

Thank you

Mrs Guy and Primary 2/3 would like to thank you for all donations of clothes e.t.c that you have sent in to aid the ongoing refugee crisis in Europe. Mrs Nilsen Nygaard, Mrs Dallas and Primary 4 are also very grateful for all the donations of canned goods that they have received for the Harvest offering.

Reminders

The parental calendar is now available on the school website. Please check regularly for updates and amendments. We will endeavor to text parents if any significant change is made to the calendar.

If your child arrives at school after 9.10am, they will be issued with a late slip. We keep our own record about latecoming and this is monitored by our management team. Please strive to have your child at school by 9am every day. Attendance levels are also monitored by the management team. We know that pupils' development can be adversely affected by a poor attendance record so we urge you not to take your children out of school during term time

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 8 th October	Autumn Service, 9.45am All welcome
Friday 9 th October	School Closed, 1n Service Day
Monday 19 th October	School Re-opens 9am
Tuesday 20 th October	Parent Council Meeting, WWHS 6.45pm
Friday 23 rd October	P2/3 Learning Workshop, 9.30am
Monday 26 th October	Book Fair Arrives
Wednesday 28 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 29 th October	P6 Assembly 9.30am Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 5 th November	P3 Learning Workshop, 9.30am
Friday 6 th November	Nursery Assembly, 9.30am and 1.30pm
Tuesday 10 th November	P1b Learning Workshop, 9.30am
Friday 13 th November	Whole School Achievement Assembly, 1.30pm

E-Mail – We occasionally have issues with Hotmail accounts and emails sometimes “bounce back”. If you have an alternative email address that you would like us to use, please contact the office by emailing schoolmail@busby.e-renfrew.sch.uk or telephone 0141 570 7040.

If you have any concerns, queries or compliments please do not hesitate in contacting me at the school.

Yours truly,

Sharon Hunter. Head Teacher

Busby Primary School and Nursery Class Newsletter October 2015



Dear Parent/Carer,

The first term of session 2015/16 has flown by! I hope that those parents who attended the class workshops enjoyed them as much as I did. Five classes have had their workshops so far and the remaining six classes will have theirs next term. I hope to see you all at the Autumn Service, led by Primary 4, on Thursday 8th October. The assembly begins at 9.45am at Busby Parish Church.

Nursery News

Busby Nursery Class Parent Support Group

The Parent Group have had a couple of very successful meetings – thanks to all who joined us. It is great to come together for a chat and to share ideas for Nursery activities. We would welcome helpers to make Christmas cards with the children after the October holiday. Any ideas for activities, shows etc, please get in touch.

Parents' Evening

Sheets are now up in the cloakroom for Pupil Progress Evening appointments. Please sign up to secure an appointment with your child's keyworker.

Snack

We are trying to vary our snack menu and involve the children in suggesting and preparing new foods they'd like to try. We encourage everyone to try a taste of new options. So far we have made gnocchi, pasta, pizza, scones and a selection of fruit treats. Combined with our Food Technology Skills Academy we have lots of confident chefs in Busby Nursery.

Assembly

Shortly after the October holiday the children will be involved in planning and creating our Assembly. The topic will be the festival of Diwali and we look forward to lots of vibrant, colourful learning. We will share it with you on Friday 6th November.

As always, anyone with a skill or hobby is very welcome to join us in Nursery and be part of our team. Thank you to all parents who continue to support us with Toy Fund donations.

Security

Please ensure you close the school gates behind you when entering or leaving the playground at drop off and pick up times.

Early Years Curriculum Evenings

My thanks go to Miss Cairnie for presenting two excellent Curriculum evenings for parents of children in the Early Years stage. Both the Literacy event last month and the Numeracy event on 1st October were well attended and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Parents said it was incredibly useful to find out more about strategies in class.

As part of the self evaluation process, you also told us it would have been good to have Miss Cairnie's song lyrics home.

