

Remembrance

This week, Primary 6 or P7 pupils will be visiting classes to sell poppies. All donations to Poppy Scotland will be most welcome. We will observe a minute's silence on Wednesday 11th November throughout the school. Primary 7 pupils will be visiting Busby Library on Wednesday 11th to take part in a community Remembrance event.

Reminders

The parental calendar is now available on the school website. Please check regularly for updates and amendments.

Please remember that there is no school supervision in the playground before 9am or after 3pm. Pupils should not ride their bikes in the playground or climb up the Gazebo.

Dates for your Diary - School

Thursday 5 th November	P3 Learning Workshop, 9.30am
Tuesday 10 th November	P1b Learning Workshop, 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th November	P7 to Remembrance Event Busby Library
Friday 13 th November	Whole School Achievement Assembly, 1.30pm
Monday 16 th November	Anti Bullying week
Wednesday 18 th November	Early Years Literacy Workshop 7.00pm
Thursday 19 th November	P6 Learning Workshop 9.30am
Wednesday 25 th November	P7 Assembly 9.30am
Thursday 26 th November	P5 Learning Workshop 9.30am
Wednesday 2 nd December	P6/7 Assembly 9.30am
Thursday 3 rd December	First Level Show, Busby Church Hall 6.30pm
Friday 4 th December	First level Show, Busby Church Hall 1.30pm
Saturday 5 th December	Parent Council Christmas Fayre, 2pm-4pm
Monday 14 th December	P3 and P4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15 th December	P1 Winter Show 6.30pm
Wednesday 16 th December	P5 and P6 Christmas Party
Friday 18 th December	P7 Christmas Lunch, White Cart Restaurant
	P1 and P2 Christmas Party

Dates for your Diary - Nursery

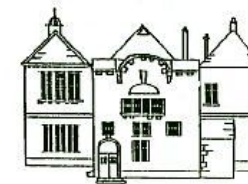
Friday 6 th November	Nursery Assembly, 9.30am and 1.30pm
Thursday 12 th November	Busby Nursery Class Parent Support Group Meeting 11am
Wednesday 18 th November	Early Years Literacy Workshop 7.00pm
Thursday 17 th December	Nursery Nativity am and pm
Friday 18 th December	"Let's Play" Theatre Workshop
Monday 21 st December	Christmas Parties

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

Yours truly,

Sharon Hunter. Head Teacher

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am looking forward to our Achievement Assembly on Friday 13th November. If your child is receiving an award at the Assembly, you will be contacted by email or telephone in the next few days. Achievements are also celebrated throughout the year at class level, with many classes having their own achievement walls in the classroom.

I waved the Primary 7 year group off on their trip to Lochgoilhead Activity Centre on Monday morning. The children and staff were all very excited and I hope they have a wonderful time. Please see the school website for updates.

Nursery News

We are fortunate to have students working with us to support our Nursery team. Jordan, Sophie and Chloe are enjoying their placements.

Assembly

We are enjoying learning about other cultures and our focus is on Diwali. We look forward to sharing our learning with you at the assemblies on Friday 6th November. The morning assembly is at 9.30am and the afternoon assembly is at 1.30pm. I hope all parents are able to join us.

Parents' Interview Evening

The Nursery staff were delighted to meet with all our parents and share the progress of the children. It is important for us to understand how the children engage both in the Nursery setting and at home in order for us to develop the best strategies and experiences. Please share any achievements from home e.g. dressing independently, helping with shopping, keeping a tidy bedroom etc.

Children's Concerts

I joined Mrs Curran and a number of families with children in Nursery or P1 for a wonderful afternoon of music at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow on Saturday 31st October. There is a further outing planned for the beginning of December that I am sure will be equally enjoyable.

Outdoor Clothes and Labelling

Thank you to all parents who have sent in outdoor clothes and shoes. I would ask that all clothes, shoes etc are labelled with your child's name as it can be confusing for the children to identify their own things.

Busby Nursery Class Parent Support Group

Please come along to our next Parent Group meeting on Thursday 12th November at 11am. It's great to chat and swap ideas to help the Nursery.

Lunch Boxes

Children staying for a packed lunch or bringing food or lunches to take elsewhere after Nursery should put their food boxes in the Sunshine Room – thank you!

