



# 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 2024/2025 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 to 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. Our groups will begin to meet over the coming weeks and they will have a pupil leadership group photograph taken on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward to be a leader at our school.



We would like to thank all of our parents and families for continuing to communicate the importance of our whole school community working together to promote our school values and vision as this supports our culture of working in partnership and in working together to create positive and supportive learning environments in school.



## 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 Personal Learning and Achievement Assemblies have started off strongly 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 Mr Gilroy, 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 £1035.10!



- A fun week filled with maths activities and challenges, took place during Maths Week Scotland 2024.
- Our big fundraiser, the Pyjama Parade, was a huge success! So much fun was had throughout the day and it was lovely to see so many of our parents and families join us to parade. Thank you for your amazing sponsorship donations. We will continue to collect in any donations until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and on this day, we will draw the winning sponsorship form and announce the winner. As soon as we have a final total, we will share this with you.



- P4H have been taking part in East Ayrshire's 'I've Got Rhythm' Programme. They have been learning songs and all about rhythm. They were able to take part in a performance alongside our Education Group peers and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra at Stewarton Area Centre. We look forward to continuing our musical learning journey this term.
- We will continue to share our successes and achievements in class and school through X @ NetherRob\_ps. Please follow us, like our posts and add comments.

### **Our Parent Council**

The annual AGM took place and I am delighted to share that Lisa Davidson is our Chair. Please see our Parent Council Blog page for more information.

Our Parent Council have planned many fundraising events throughout the session. We would very much appreciate any support you can provide to make these as successful as possible. If you'd like to contact the Parent Council, you can do this using the email below.

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

### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' evening will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October and parents' afternoon on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The appointments will be taking place in the gym hall this time and you will be free to go to your child's classroom to see their learning. We are delighted to have Sarah from the Book Nook join us for both dates and you and your children will have the opportunity to buy books related to your child's learning.

### **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 X and School Blog
- Information – Additional information and provides a quick and easy way to contact the school

#### **School Blog**

Our school blog provides 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 is easily located and is accessible. Please find the link for our school blog below.

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

### Twitter/X

Twitter/X 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 Mr Gilroy. 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 14 – Freedom of Thought, Belief and Religion



Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

Tuesday 22nd October – Pupils return to school

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – P5 Bikeability

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Come Dine with Me. See app for details.

- Monday – Ash
- Tuesday – Beech
- Wednesday – Chestnut
- Thursday – Hawthorn

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening

- 6pm to 9pm in the gym hall

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween Disco. Please see app for further details.

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

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Wear a Halloween Costume



## November

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

#### Article 26 – Social Security



Every child has the right to benefit from social security. Governments must provide social security, including financial support and other benefits, to families in need of assistance.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Photographs for Pupil Leadership Groups

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Selected Pupils to Cross Country

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Fireworks Themed Lunch

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Afternoon

- 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Personal Learning and Achievement Assembly

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

- Wear Spots and Themed Lunch

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Book Week Scotland

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – P5 Day of Dance

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Choir to Stewarton Initiatives Yuletide

- 6pm to 7pm

## December

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

#### Article 20 – Children Unable to Live with their Family



If a child cannot be looked after by their immediate family, the government must give them special protection and assistance. This includes making sure the child is provided with alternative care that is continuous and respects the child's culture, language and religion.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December – Reverse Advent Calendar

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Choir to Morrisons

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert

- Afternoon – 1.15pm to 3pm
- Evening – 6.15pm to 8pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Personal Learning and Achievement Assembly

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Pupil Christmas Shopping Event

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Pantomime

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – House Reward

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term and Dress as You Please

<b>Christmas Party Dates</b>	
P1W and P1B – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	P4H, P5L and P5 pupils from P5/6F – Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
P2S and P2H – Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	P6 pupils from P5/6F and P6M/G – Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
P3M and P3T – Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	P7H and P7D – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December

Kind regards,

Mrs Beveridge