



# Nether Robertland Primary School

## October Newsletter



### Head Teacher Update

Welcome, to my October 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, it's important that we continue to keep you up to date with our successes and achievements, as well as provide some details of what is in store this term.

I am very pleased to share that the first term of session 2023/2024 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, our new vision is **Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow**. To support our children and young people develop and strengthen their leadership skills, we have a range of pupil leadership groups. I am pleased to share that all these roles have been selected and our groups will begin to meet over the coming weeks. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward to be a leader at our school.

To support us in promoting our values further in school, we gave each family a values magnet and have promoted and encouraged a focus on Respect and Responsibility last term. It has been lovely hearing all about how these values are put into practice at home and in the community.



### 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.
- Congratulations to our House and Vice Captains and good luck with taking forward your leadership roles this session.
- Our Wider Achievement Assemblies are going strong this session. We have had two successful ones full of amazing successes and achievements. 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 Parent Council 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 £1170!



- A fun week filled with maths activities and challenges, took place during Maths Week Scotland 2023.
- Well done to the Cross Country Team who competed at the Ayrshire Athletics Arena. A fabulous effort by all. A special well done to Aaron who came third overall in the P7 boys' race and both the boys P6 and P7 teams received the best placed team awards.
- We were thrilled to have one of our previous pupils, Head Teacher and now the Interim Chief Executive of Education Scotland Gillian Hamilton visit us on Monday 2nd October. Our little surprise was so special for all involved. Mrs Young, Gillian's P1 teacher came to surprise her, making it all the more special. A huge thank you to our P7 House and Vice Captains for being fantastic tour guides. All of our visitors commented on their confidence and leadership skills.



- 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 Loree Thomson and Cath Hill are our joint Chairs. Please see our Parent Council Blog page for more information.

Our Parents' Association have many planned fundraising events throughout the session and the first has taken place. Congratulations to our Bonus Ball winners! I'd like to say a huge thank you to Kyla Richardson for organising and to everyone who supported with this fund raising effort.

If you'd like to contact the Parent Council, you can do this using the email 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 2<sup>nd</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, our catering team will be sharing tasters from their delicious menu and there will be a variety of information stalls in the gym hall. There will also be a raffle prize opportunity for those who complete our parent questionnaire.

## **Zumbathon**

We will be having a fund raising event in school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. This will be a Zumbathon led by Silly Gilly, who is a children's entertainer. The aim to raise school funds to support with the purchasing of school resources. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

## **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.

- Calendar – 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.

## 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 change. If there are changes, this will be communicated through our school app.

### October

#### Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the Month

Article 23 – Inclusion

Children and young people should be cared for in a way that takes any disabilities they have into account, and they should be taught at school in a way that understands their disability.



Monday 23rd October – In-service day

Tuesday 24th October – Pupils return

Tuesday 24th October – Parent Council Meeting at 7pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Parents will receive appointment slip (In child's bag)

Thursday 26th October – Halloween Themed Lunch – Wear a Halloween accessory

Thursday 26th October – Halloween Disco

- P1 to P3 – 6pm to 7.15pm
- P4 to P7 – 7.30pm to 8.45pm

Monday 30th October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Come Dine with Me (form on APP to be completed please)

- Monday – P2
- Tuesday – P3
- Wednesday – P4
- Thursday – P5
- Friday – P6 and P7

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Wear a Halloween accessory or costume



## November

### Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the Month

Article 38 – War and Armed Conflicts

Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – P6M/H trip to Glasgow Museum Resource Centre

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Parents' Evening: 3.30pm to 9.00pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Fireworks themed lunch

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – P6C trip to Glasgow Museum Resource Centre

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November to 17<sup>th</sup> November – Book Week Scotland

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November to 17<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Zumbathon Sponsor Event – details to follow

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Pupil Flu Immunisations



## December

### Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the Month

Article 31 – Leisure, Play and Culture

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide variety of cultural and artistic activities.



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Reverse Advent Calendar

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Pantomime with early lunch and later time back to school (More details to follow)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert dress rehearsal during school day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert afternoon performance: 1.45pm to 3.15pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert evening performance: 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas themed lunch

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Pupil Christmas Shopping Event

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – School closes at 2.30pm for Christmas break

### Christmas Party Dates

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – P7D and P7H

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – All P4 pupils

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – P6C and P6M/H

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – All P2 pupils and P3M

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – All P5 pupils

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – All P1 pupils

Kind regards, Mrs Beveridge