Action: Song lyrics for all songs will be issued to all pupils in P1 and Nursery.

School News

Parent Council News

Reminders - The first Parent Council meeting will be held at Williamwood High School on Tuesday 20th October at 6.30pm. Please submit any questions/ issues you would like to discuss with the school to info@busbyparents.co.uk.

Tickets will soon be on sale for a fun quiz night at The White Cart on Friday 23rd October. All funds raised will go toward supporting various activities within the school.

We have arranged two discos for Monday 2nd November. The P1-P3 disco begins at 6.15pm and ends at 7.30pm. The disco for pupils in P4-P7 starts at 7.45pm and ends at 9.00pm.

Lochgoilhead Residential Trip

Pupils in Primary 7 are looking forward to their residential trip to Lochgoilhead Activity Centre, beginning on Monday 2nd November. Pupils will be led by Miss Taylor, accompanied Miss Darling, Miss Davidson and Mrs Rutherford. Please note that pupils should take a maximum of £10 spending money to Lochgoilhead and that they are not permitted to take their mobile phones. I hope they all have a fabulous time - the activities we have booked look great fun.

First level Show

The auditions for the first level show, "Jack and the Busby Beanstalks" were held on Monday 5th October. The standard was exceptionally high and a special well done goes to those pupils who managed to learn all their lines off by heart. The pantomime has now been cast and rehearsals will begin in earnest when we return from the October break. I can't wait to see what Miss Lawson and her cast and crew produce. I am sure it is going to be spectacular! Further details to follow.

Electrical Recycling

Last week all pupils in the school attended an assembly with representatives from WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic recycling) to talk to them about the importance of recycling electrical items safely.

If you have any small electrical item that no longer works (e.g hair dryer, toaster, kettle, straighteners) please bring it in to school and put it in the green bag outside Mr Maxwell's office.

Learning For Sustainability

The development of our curriculum is underpinned by a coherent whole school approach to learning for sustainability. Learning for sustainability is truly embedded in the fabric of our school with every member of our schools community contributing to this work. We can see just how well established it is in our work on Eco Schools, Rights Respecting Schools, International schools and Fairtrade.

Throughout term one various pupil groups have met to create action plans in order to drive forward this work and to identify opportunities for us to receive further accreditation. Plans so far include:

- A group of pupils from Primaries 3, 4, and 5 working with Miss Lindsay in order to achieve the Level 3 "Fair Achiever Award".
- Primary 7 pupils undertaking work during their residential trip to Lochgoilhead which will lead to achieving The John Muir Award.
- Primary 6 Pupils led by the JRSO and Miss Darling will they help raise road safety awareness and promote road safety issues to everyone in the school and the wider community.
- Groups of Primary 7 pupils are working with Miss Anderson towards achieving their own personal Dynamic Youth Awards by planning and leading individual community projects of their choosing.
- Primary 6/7 are working with Miss Davidson and Mr Milliken on the International Schools Award with the current Scottish Government initiative of 1+2 languages (French and Mandarin) being the focus of this work.
- The Eco Committee and Specialist groups (Compositors, Waste Watchers, Energy Enforcers, Hydro Heroes) will work towards renewing our FOURTH Eco Flag as well as applying for "It's Your Neighbourhood Award."
- The Rights Respecting Committee will continue to highlight the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child and learning about Children's Rights. It is hoped that our role as Ambassadors will continue and we will strengthen the links made with Mearns Primary.
- Mrs Kerr will also be leading the bid to achieve the Sport Scotland Schools Gold Award.

Please be prepared to support the various activities the children have planned in order to allow our school and community to continue to build values, attitudes, knowledge and skills which allow all our pupils to develop into global, responsible citizens who can make decisions to improve the quality of their own lives and that of future generations.

We have just received our third "Green Flag" for our Eco work - if you know of anyone who has access to a cherry picker and could put it on the flag pole for us, we'd be very grateful!