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Nursery Closed, May Day Holiday Nursery Closed, Elections Nursery Parent Group meeting, 9,15am P1 Induction for parents- OLM Primary 1.30pm Dental visit for ante pre-school children P1 Induction for St Joseph's Primary P1 Induction Netherlee Primary Nursery closed - May Holiday and In Service Nursery Trip to Pollock Park P1 Induction Busby Primary Day 1, 1.45pm P1 Induction, Carolside Primary 1.45pm P1 Induction, Carolside Primary 1.45pm P1 Lunch Induction St Joseph's Primary Busby Nursery Induction, 4.30pm or 6.00pm Sports Day P1 Induction Busby Primary Day 2, 1.45pm Nursery Graduation Nursery Closed, EU Referendum Nursery Closes 1pm

If you have any concerns, queries or comments please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

#### Yours sincerely

Alasdair McDonald, Acting Head Teacher

# Busby Primary School and Nursery Class Newsletter May 2016



Dear Parent/Carer

All children and staff have returned refreshed and happy from their Spring holiday and are looking forward to what promises to be an exciting new term. I have been very impressed by the wonderful manners and attitude that your children display on a daily basis and I am very grateful for the warm welcome I have received from the entire Busby Primary and Nursery community in my first week here. Thank you.

# Nursery News

We are delighted to welcome our girls and boys back to Nursery for a sunny, busy Summer Term. The children must have enjoyed their break as they are cheerier (and taller) than ever!

### Learning Focus

The focus for our learning experiences is the works of Dr. Seuss. We are loving sharing the rhymes and meeting the crazy characters. We are having fun with technology, directing Beebots like 'Thing 1' and 'Thing 2'. Our outdoor learning has an Eco theme as the children are very interested in the story of 'The Lorax' which has a strong message about looking after our environment. Our detailed planners are displayed in each playroom and staff members are always happy to discuss aspects of learning. If you have any ideas on how to develop or support this theme, please get in touch.

# **Big Books**

Please take a chance to browse through our Big Books. As always, feel free to record a comment from yourself or your child.

# **Diary Dates**

The dates for the coming term have already been issued and we certainly have lots to pack in. The date for Busby Nursery induction for new pupils is **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June**. New parents to Busby Nursery are invited to join us for an evening welcome session, either from 4.30pm-5.30pm or from 6.00pm-7.00pm.

# School News

### Parent Council News

On Saturday 23rd April, P7 pupils and parents carried out a bag pack at B&M in East Kilbride and managed to raise an impressive £544. 10% of the money raised will go to the Royal Hospital for Children and the remainder will go to Parent Council funds. The Parent Council have organised two fundraising events for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May - a fun and games session at Busby Tennis Club from 12.15-2.15pm and a film afternoon at Busby Parish Church. Our thanks go to Busby Parish Church and Mrs Macintosh for their help.

There will be a quiz night at The White Cart restaurant on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of May. Further details to follow. The Summer Fayre is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm-4pm. We hope all parents and families can attend. The next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6.45pm in Williamwood High School.

#### Thank you June and Maureen

A number of pupils visited Busby Library on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April to say goodbye to June, who has worked at the library for 14 years. June was part of the extended 'Busby Family' and she always went out of her way to ensure Busby pupils were invited to various community events. All at the school will miss her friendship and support and we wish her well in her new role at Mearns Library. Thank you for everything, June!

We are also saying goodbye to Maureen Blake after 14 years working in the kitchen at Busby Primary. Miss Blake is moving on to a new role at OLM Primary. On behalf of all pupils, staff and parents, I would like to say thank you for all her hard work and friendliness over the years at Busby and wish her every success in the future.

#### Parents' Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all parents who attended the Parent Consultation Evenings on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April. As always, the attendance rate was excellent. Our thanks go to the Parent Council for providing refreshments. Thanks also to all those who took the time to fill out our evaluation forms. Your comments and ideas are always essential to our school improvement planning.

