



Thornliebank Primary School and Nursery Class



Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Thornliebank

April 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that over two weeks have passed already since the holidays, and it feels like we are heading towards the end of term at quite a pace! As you will see in this newsletter, there are many events for the children to look forward to over the coming weeks, as well as opportunities for parents, carers and families to be involved. I hope you find this newsletter informative and helpful and, as always, you can contact me via the school office if you have any questions, concerns or anything you wish to discuss.

Kind regards

Jenni Miller (Head Teacher)

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

Please note that Mrs McGarvey is currently absent and you can contact Mrs MacAskill with any pastoral concerns.

Eid Cultural Celebration Event

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported and attended our Cultural Event last Friday. Once again, the donations of food were extremely generous (and delicious!), and the children were delighted with their Henna designs courtesy of the wonderful volunteers. It was lovely to see families enjoying the afternoon together and we hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did. Primary 6 put on a fantastic assembly for their parents and carers and our catering staff did an amazing job with the Eid-themed celebration lunch - thank you! Mrs McGarvey will continue to work with our Diversity Committee to plan a range of cultural events that celebrate the diverse community here at Thornliebank.

Helpers on Class Trips

Most of our classes have now been on their school trip for this year, most recently Primary 2 who visited Amazonia at Strathclyde Park. The children love having the opportunity to go out of school for a day to extend their learning in a different environment, and this would not be possible without the parents and carers who give up their time to accompany their child's class on the day. We are very grateful to every parent and carer who has volunteered their time for a trip this year as well as our Parent Council who have paid for all the buses, keeping any cost to families to a minimum.

NURTURE

KINDNESS

RESPECT

EFFORT

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child brings a suitable water bottle to school each day. We have water coolers in both buildings where they can refill their water bottle, but there are an increasing number of children coming to school without their water bottle. As (we hope) the weather gets warmer, this will be even more important in order to ensure the children remain hydrated throughout the day.

Parent/Carer Feedback Survey for Improvement Planning

As you will be aware, we gather information from all stakeholders throughout the year in order to inform our planning for continuous improvement. This is done through conversations with pupils, families and the wider community, as well as surveys and questionnaires. Thank you to those of you who recently completed the ERC questionnaire - we are awaiting the results which will help us to identify next steps in terms of improvement. In addition to this, it would be helpful to gather your views on the priorities we have been focusing on this session across the school and nursery. We would be very grateful if you could use the following link to access a short survey where you can share your views with us. Thank you in advance for taking the time to give us your feedback that will help us decide what we need to focus on for the coming session.

School Survey

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQ TctawUZKXAp_Hxw81xFij-62jWFgB1UQkISTThTOUNRVE4xR0ZMOUZJNFQ5MkVWNC4u

Nursery Survey

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQ TctawUZKXAp_Hxw81xFij-62jWFgB1UNjJUSEdENkVUREtPS0QxM0RaV1pXNjE4Qy4u

Parents' Night in May

We will be having our final Parents' Night for this school session on Wednesday 22nd May. You will receive an email nearer the time with instructions on how to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher. Bookings will be made through Parents' Portal as they were for the previous Parents' Night, so please ensure you are registered - the office staff can help with this. We had a very high uptake of appointments at our previous Parents' Night and hope you are able to make it along this time, to find out more about your child's learning and progress as they come towards the end of the school year. You will already be aware that we changed from two to three Parents' Nights this year, as we are now using Seesaw to keep you better informed about your child's learning on an ongoing basis. Your child's class teacher will be sharing an end-of-year comment for your child on Seesaw at the end of term in June, in place of the written report issued in previous years.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council members continue to work hard to support the ongoing work of our school and nursery, organising fundraising events and providing financial support for school activities and events. The next fundraising event for the children to enjoy will be the discos on Thursday 16th May. You will receive information from the Parent Council nearer the time about how to buy tickets etc. I am delighted to share that the Parent Council were successful in both bids for Participatory Budgeting funds and we are very much looking forward to putting the funds to good use over the next few months, with an afternoon tea event for our nursery children and their grandfriends, hosted by Primary 6. There are also plans for a sensory garden in the nursery playground. Thank you to the Parent Council for submitting the bids and promoting them at the PB event at Thorntree Hall, and to all the families who went along to cast your vote. If you are interested in helping at Parent Council events or joining the PC, the email address is thornliebankpc@gmail.com.

Nut-free School

Please note 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.

