



Thornliebank Primary School and Nursery Class



September 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Our first term is well underway, and the pupils are well settled into their new classes. It has been lovely to have the opportunity to have families into the building more regularly already, and it has been nice to meet some of you at coffee and chat, Meet the Teacher and Find Out More Day. We will continue to organise opportunities for you to come in, including making use of the Family Room more informally for cups of tea, biscuits and the chance to meet others in the school community.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Rainbow Run this week. With all your support, the event has raised a whopping £1714.30 so far!!! This will help to pay for activities and equipment, and to subsidise clubs, buses and trips throughout the year. We appreciate this support so much!

Operation Play Outdoors was a huge success last week, and the pupils loved getting the chance to work together using loose parts. Building and teamwork is very important to us, so this is something we would like to develop as the year goes on. Watch this space!

Staffing News

Congratulations to Fiona Potts, who was successfully appointed in the role as Office Manager while Kathryn Turner is on secondment. We know she will do a fantastic job!

Parents' Night- Thursday 6th October

We look forward to welcoming you for a parents' evening appointment on **Thursday 6th October**. Appointment booking will be online, and a separate letter has been issued with the link and instructions about how to book. The link is <https://thornliebank.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and if you would like any help booking, just pop in or call the school office.

Collaborative Improvement Visit- November

As part of the Woodfarm Cluster, the school will be involved in a Collaborative Improvement Visit in November. This will involve a team from the Education Department (usually made up of Head Teachers and Quality Improvement Officers) visiting all the schools in the cluster to explore strengths and areas for improvement. As part of this activity, they would like to seek the views of everyone in the school community, and they have made up questionnaires to do this. We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete it, we really value your opinions! The deadline for the questionnaire is Monday 3rd October.

Parent Questionnaire - <https://forms.office.com/r/xJRHAwCFZ>



Parent Questionnaire - Nursery - <https://forms.office.com/r/iE4dXcYCg6>

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RESPECT

EFFORT



Parent Council

The Parent Council met earlier in the month for their first meeting and AGM. The office bearers were elected as:

Chair – Andrea Shaarani

Vice Chair – Nageen Khan

Treasurer – Kirsty McLaren with assistance from Joanne Kelly

Secretary – Suzanne Murray

Minutes from the meeting, and more information about the Parent Council, can be found on the school website at the following link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Thornliebank/excellentexperiences/parents/parent-council-minutes/>

Diversity Champion Group and Coffee Morning- 30th September

As a school, celebrating diversity within our school community is very important to us. We know how important it is that we listen to and involve families from all backgrounds and cultures so that our school can meet the needs of everyone in our wonderfully diverse community.

We would like to bring together a group of parents and carers as 'Diversity Champions' to learn more about the experiences of parents of all genders, ethnicities, religions, abilities and situations from across our school community. I hope there may be some who would be willing to support the school's work on equality and diversity as part of this Diversity Champions group, by offering insight on the needs of the different communities represented in our school.

We will be holding a Diversity Champions coffee morning on **Friday 30th September from 9-10am** in the Family Room. This will be an informal drop-in session where you will be able to connect with other parents and carers and find out more about the Diversity Champions group.

Clubs

A few parents have been asking about what clubs are available for pupils to join. As a school, we have found that more children are able to get involved when we run clubs at lunchtime, so all our teachers are running a club at lunchtimes, for P4-7 initially. This is great to try something new, but also great for any of our pupils who might find the playground a bit overwhelming for the full lunchtime. We have a wide variety of clubs available, including knitting, chess, karaoke, sewing, football, netball, mindfulness, ukulele, film club, reading club, construction, board games and drop-in chill out club. We work closely with Craig Gordon, our Active Schools co-ordinator, so when other clubs become available he will be in touch.

Gaelic Medium Primary Education Proposal

The consultation about the proposed Gaelic Medium Primary Education provision at Thornliebank has been extended to Monday 3rd October, due to the additional Bank Holiday. The pupils' consultation has been ongoing in school over the last few weeks. The link for the proposal and the consultation is here: <https://getinvolved.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/education/consultationgmpe/>

We will continue to keep you updated about any new developments as the consultation progresses.

Treats

At this time of year there are lots of birthdays and celebrations, and we know that children will want to mark this with the other children in the class. Bearing in mind that we have lots of children with different allergies and dietary requirements, we would ask that you don't send in any sweets or treats with your child to share at school. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with this.

Dates for the Diary

Please find below some key dates until Christmas:

Friday 23 rd September	Holiday- school and ELCC closed
Monday 26 th September	Holiday- school and ELCC closed
Every Friday 1:30 onwards	Julie Douglas from Family First available for drop-in (Family Room)
Friday 30 th September	Diversity Champions Coffee Morning 9am- 10am
w/b 26 th September	Maths Week Scotland
Thursday 6 th October	Parents' Evening 3pm – 9pm
Monday 17 th October	October week holiday- school and ELCC closed all week
Monday 24 th October	In-service day- school and ELCC closed for children
Thursday 27 th October	Parent Council Halloween Disco
w/b 14 th November	Book Week Scotland Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 23 rd December	Last day of term
Thursday 5 th January	Back to school!

Get in touch!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We also post regular updates on our Twitter page (@ThornliebankPS) and on our website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Thornliebank/>

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We are always here to help with any of your queries or concerns, so please get in touch!

Kind regards,

