

# **Busby Primary School School Improvement Plan 2014 - 2015**

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## Last session, you asked for:

- More opportunities for after school clubs.
- More information about the school meals.
- To hold our pupil-led assemblies at different times throughout the week.
- To offer more opportunities for children to learn first aid, cookery and life skills.
- To give younger learners to have even more opportunities to think about what they would do in real life situations.
- An improvement to the outdoor area.



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## We have:

- Increased the number of after-school clubs with the support of parents and staff. A fantastic 94% of pupils attended a club last year.
- Invited members of the catering staff to attend parents evenings.
- Varied the day assemblies are held, resulting in positive feedback from parents.
- Included First Aid, Cookery and "What if..." in this year's Master Classes, all of which were suggestions from parents. This will be developed further in this session and cookery will now be extended to the Early and First Level.
- Children achieved the 'Heart Start' Award and 'Rookie Life Guard' Award as part of last year's Master Classes.
- The Outdoor Classroom has been installed and used across the school. Children in P4 achieved the John Muir Award for their work in improving aspects of the school environment. A group of parents are involved in supporting the school to obtain funding to further enhance the playground areas.

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## Our Targets for 2014 – 2015

- To raise attainment and maintain consistently high standards in the quality of learners' experiences in Literacy and English, Numeracy and Mathematics and Science.
- To embed the principles of 'Getting It Right For Every Child' (GIRFEC)
- To continue to implement Curriculum for Excellence, with a particular focus on curriculum design.
- To increase parental involvement in the life and work of the school.

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## To develop the children's experiences in Language, We will:

- Implement the new guidelines and frameworks for teaching spelling, phonics, grammar and punctuation alongside our cluster colleagues.
- Teach the children to use Nelson handwriting.
- Research different ways of motivating children to read.
- Hold a Scottish Culture Week in November and a Literature Week in January.
- Introduce Mandarin to children in P5, P6 and P7 with the help of a Cluster Mandarin Assistant

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## To develop the children's experiences in Mathematics, We will:

- Continue working with our Maths Champion to develop the homework and maths experiences.
- Enhance pupils' problem solving skills by extending the computer games programming block of work to P6.
- Hold a Finance Week in October to continue to develop pupils' awareness of money.
- Explore the possibility of an accredited finance awareness course for identified pupils.

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## To develop the children's experiences in Science, we will:

- Hold our own Busby STEM fortnight in March.
- Ensure there are lots of different experiments for pupils to investigate in Science with a new Cluster designed programme of work for Primary 5.
- Aim to achieve the gold award for the Primary Science Quality Mark.

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# **In order to make sure that we are 'Getting It Right For Every Child', we will:**

- Review the Progress and Achievement Folios in line with the Well Being Indicators – Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included (SHANARRI)
- Extend the e-portfolios to P6 and P5
- Explore ways of developing pupil profiles, learning logs and class blogs.
- Review the Nursery end of year reports to parents.
- Introduce common symbols across the school to promote a more inclusive environment.

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## To enhance our curriculum we will:

- Deliver new creative and innovative Master Classes that help children develop skills for learning, life and work within the over-arching themes of:
  - Creative Arts
  - Food Technology
  - Enterprise
  - Community
  - Life-Skills
- Deliver a leadership training programme for P7 pupils
- Pupils will help to plan and film a documentary about their education at Busby Primary School
- Increase the number of partners involved in children's learning.
- Identify further opportunities for pupils to gain accreditation through Master Class experiences.

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## To increase parental involvement in the life and work of the school, we will:

- Continue to hold parental workshops for nursery children
- Further support parents by hosting workshops and producing a booklet to demonstrate how we teach calculations in school.
- Ask parents for their views on the school's reporting and profiling procedures.
- Invite parents to contribute to the development of:
  - STEM fortnight workshops and programme
  - Finance Week workshops
  - Progress and Achievement Folios
  - Homework Support Materials
  - Scottish Culture and Literature experiences
- Continue to encourage parents to use their skills to lead clubs, lead aspects of Master Classes and support initiatives across the school.

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# To extend our awards and develop our 'Learning for Sustainability', we will:

- Work towards Level 2 of the Rights Respecting School Award
- Work towards renewing our Green Flag Award for the third time.
- Encourage pupils to achieve certification in food and hygiene, life saving skills and the John Muir award through learning in the Master Classes.



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**We value the strong  
relationship we have  
between school, pupils,  
parents and families.  
Together we will build on  
this.**

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