



Thornliebank Primary School and Nursery Class



April and May 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Welcome to the newsletter for April and May! School has been busy, as it always is during the last term! We really enjoyed coming together for the Eid Celebration at the end of April, which was extremely well-attended and everyone really seemed to have a great time celebrating this special event together. Thank you to Mrs. McGarvey and Mrs. Ayaz for organising it! At the beginning of this month, we also enjoyed the Coronation Afternoon, organised by Mrs. Wilson. All the children took part in fun activities to mark the historic Coronation of King Charles III, and our older pupils took on the leadership roles of helping nursery and P1 children with the activities. This newsletter will provide some information about upcoming events, and as always, please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions.

Parental Questionnaire- please share your views!

Your feedback and opinions are extremely important to us, and we listen to what you have to say as part of our improvement journey. As you know, parental engagement was on our School Improvement Plan for this year, and I would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to fill in our parental survey using this link:

<https://forms.gle/d5rMqwBZzPUS4QKF8>

Gaelic Medium Primary Education (GMPE)

Mr. McColgan-Smith is settling in nicely to the Thornliebank team, and is getting to know all the pupils in his first few weeks. He is working hard behind the scenes to get everything organised for our new Gaelic Medium Provision to be ready in August, including ordering Gaelic curricular resources, translating resources into Gaelic and working on our website. We had a successful Early Years play session for families with pupils in the early years who want to find out more about Gaelic Medium education. If you know anyone who would like to find out more, please encourage them to get in touch. We are interviewing for our part-time Gaelic Medium teacher later in the month, so I will keep you posted with the outcome of this recruitment process.

Transitions

P7 to S1- Our P7 pupils continue their transition programme, with visits to their secondary schools planned for early in June. Staff from associated secondary schools have already been coming to visit for some time, to build relationships with the pupils.

Nursery to P1- Mrs. MacAskill and Miss Vannet will visit all our incoming P1 children at their nurseries, to meet them before the induction programme begins. Mr. McColgan-Smith will visit all our incoming P1s who will learn in Gaelic. We have 3 P1 induction afternoons planned (2nd, 8th and 13th June) where the P1s will see their classroom, meet their teacher and their P7 buddies.

Class-to-class – We have not yet finalised which teachers will be taking on which classes next year, but in June all classes will have a Meet The Teacher afternoon, and they will have the opportunity to get to know their new teacher. In the final week of term, we plan for all classes to move to their new classroom so they can practise where to line up, and get familiar with their new learning environment.

School App (XPressions)

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Our school app is up and running! The app is an easy way to contact us and find information such as newsletters, school holidays and lunch menus all in one place. Search for the Xpressions app on your app store, or visit xpressions.groupcall.com

SeeSaw App- Learning Journal

We have started using a new app in P2 and P3, called SeeSaw. It's an online learning journal, where pupils can share pictures, videos, schoolwork and voice notes on a regular basis with their families. Parents use an app to view posts, and there is a space where teachers, pupils and parents can comment. You can even share it with wider families like grandparents! We hope that sharing more about the school day with you will build relationships with families, and improve communication between school and home. It will give you a chance to see parts of the school day that aren't possible to show you at the moment, and act as a great talking point when your child comes home and you want to chat about their day. The app is completely secure, and safe to use. In August, we plan to roll SeeSaw out to the whole school, which we are very excited about.

Developing our Outdoor Space- Help Wanted!

We are still looking for a team of volunteers to come in and help us to do some gardening and developing our outdoor space. As you may remember, we were successful in gaining a £2000 grant at the end of last year to develop a sensory garden/ outdoor space, and now we have some nicer weather on the way we would like to get started. If you would like to be involved, please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/TeXni8RvW9jFpzEL8>

Whole School Trip

Our whole- school trip on 9th June is now at the new location of Calderglen Country Park, and not at Dumfries House as we previously planned. This change is due to the number of toilet facilities available at the locations. We are excited about this trip, and we are sure it will be great fun. More information will follow shortly about the logistics of the day.

Food Larder/ Supermarket Vouchers

Please remember that we have our food larder every day on Bangorshill Street, which includes food, sanitary products, washing tablets and other consumables. Just ask if you don't see what you need! We still also have a stock of Farmfoods vouchers available for any family who needs them. This is, of course, completely confidential- if you think some extra food vouchers would help your family out, please get in touch via email and we will pop them home in a discreet envelope.

Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates in the diary for the rest of the session.

Friday 19 th May	Woodfarm P7 STEM Challenge
Tuesday 23 rd and Thursday 25 th May	Nursery parent consultations
Friday 26 th and Monday 29 th May	School closed- May holiday
Thursday 1 st and Friday 2 nd June	Woodfarm Induction Days
Friday 2 nd , Thursday 8 th and Tuesday 13 th June	P1 Induction Days
Friday 9 th June	Whole school trip- Calderglen Country Park
Monday 12 th June	Sports Day- Auldhouse Sports Ground
Wednesday 14 th June	P7 Leavers' Party 6pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 15 th June	Nursery Graduation 2pm

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Thursday 15 th June	Winning House treat afternoon
Friday 16 th June	P7 leavers' ceremony 9:45 at the church Friday Fun Zone 2:30 – 4pm
Wednesday 21 st June	Family drop-in sessions (financial wellbeing, Family First)
Friday 23 rd June	End of term (1pm finish)

Get in touch!

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Kind regards,



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