Family Support

Nicola from the financial inclusion service is our link worker and can help with any claims for Free School Meals, Uniform Grants and other help with cost of living. She can also be contacted at financialinclusion@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk or 07741937871 or you can find information about further support at www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support

Dates for your Diary

Friday 3 rd May	Primary 5 Class trip to The Tall Ship
	Gaelic Clas 1 visiting West Primary School (am)
Monday 6 th May	May Day HOLIDAY - school and nursery closed
Tuesday 7 th May	In-service Day - school and nursery closed to all pupils
Monday 13 th May	Gaelic Clas 1 visiting West Primary School
Thursday 16 th May	Parent Council Discos (P1-3, P4-7)
Friday 17 th May	P7 Cluster event at Woodfarm High School
Wednesday 22 nd May	P1-7 Parents' Night from 3.20pm
Friday 24 th May	HOLIDAY - school and nursery closed
Monday 27 th May	HOLIDAY - school and nursery closed
Thursday 30 th May	P7 Transition visit to Woodfarm High School
Friday 31 st May	P7 Transition visit to Woodfarm High School
Monday 3 rd June	Nursery Sports Day
Tuesday 4 th June @ 1.30pm	Gaelic Clas 1 Transition Event
Thursday 6 th June @ 1.30pm	Primary 1 Transition Event
Monday 10 th June @ 1.30pm	Primary 1 Transition Event
Tuesday 11 th June @ 1.30pm	Gaelic Clas 1 Transition Event
Wednesday 12 th June	Whole School Trip to Calderglen Park
Friday 14 th June @ 2.30pm	P4-7 Friday Fun Zone
Tuesday 18 th June	Gaelic Clas 1 and Primary 1 Transition Event @ 1.30pm
	P7 Leavers' Party @ 6.00pm
Wednesday 19 th June @ 2.00pm	Nursery Graduation
Thursday 20 th June @ 9.30am	P7 Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 26 th June	Last Day of Term (1.00pm finish)

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

We also post regular updates on our 'X' (Twitter) accounts @ThornliebankPS for the school and @ThornliebankNC for the nursery, as well as our website:

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

Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Thornliebank is Clas 1

Partnerships with Gaelic Medium Schools

We continue to build relationships with other Gaelic Medium Schools to share experiences and give opportunities to use Gaelic with other learners. Bun-sgoil and Iar pupils from Primary 1 and 2 will visit Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Thornliebank on the 1st of May for a play and story session with Clas 1. On Friday 3rd of May Clas 1 will also have the opportunity to visit Bun-sgoil an Iar for a traditional music performance and later in the month for a drama performance delivered by Fèisean nan Gàidheal.

On Friday 17th of May Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Thornliebank pupils and staff will visit Glasgow Gaelic School to take part in a national 'Gaelic Get Together' involving learners and Gaelic Medium staff from across the west. Pupils will be involved in workshops and activities giving their voice to developments in Gaelic literacy and staff will be involved in similar activities.

Dè tha dol? | Gaelic sessions for families across Glasgow and surrounding areas

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
Pàrant is Pàiste 10:00-11:30 Newton Mearns Parish Church	Bookbug 10:15-10:45 Thornliebank Library	Pàrant is Pàiste 9:30-11:00 Langside Sports Club	Pàrant is Pàiste 10:00-11:30 Paisley Methodist Central Hall	Bookbug 10:00-10:30 Dumbarton Library	Bookbug 10:30-11:00 Mitchell Library
Bookbug 10:30-11:00 Hillhead Library	Bookbug 11:00-11:30 Pollokshields Library		Bookbug 1:30-2:00 Dennistoun Library	Bookbug 10:30-11:00 Conderrat Library	
Bookbug 1:30-2:00 Clydebank Library	Pàrant is Pàiste 12:30-2:00 Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre			Rionnagan Beaga 11:00-1:00 Bishopbriggs Community Church	

Ceanglaichean Feumail | Useful Links:

- Gaelic4Parents: <https://www.gaelic4parents.com/>
- Go Gaelic!: <https://go-gaelic.scot/>
- Comann nam Pàrant: <https://www.parant.org.uk/>
- Cleachdi - <https://www.cleachdi.scot/>

NURSERY NEWS

Learning

This term the children have been learning about Eid. We would like to say a special thank you to our nursery parents for planning a wonderful Eid celebration for all the children. They have had a go at making Lassi - a traditional Indian drink that they thoroughly enjoyed, tasting Indian food and exploring Mendhi patterns.

Now the children have chosen to learn more about the country France and they will be learning about the culture, language and food.

We're Going to Go to School Soon

As transition to school approaches for some children, we have joined with the schools and nurseries in our neighbourhood to create this 6-week programme to help with the transition through activities based around the well-known book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' written by Michael Rosen and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury.

This book was chosen because we can draw parallels to starting school as we explore going on an adventure, coping with different and new experiences and the changing emotions this may present. Look out for your child's book and weekly experiences coming soon.

Secret Garden

The children have been exploring the nursery garden and finding out about all the animals that live there. We were very lucky to come across a hedgehog in our playground and the children have been finding out lots of information about them. We are looking forward to our visit from the SSPCA to enhance the children's learning further.

We would also like to say a big thank you for some donations of plants for our garden. We really appreciate it and it will be a huge benefit for the children and their learning for years to come. As always we are on the lookout for interesting objects or plants to enhance our garden if you wish to donate anything please speak to a member of the nursery team.

As the weather is improving and the children are playing outside each day please can you make sure that your child has sun cream on before they come to nursery. If you forget, we can provide sun cream at the nursery door for you to apply to your child when they arrive.

Forest School

Our block of Forest School 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.

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.