#### P6 trip to The Experience

Pupils in Primary 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to 'The Experience' in Hillington on 25th April. Pupils made a pizza, extracted DNA from a strawberry and had a game of laser tag. They also had the opportunity to visit the new mascot exhibit, designed by P6 pupil Zara. It was a wonderful day and our thanks again go to Zara for winning this fantastic excursion.

#### **Twinning Event - Mini Olympics**

Pupils in Primary 1, 2 and 3 took part in a Mini Olympics event organised by Active Schools at St Joseph's Primary on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. The children enjoyed the chance to work with the boys and girls from St Joseph's and our P7 Young Leaders did an excellent job of manning the various stations.

#### 'Busby Roars'

There are now less than six weeks to go until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Level show performance at Eastwood Theatre on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Rehearsals for the main cast and dancers will take place after school. Letters have been issued to those involved. All pupils in Primary 5, 6 and 7 will spend the day at Eastwood Theatre on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June (packed lunch required). This will allow us to do a full technical and dress rehearsal. As with our previous performances at the theatre, tickets will be sold via the school office. An information letter will be issued in due course. Miss Harris would welcome any parent who would like to help with costumes, set design or make up. If you would like to get involved, please contact the school office.

#### Achievement Assembly

There will be an Achievement Assembly at Busby Parish Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1.45pm. Parents of pupils receiving an award will be invited to attend.

#### Transition

At Busby Primary we are proactive in supporting children to ensure their learning and social needs are addressed throughout their time with us and beyond. This is of particular importance at key points of transition as children move on from one establishment to another and from stage to stage.

Please note the dates of the following planned transition events:

Date	Time	Event	Pupils Involved
10/5/16	8.50am	P6 Maths Challenge, WWHS	Identified P6 pupils
12/5/16	9.00am	WWHS Staff visit (Science)	All P7 pupils
18/5/16	1.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> visit for Dyslexic Pupils, WWHS	Identified P7 pupils
25/5/16	1.30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit for Dyslexic pupils	Identified P7 pupils
	3.30pm	Meeting for parents of dyslexic pupils at WWHS	Parents of identified P7 pupils
26//16	9.00am	WWHS Staff visit (French)	All P7 pupils
8/6/16	8.45am	P7-S1 Induction Day 1, WWHS	All P7 pupils
	1.45pm	P1 Induction Day 1	P1 pupils for 16/17
9/6/16	8.45am	P7-S1 Induction Day 2, WWHS	All P7 pupils
	4.30pm or 6.00pm	Busby Nursery Induction for parents	New Nursery parents session 16/17
16/6/16	1.45pm	P1 Induction Day 2	P1 pupils for 16/17
		Whole School Transition afternoon	P1-P6 pupils

There will be further departmental visits from Williamwood High School staff. Individual transition meetings and group visits will be arranged as required throughout May and June. P1 teachers will also visit nurseries to meet new P1 pupils throughout May and June.

#### Primary 5 Modern Languages Transition Event

On May 24<sup>th</sup> all Primary 5 pupils are invited to attend a Modern Languages Transition Event from 9.15 -12.00. This will be a fun event which will allow pupils the opportunity to attend two language taster sessions from a selection of nine including Urdu, Portuguese, Dutch and British Sign Language. The event has been planned to familiarise pupils with staff at Williamwood and to meet and work with pupils from Carolside and Netherlee Primaries. Further information on this event will be issued in due course.

#### Tennis Club for Busby Primary Pupils

Mrs Macintosh is offering Busby Primary pupils the opportunity to participate in an after school tennis club on Thursdays, beginning on 12<sup>th</sup> May. All pupils in P1-P7 are welcome to join. The club will run from 3.15pm-4.00pm at Busby Tennis Club and there will be a small charge of £2 per session. If your child is interested in joining, please take him/her along to the tennis club on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Advance Notice

All pupils in Primary 1 – Primary 7 will travel to Rouken Glen Park on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June to enjoy a picnic and games afternoon. Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather.