



Thornliebank Primary School and Nursery Class



Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Thornliebank

November 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have another packed newsletter for you with lots of information about events that have taken place in and out of school as well as some of the things we have to look forward to between now and the Christmas holidays. As you will see, it is a busy place at Thornliebank at the moment!

As always, you can contact me via the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards

Jenni Miller (Head Teacher)

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17 th November	2.00pm Primary 5 Assembly - P5 Parents and Carers invited
Tuesday 21 st November	Gaelic Bookbug Event @ 2.15pm
Saturday 25 th November	Parent Council Christmas Fayre 11am - 1pm
Thursday 30 th November	Flu Immunisations in school
Tuesday 12 th December	Gaelic Bookbug Event @ 2.15pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th December	P1-3 Nativity @ 9.30am and 2.00pm
Friday 15 th December	P7 Ceilidh @ Woodfarm HS
Monday 18 th December	Primary 4-6 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 th December	Nursery & P1 Christmas Party
Thursday 21 st December	P2 & P3 Christmas Party
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of term - school closes @ 2.30pm
Monday 8 th January	Back to school!

Leadership Team

If you would like to speak to a member of the Leadership Team about anything, here are the details of who looks after each department:

Depute Head Teacher: Mrs Jennifer Wilson - P5 to P7

Principal Teacher: Mrs Janine McGarvey - P2 to P4

Principal Teacher: Mrs Amanda MacAskill - Nursery and P1

Principal Teacher: Mr Adam McColgan-Smith - Gaelic Medium Class

NURTURE

KINDNESS

RESPECT

EFFORT

Staffing updates

Mrs Pollock will be returning from her maternity leave on Thursday 23rd November. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Pollock back to school and I know she is excited about coming back and getting to know Primary 7. Miss Lawson will remain at Thornliebank until the Christmas holidays and we would like to thank her for all her hard work covering for Mrs Pollock. Miss MacLean has been in school for some Keep in Touch days and will return from her maternity leave early in 2024. We look forward to seeing her back in school as well! Miss Meechan will sadly be leaving Thornliebank at the Christmas holidays as she heads off on her adventures to take up a teaching post in Australia! We wish Miss Meechan all the very best for her exciting new job and thank her for all the work she has put in during her time here at Thornliebank. We have recently welcomed a new member of office staff who you may already have spoken to on the phone or in person. Mrs Martin is joining Mrs Potts and Mrs Baxter in keeping things running smoothly in the office.

Woodfarm Cluster Remembrance Event

Each year, we are invited to participate in the Cluster Remembrance Event at the War Memorial just next to our school. This year, Mrs Potts and Mrs Miller attended along with Noah and Jasmine from P7. They laid wreaths and read out poems they had composed in class. We were very proud of the mature way they represented our school at this important event.



Queen's Park FC Tickets for Schools

We were lucky enough to receive 50 tickets for Queen's Park's football match against Raith Rovers on 11th November, which a number of our children, families and staff attended. One of the Queen's Park players, Jack Turner, came along to Thornliebank to hand out scarves and t-shirts to those attending, and to answer some questions. He is coming back next week to catch up with everyone who went along and find out what they thought of the game. We are very grateful to Queen's Park FC for including us in their Tickets for Schools scheme.



Participatory Budgeting

Earlier this term, we sent out a Microsoft form to allow parents and carers to vote for their preferred way to spend out Participatory Budgeting funds in school this year. Thank you to everyone who voted. We counted the parent/carer votes along with the children's preferences and ICT equipment came out on top. We now have two brand new smartboards and some training lined up so that the teachers and children can make the very best use of our ICT equipment.

Sensory/Wildlife Garden Developments

Thanks to funding secured by the Parent Council and through the school, we are currently developing a sensory/wildlife garden in the upper playground. This is something that our children have wanted for so long and we are delighted that Sowing Seeds have been able to make the dream a reality! Mrs MacAskill has worked really hard to make this happen and we cannot wait to see how it turns out and to enjoy it for years to come. Our playground really needs some greenery and natural space and we will finally have it. Photos to follow (or pop round and have a look!).

Thornliebank Library Visits

Thornliebank Library has once again welcomed us along to enjoy some stories and borrow some books to take home. Every class has had the opportunity to visit the library (some are still to go in the next week or so) and we would like to thank the parents and carers who have accompanied the classes on these trips to help keep everyone safe and happy. We look forward to continuing our partnership with our local library.

Hallowe'en in Thornliebank

The children had a wonderful time during the week of Hallowe'en. The ladies in the kitchen went all out with the decorations and put on an amazing special menu for the children to enjoy. The Parent Council arranged (and rearranged) discos, which were really well attended and great fun. Well done to our children and families for all the fantastic costumes and thank you to everyone who helped the children to have a spookily fun time!!

Parent Council Christmas Fayre

You will already be aware that the Parent Council Christmas Fayre is taking place here on Saturday 25th November. We are having a non-uniform day on Wednesday 22nd when the children can bring donations for the fayre rather than a monetary donation. You should have received a separate email with all the details - please let the office know if not. We look forward to seeing you on the day and starting to get into the Christmas spirit!

Nut-free School



Please remember that we are a nut-free school, due to a number of children with severe allergies. Children should not bring snacks or lunch items containing nuts, including Nutella. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Christmas Events

In the diary dates at the start of the newsletter, you can see the Christmas events we are planning. You will receive more specific information about these nearer the time, including information about tickets for the Primary 1 to 3 Nativity.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

We also post regular updates on our 'X' (Twitter page) @ThornliebankPS and on our website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Thornliebank/>

Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Thornliebank is Clas 1

Book Week Scotland

As part of Book Week Scotland, Clas 1 had the opportunity to visit the Gaelic Medium class at Bun-sgoil an Iar / West Primary in Paisley. This was an excellent opportunity for them to meet other children that are learning Gaelic. They had the chance to play together and share in some story and song sessions with Linda McLeod. We look forward to building further links and opportunities to work with staff and pupils of Bun-sgoil an Iar.

Gaelic Event in the Community

There is a Gaelic story and song session - 'Leugh is Seinn Linda' - taking part tomorrow at Thornliebank Parish Church. This is aimed at pre school children and session one is at 10am and session two is at 11am. A huge thank you to Comann nam Pàrant for organising and supporting this event.

Gaelic Bookbug

Mrs Campbell is leading two Gaelic Bookbug sessions here at Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Thornliebank on Tuesday 21st of November and Tuesday 12th of December from 2:15pm - 2:45pm. Everyone is welcome! You can register your attendance using the QR code link below:

Tuesday 21st November



Tuesday 12th December



Ceanglaichean Feumail | Useful links:

[LearnGaelic](#)

[Fàilte! - Gaelic4Parents](#)

[Cleachdi | Tachartasan Gàidhlig](#)

[BBC iPlayer - BBC ALBA](#)

NURSERY NEWS

Learning

The children have been learning about the Hindu festival of lights - Diwali. They have had a go at making Chapatis, tasting Indian food, trying on special clothes, exploring Mendhi patterns and making clay diva lamps. A special thank you to Simran's mum and Daljit for planning a wonderful Diwali celebration for all the children.

The children have been very interested in numbers during their play. They have been keen to share their knowledge with each other and are developing their understanding of bigger numbers. They have also been learning to count to ten in French with Mrs Doherty and Camembear.

Forest School

Our block of Forest School sessions is well underway and the children are thoroughly enjoying exploring the woods. They have been developing amazing balancing skills on the tightropes and are building their confidence and resilience each week.

Grand friends

A group of children have been visiting our Grand friends at Trust Housing each week. They have been sharing their learning by playing and singing together, developing lovely, warm, nurturing relationships.

Our very own Grand friend Ann has been coming to the nursery regularly to sew with the children, which they all look forward to.

Family Learning

We welcomed our families into the nursery for our first Stay and Play and had a wonderful turnout. The children confidently shared their learning with their families. A big thank you to everyone who came along. The next parents' event will be our Family Festive Fun Day on Wednesday 6th December where all parents are invited to come along and join in a day full of Christmas fun. Look out for more details coming soon.

Nursery Fund

At Thornliebank Nursery Class we kindly ask parents to contribute to our nursery fund. This is £2 per week or £20 per term. This money is used to buy items for special celebrations, resources to support responsive planning with the children, activities like baking, cooking and gardening. The preferred method of payment is online via ParentPay. Our Business Support staff will issue login details if you do not already have an account. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to date.