Burntisland Primary School



Headteacher Update

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A very warm welcome to our new families. Our new P1s have had a settled start so far. Thanks to everyone who took part in our transition visits, this really does help with them feeling ready and settled as they begin their P1 journey with us. We would remind parents that you can help us out with the busy pick up time by staying behind the red line. Its so hard to see who is waving if people don't do this. Also at drop off, if you are able to stay behind the line, this is more calm for the children who are waiting.

We have some key dates in here for your diaries and a big ask of help for outdoor learning. Teachers are busy booking their bigger trips of the year at this time, I will have a list of dates for you for the next time.

Thank you for reading our news, Louise Gordon

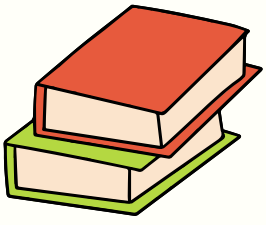


Open Afternoon - Come and See Us!

On Friday 28th of August you are invited into school to 'meet the teacher' from 2.15pm – 2.45pm. There is no pressure to attend, or stay the full session. This is just an opportunity to get a "feel" of your child's new classroom and say "hi" to the teacher. Enter via assembly hall doors. (Please note this is not a parent – teacher meeting).

Parent Contact Meetings

Twice a year we invite you to come in for a meeting with the teacher to discuss your child's progress and learning. The dates for this year will be:



Meeting One: November 2026
Wednesday 11th 3.30-6.30pm or
Monday 16th 3.30-6.30pm



Meeting Two: March 2027
Thursday 4th 3.30-6.30pm
Tuesday 9th 3.30-6.30pm

You will be invited nearer the time to book a 1 to 1 ten-minute appointment nearer the time. These appointments are held in the assembly hall with class teachers.



Staffing changes

We are delighted to welcome some new staff team members after the summer break. Mrs Henderson and Mrs Mitchell have joined our nursery team in the bungalow, and Miss Forbes and Mr Valente our new probationer teachers have started their teaching career in P2/3 and P3/4. I know they are all looking forward to being part of the BPS family.

Mr Howden-McLean is absent from work and we are not expecting him to return soon. Miss Taylor is already with the class one day a week, and she has agreed to cover the extra days to ensure continuity for the children.

The Management Team continue to provide support for Auchtertool Primary School during their headteacher's absence. We are delighted that we have been provided with an additional depute headteacher to the school, to support with this added responsibility. A warm welcome to Mrs Jess, who comes with a great deal of experience and who I know is looking forward to meeting you all in due course.

Mrs Findlay has left our PSA team at the summer, we will really miss her and wish her all the best in the future!

BPS Families

The start of the school year is busy, this is a reminder that the applications for Free School Meals and Milk are open!



& More

School Uniform Grant

Meals

Milk

School trips

Music lessons,

more support!

These applications allow Fife Council to give BPS extra support. This means more learning opportunities for your children!

Not sure where to start? Come to the School Office for a chat or telephone 01592 583414.

- check if you are eligible
- help applying online

If you need to find out more about your application, change details or add a new child, you can contact Fife Council on 03451 55 11 55.

Reminder : School meals are now £2.75 per child

Classes for this year

Primary 1E Mrs Erskine.
Primary 1M Mrs Moffat
Primary 1 / 2 Mrs Fitzpatrick
Primary 2R Mrs Ryan
Primary 2 / 3 Mr Valente
Primary 3T Miss Taylor
Primary 3 / 4 Miss Forbes
Primary 4S Miss Simpson
Primary 4 / 5 Mr Scott
Primary 5P Mrs Paterson
Primary 5S Miss Storrie
Primary 6H Mr Hubbard
Primary 6M Mr McGourty
Primary 7P Mrs Pirie
Primarg 7G Mrs Greenhorn





Mr Stewart will be teaching art again this year and Mrs Murray is supporting children with literacy. Mrs Preston is teaching French when she is not in P5P.

