives. Additionally, congratulations to our House and Vice Captains and good luck with taking forward your leadership roles this session.
- Our first Wider Achievement Assembly took place. We recognise and value our young people's achievements beyond school. Thank you for sharing these with us!



- Our Macmillan Coffee Morning was a huge success! Thank you to Mrs Lindsay, our Parents' Association and to our parents/carers for all the baking donations

and for supporting us with the smooth running of the morning. Together, we raised a whopping £1202!

- A fun week filled of maths activities and challenges, took place during Maths Week Scotland 2022. All of our classes took part in a Math-a-thon fundraiser and thanks to you, we raised an amazing £2580. Our Pupil Council and Mini Council will now be busy speaking to our staff and young people to help them decide what Maths resources to purchase.
- We are super proud of our P6/7 young people who represented our school in Sportshall Athletics at Ayrshire Athletics Arena. They won their heat and have qualified for the finals! They demonstrated fantastic teamwork and showed sportsmanship throughout.
- Well done to the P6 Cross Country Team who completed at the Ayrshire Athletics Arena. A fabulous effort by all, despite the weather conditions.



- We will continue to share our successes and achievements in class and school through Twitter @ NetherRob\_ps. Please follow us.

### **Our Parent Council and Parents' Association**

The annual AGM took place and I am delighted to share that Alexandra Goldie will continue as Chair and Natalie McMaster as Vice Chair of the Parent Council. Cath Hill and Julie Taylor are joint Chairs of the Parents' Association.

Our Parents' Association have many planned fundraising events throughout the session. Please see the diary dates below. More details regarding these will be available soon.

You can contact either the Parent Council or the Parents' Association using the emails below.

[nrpsparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:nrpsparentcouncil@gmail.com)  
[netherrobertlandpa@gmail.com](mailto:netherrobertlandpa@gmail.com)

### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' evening will be taking place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and I am delighted to share that this will be taking place in school and in the classrooms. There will be an opportunity for you to see your child's classwork and our catering team will be sharing tasters from their delicious menu.

## **Communication**

It is our aim to have clear and effective communication with our young people, parents/carers and the wider community. Effective communication enables us to share our aims and values, through keeping you informed about school life. This reinforces the valuable role parents/carers play in supporting our school.

At Nether Robertland Primary, we communicate in the following ways.

### **School app**

Provides instant information which can be found in the tabs below.




- Dates – Here you will find a snapshot of all key dates for forthcoming events
- Messages – We send out messages on a daily/weekly basis
- News – Linked to Twitter and School Blog
- Information – Additional information and provides a quick and easy way to contact the school

### **School Blog**

Our school blog is to provide a platform to share information and advice with everyone connected to our school. The aim of the school blog is to provide whole school information that easily located and is accessible. Please find the link for our school blog below.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/netherrobertland/>

### **Twitter**

Twitter is used to communicate and share our learning, successes and achievements. Please support us in sharing our news by liking , commenting  and retweeting  our Tweets.

### **Class Blogs and Teams**

We use individual class blogs for P1 and P2 classes and our P3 to P7 classes use Teams. The aim of these is to provide young people and parents/carers with class information.

### **Learning Journals**

Following the transferring of Learning Journals from the ECC, we are now ready to begin using these from P1 to P3. The aim of these is for us to share your child's learning and for you to comment and contribute to this. Shortly, you will receive an email and this will provide you with your login details. You will find helpful information about Learning Journals on our school blog in the Parent Zone menu.

### **Emails**

If you would like to communicate via email, this can be done by emailing the school directly through the school app (information tab) or you can email myself or Mrs Lindsay. See emails below.

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## Diary Dates

This term is shaping up to be a very busy one. Our school app will have all of the dates for events this term but I thought it would be helpful to provide these in this newsletter too.

Please note that some events may be subject to changes. If there are changes, this will be communicated through our school app.

### October

- 24<sup>th</sup> October – In-service day  
24<sup>th</sup> October – Receive email to book parents' evening appointment  
25<sup>th</sup> October – Pupils return  
25<sup>th</sup> October – P1 Parent Workshop at 4.00pm  
25<sup>th</sup> October – P5M and P5C to tennis courts  
26<sup>th</sup> October – P7D and P7H to tennis courts  
27<sup>th</sup> October – P6W and P6G/M to tennis courts  
27<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween Disco
- P1 to P3 - 6.00pm – 7.15pm
  - P4 to P7 - 7.30pm – 8.45pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween Lunch and Halloween costumes can be worn  
31<sup>st</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> November – Inclusive Practice Week 2022
- Theme is Breaking Through Barriers



### November

- 31<sup>st</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> November – Inclusive Practice Week 2022  
1<sup>st</sup> November – P7D and P7H to tennis courts  
1<sup>st</sup> November – Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm  
4<sup>th</sup> November – Fireworks Fun Lunch  
14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November – Book Week Scotland 2022  
14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week
- Whole school launch of Anti-Bullying: Respect for All Policy
- 15<sup>th</sup> November – Sportshall Athletics Final at Ayrshire Athletics Arena  
16<sup>th</sup> November – Day of Dance at Grand Hall for P5M and P5C  
29<sup>th</sup> November – Wider Achievement Assembly  
30<sup>th</sup> November – Dress as you please
- No money donation but pupils are asked to bring along a bottle the stall at the Christmas Family Breakfast and Brunch



### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> December to 20<sup>th</sup> December – Reverse Advent Calendar  
1<sup>st</sup> December – Choir to Stewarton Academy Christmas Market (Time TBC)  
4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Family Breakfast and Brunch (More information to be provided) and choir invited along  
8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)  
13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert (more details to follow)  
15<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school Christmas Pantomime at Palace Theatre  
19<sup>th</sup> December – Pupil Christmas Shopping Event (More information to be provided)  
23<sup>rd</sup> December – School closes at 2.30pm for Christmas break



**Christmas Party Dates**

14.12.22 – P1W and P1H	15.12.22 – P2S, P3M and P3H	16.12.22 – P4G and P4T/N
20.12.22 – P5C and P5M	21.12.22 – P6G/M and P6W	22.12.22 – P7D and P7H

Kind regards, Mrs Beveridge

