

Thornliebank Primary School, Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Thornliebank & Nursery Class

June 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parent/ Carer,

Farewell from me/ Welcome back Mrs. Miller!

Thank you for reading the final newsletter of this session, as the end of term approaches. I would like to begin by saying thank you to all our staff, pupils and families for making me feel so welcome this year over the time I have been Head Teacher during Mrs. Miller's maternity leave. Mrs. Miller will return to Thornliebank as Head Teacher next week on 20th June, and I will return to my substantive post at Carolside Primary. I will still be around during the last week doing a handover with Mrs. Miller, but I will also be spending some time back at Carolside over the last few days. Thornliebank Primary has such a special place in my heart, and I have loved the privilege of leading the school this year and getting to know you all.

Staffing Update

We appointed a new part-time Gaelic Medium teacher to join the Thornliebank team in August. Her name is Ishbel Campbell, and she has recently moved back to the area after having years of experience teaching in Gaelic Medium classes. She will be an excellent addition to the team, and we are looking forward to working with her.

Thank you to Mandy MacAskill, who has done a fantastic job in her role as Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) Principal Teacher for the past two school sessions. Her work has made a real impact on the outcomes for our young people, especially those in the Early Years. We are currently advertising for a PEF Principal Teacher for next session, and we will know the outcome of this by the end of term.

Congratulations to Miss Lucy Irwin in our nursery, who was successful in applying for a new job in another local authority. We will miss her, and wish her all the best in her new role. We will welcome back Diane Burnett, who was previously a CDO in our nursery. We look forward to working with Diane again.

Classes and Teachers for 2023-24

We are now in a position to share with you the classes and their teachers for next session. We have created a new Support for Learning team, which we feel will make a big impact on our ongoing school priority of raising attainment. The pupils will get to meet their new teacher on 22nd June, and spend the afternoon with them. This is later than usual, to allow for classroom swaps to take place in lieu of building work for our new Gaelic provision, which will take place over the summer holidays.

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| Nursery | Mrs. Mandy MacAskill |
| P1 | Mrs. Angela Vannet |
| Gaelic Medium Class | Mr. Adam McColgan- Smith Mrs. Ishbel Campbell (0.5FTE) |
| P2 | Mrs. Rachel Johnston |
| P3 | Miss Rhiannon Davidson |
| P4 | Mr. Matthew McQuillan (NQT)/ Mrs. Janine McGarvey |
| P5 | Miss Sehar Khan (NQT)/ Miss Linzi Cameron |
| P6 | Mrs. Claire Grant |
| P7 | Miss Erin Lawson/ Mrs. Julie Pollock |

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| Nurture and Support for Learning team/ Non class contact time | Mr. Ricky Egan Mrs Fiona Doherty Miss Kate Meechan/Miss Alex Maclean Ms. Gillian Hamilton |
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Sports Day House Winner

Well done to all the pupils and families who participated so enthusiastically in Sports Day. The winning House was Kelburn! We saw fantastic teamwork and encouragement.

Reports

Reports will be issued on Friday 16th June, by email. As a cluster, we are looking to change the way we report to parents from next session onwards, by using the new journaling app SeeSaw frequently throughout the year to keep parents in the loop about learning. We have piloted this app in P2 and P3 this year, and it was very well received. We are also planning to add in an extra parents' evening next session, taking it from 2 meetings to 3. Initial feedback from staff and the Parent Council indicated that this will be a welcome change, and will keep you more informed and involved in your child's learning. Friday's report will be in the usual format, with any changes coming in from August.

Financial Support over the holidays

If you think you will need some help financially over the summer, please remember that we have our food larder every day on Bangorshill Street, which includes food, sanitary products, washing tablets and other consumables. The food larder will still be out over the holidays, and thank you to our volunteers who make this happen. We still also have a stock of Farmfoods vouchers available for any family who needs them as we know that school holidays can be expensive. 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.

Nicola Reid-Taylor (Financial Inclusion Officer) from the Money Advice and Rights Team will be holding a drop in session on Monday in the Family Room. She is available over the summer and her contact details are 07741 937871 or financialinclusion@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk We have also attached a fact sheet from Scottish Government about benefits families may be able to access.

Please get in touch if you would like some help to buy school uniform in advance of the new term.

Summer Reading Challenge

We had a visitor from the library service a few weeks ago to talk about the summer reading challenge run by all the libraries in East Renfrewshire and Glasgow. There are medals and prizes for children who would like to take part- visit your local library to sign up!

Community Fun Day- 26th August

In partnership with Thornliebank Together, the Parent Council are planning a big Community Fun Day in the playground on Saturday 26th August, which is the first weekend back after the summer. We were successful in receiving a grant from the Humanitarian Fund to help make this an event to remember, with a DJ, stalls, bouncy castles, games, food and lots of fun for all the community to enjoy. More information about this will follow from the Parent Council.

Dates for the diary

A few dates for the last 2 weeks of term:

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| Tuesday 13 th June | P1 induction- 1:30 |
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| Wednesday 14 th June | P7 leavers' party 6pm – 7:30 |
| Thursday 15 th June | P7 leavers' service – Thornliebank Church 9:45 Nursery Graduation 2pm House Treat (afternoon) |
| Friday 16 th June | Friday Fun Zone 2:30 – 4pm Reports issued by email |
| Tuesday 20 th June | Mrs. Miller back as Head Teacher |
| Wednesday 21 st June | Drop-in session (Money Advice and Rights Team, plus partners) |
| Thursday 22 nd June | Meet the Teacher |
| Friday 23 rd June | End of Term- 1pm finish |

End of Term – 23rd June at 1pm.

Please note that school finishes early on **Friday 23rd June**, with a **1pm finish**. Have a great summer, stay safe and we will see you back for the new session on **Wednesday 16th August at 9am**.

Kind regards,



Acting Head Teacher