



# Nether Robertland Primary School

## January Newsletter



### Head Teacher Update

Welcome back and happy New Year!

I hope that everyone in our Nether Robertland community has enjoyed the break and had a fantastic Christmas and New Year.

As we move into another busy term for this session, I'd like to first of all share some of our highlights from last term, as well as provide some details of what this term has in store.

### Some of Our Successes and Achievements – October to December 2023

- Since the start of the session, we have been busy embedding our school values and the shared language at every opportunity in school, in our families' homes and in our wider community. You have been supporting us with this by displaying your values magnets at home and by engaging with the family values challenges. Thank you for supporting us in making our values be visible, understood and central to our NRPS school culture and ethos.



We would like to say a further huge thank you to our generous and supportive school community for making our November Zumbathon such a success. This sponsored event raised the amazing total of £4,033.50! We are now busy purchasing school resources, which will be used across the school to enhance learning and teaching. Thank you for your continued support and we will be updating you soon on what we have chosen.



- Our JRSO team highlighted the importance of being seen in the dark during the darker winter months. They did this by sharing some hints and tips, so that drivers can see children when they are going to and from our school, during Be Bright Be Seen day in November. It was fantastic to see so many of our children take part. Thank you to Rosie, Arran, Finn and Aimee for being fantastic JRSOs.
- We are delighted to share that we embraced Book Week Scotland and Anti-Bullying Week where much focused learning took place.
- Our Christmas Concert was an absolute delight and was enjoyed greatly by all who came to see our children and young people perform. Well done to everyone involved!
- Many successful Parent Council fundraising events took place this term, from the Hallowe'en disco to the Christmas Shopping event. We cannot thank our school community enough for making these events possible. We would like to say a special thank you to our parents/carers who came along to support the running of these. These events could not take place without you!

# THANK YOU!

- This session, one of our many priorities is to provide more opportunities for parental engagement. In November, we saw the first of these opportunities across P1 to P3. This involved parents/carers coming into school and being involved in their child's learning. We were delighted to see a large number of parents/carer share in the learning with everyone sharing how much they enjoyed themselves. There will be parental engagement sessions for all classes in this session.
- Our Rights Respecting School (RRS) pupil leadership group have been very busy last term organising a number of activities successfully. One of these was the design a t-shirt for Ralphie, our RRS mascot, competition. The RRS group found choosing the winning design difficult as there were lots of wonderful entries. Well done to our deserving winner Angus in P2. The RRS group also organised the Reverse Advent Calendar event this Christmas and on the 20<sup>th</sup> December, Stewarton foodbank came to pick up all the donations. They were blown away by our school community's generosity.



## Medical and Allergies

As several members of our school community have severe nut allergies, we kindly request that visitors to our school and families avoid giving children nuts or products containing nuts for snack or lunch, e.g. Kinder Bueno, peanut butter, Nutella and Snickers.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.



## Staffing

I am delighted to share the great news that Miss Gray will be having a baby. She will begin her maternity leave in March. As soon as I have more information regarding cover in P4G, I will let you know.

## Education Scotland School Inspection

As you may be aware, our school will be inspected by Education Scotland week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. As part of the inspection, Inspectors have gathered your views via the online survey that went out prior to the holiday. Thank you to everyone who completed it and thanks in advance to those who have offered to take part in the parent focus group.

We look forward to sharing all the wonderful things that take place in our school with the Inspectors and in sharing Education Scotland's findings with you in due course.

## 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.

### January

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

Article 12 – Children's Views

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Pupils return

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January – P1 registration

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Applications can now be completed for P7 to S1 transfer via the link on the app

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Aristos delivering fitness sessions to P6 classes (Six week block)

- 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January
- 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February – Last session taking place in the Aristos gym

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – P1H and P7H library visit

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Personal Achievement Assembly

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – P1/2W and P6M/H library visit

## February

### Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the Month

Article 19 – Protection

Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else looking after them.



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February – Celebration of Scots Language Week

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Internet Safety Day

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – P2S and P6C library visit

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Scottish themed lunch

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – P7 Bring and Buy sale

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Holiday

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – In-service day

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Pupils return

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February– P3M and P5S/H library visit

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Council meeting at 7pm (Nether Robertland Primary)

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February– P4G and P4/5T library visit

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February– P1B and P7D library visit

## March

### Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the Month

Article 29 – Goals of Education

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (Book donation to support with reading for enjoyment)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March to 22<sup>nd</sup> March – STEM/World of Work Fortnight

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Personal Achievement Assembly

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Spring Disco

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – School closes at 2.30pm

## Other Events

Dates for the following will be confirmed in due course:

- P7 Rotary Quiz

- P4 Bikeability
- Sportshall Athletics

Kind regards, Mrs Beveridge