Fitness Skills

Our morning children are developing their fitness skills by participating in an “Adventure” football programme run by Giffnock Soccer Centre. Staff can give details about this class and others run by the club. After Christmas the afternoon children will have the opportunity to participate in this activity. A Fitness instructor will be working with the afternoon children to work on coordination and dance skills. Children who attend Nursery in the morning will participate in this activity next term.

Early Years Curriculum Evenings

The Local Early Years Partnership and associated staff from Psychological Services will deliver a workshop on “Home Support for Literacy” in Busby Primary School on Wednesday 18th November at 7.00pm. The workshop will look at how children develop language and literacy skills through their early experiences and how you as a parent can be more involved and more confident in supporting your child's early literacy skills.

School News

Parent Council News

The Parent Council has been busy with two recent fund raising events! P7 pupils and their parents volunteered for a supermarket bag pack at Asda Newton Mearns and raised an amazing £500, with 10% to be donated to Yorkhill Children's Foundation.

The first Parent Council Quiz of the year took place on Friday 23rd October at The White Cart. Again the event was a great success, raising £288 and was won by the school staff team!

The Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 5th December from 2-4pm. There will be an event planning meeting for this on Tuesday 10th November at 7pm in The White Cart. Please come along if you can help. If you would like to add your name to the Parent Council mailing list, please email info@busbyparents.co.uk.

Dyslexia Awareness

In Scotland, Dyslexia Awareness week runs from 2-8 November. The theme for 2015 is 'Making Sense of Dyslexia' and will look at how much of an impact the right support and interventions now can have on the future for people with dyslexia. Mearns Primary School is hosting a Dyslexia Awareness event on Friday 6th November. Mrs Oswald will escort a group of P6 pupils to the event as representatives of Busby Primary.

Plans for additional parent forums for parents of pupils with additional needs include an “invitation only” event on Thursday 12th November and a Cluster Forum focusing on Resilience and Positive Psychology on Thursday 26th November 1.45 -2.45pm at Netherlee Primary.

First Level Show

The First Level Show “Jack and the Busby Beanstalks” will take place on Thursday 3rd December at 6.30pm in Busby Parish Church Hall. There will be a further performance on Friday 4th December at 1.30pm. Tickets will be priced at £5 per person. An application form for tickets will be sent home later this week with priority given to families with children in P2-P4.

Miss Lawson has been delighted with the first few rehearsals. If your child has a speaking part in the show, please help them learn their lines at home.

Convoy to Calais

The East Renfrewshire Convoy to Calais left East Renfrewshire Council Headquarters last week. They took the largest single donation from anywhere in Scotland. Schools and nurseries from all over East Renfrewshire responded with overwhelming generosity to the appeal. My thanks go to Mrs Guy, Mrs Farrant and Primary 2/3 for coordinating Busby Primaries donations.

Digital Communication & Online School Payments

ERC has created a short survey for parents/carers and hope this will capture your views on preferred methods of administration/clerical processes within schools/pre-five establishments and also your thoughts on the online payment solution. Please take time to complete this survey via the link below – the authority is keen to ensure that every school is included in this survey.

<https://getinvolved.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/education/4bfdfa85>

Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended our Parent Interview Evening last week. I know the teachers enjoy meeting with parents to discuss the progress of pupils in their class. I'd also like to say thank you to everyone who took the time to give us feedback on the comment board. I was delighted to see that so many parents and pupils enjoy our Skills Academy programme, Golden Time and our after school clubs. I was particularly pleased to note that several parents commented on how much communication had improved since we had last asked for feedback in August. I hope the introduction of a parental calendar improves home-school partnership and remember – if you talk, we'll listen.

Tartan Tie Consultation

Pupils have now concluded their consultation on the proposed introduction of a tartan tie and they presented the results to the Parent Council in October. The Head Boy and Girl reported that the majority of parents had voted against the introduction of a new school tie. The Parent Council congratulated pupils for all their hard work.

Mrs Kinloch Anderson is going to register the Busby Primary School tartan for us. I'd like to thank her very much for the support she gave the Tartan Tycoons Masterclass. I'd also like to thank all parents who participated in the consultation process.