Office Staff: Mrs Melanie Wood (Administrative Assistant) works with Mrs Shona Anderson every day. Miss Nikki Barker is Mon/Tue and Mrs Gillian Johnstone is Wed-Fri.

Pupil Support Staff: Mrs Anderson, Miss Buchan, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Cummings Mr Fyffe, Mrs Krawczyk, Mr MacLeod, Mrs Moffat, Mrs Leavers, Miss McCallum, Mrs Redpath. They all support in classes and the playground as appropriate.

Support for Learning Teachers: Mrs Wood (P3-7) and Mrs McLanaghan (Nursery - P2) along with Mrs Jennifer Hawthorne (additional support for 2 days)

Leadership Team

Headteacher: Mrs Louise Gordon

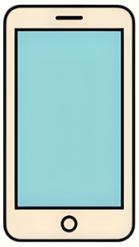
Depute Head ELC and P1: Mrs Leanne Bain

Depute Head P2-4: Miss Nat Fleming

Depute Head P5-7: Mr Will Berry

Depute Head (across school): Mrs Lucy Jess







Please note staff do not use their personal emails to contact parents. This helps us to re-direct enquiries when staff are absent or unavailable, due to teaching commitments or when out of office.

Parents should phone or use the school email to contact the person you wish to speak to or to raise a query or concern. This is also the case for any message you want to send to class teachers.

burntislandps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk

01592 583414

The answer phone will be on before 8.30am and after 3.30pm - we do check messages so feel free to also leave a voicemail.

School Absences

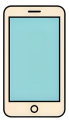
If your child is absent from school please contact the school by either:



Calling - 01592 583414



E-Mail - Burntislandps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk



Text Message - 07860 003670

Via - Parentsportal



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OUTDOOR LEARNING

Plans are under way to get the Outdoor Learning up and running for our new school year. We will be in touch!

We want to say a special thank you to our local chapter of the Rotary Club; their help and knowledge made these trips happen during last year.

THANKYOU

Rotary
Burntisland & Kinghorn

REMINDER

Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing:
Hat/cap if sunny and we would also encourage the use of sun screen- weather dependent.

Old trainers and clothes
(please be aware these may become slightly dirty)
-Jacket to keep warm/dry
- School Clothes to change into on return to school

Please also ensure your child has;
-A small snack that can fit in their pockets & water bottle
-A carrier bag (to sit on if ground is wet)

Outdoor Learning

This session we are planning to offer core dates for outdoor learning again, when the whole school will be out and about at the same time. For this plan to work we will need the support from parents as helpers. A form will be sent to you soon asking for help. Please help if you can.

Places we will visit include:



Local Walk
Dell Woodland
Beach
Binn Hill Woodland
Burntisland Point
Coastal Path
Binn Hill



Children will be in their year groups for activities (so for example in the P2/3 class the P2s will go with the other P2s and the P3s will go with the P3s). The 7 year groups will visit 7 locations on the last Thursday of the month

Thursday 24th September
Thursday 29th October
Thursday 26th November
Thursday 28th January
Thursday 25th February
Thursday 25th March
Thursday 30th April

Digital Learning - iPads in P6&7

We are now in year 2 of transforming learning in Fife, which includes the use of 1:1 devices in P6&7.

Some parents have told us they do not want their child to take an iPad home. If this is the case in your family, please drop us an email and we will keep your child's one for school time only (it is not our intention to be setting homework online anyway).

Please note the permission is for home use, we will be using iPads in the P6 and P7 classes as one tool for learning. And like all classroom tools, we are not asking for permission for this part of the iPad use and we will be using everything in moderation and in a planned and proportionate way.

Rest assured pencils and paper are still very much on the table and we will not be having children sitting on screens all day long.

This year we are expecting a small number of class iPads to come for use in all classes and of course we will still have access to laptops and smartboards in class for digital learning too.



Digital Learning - Seesaw

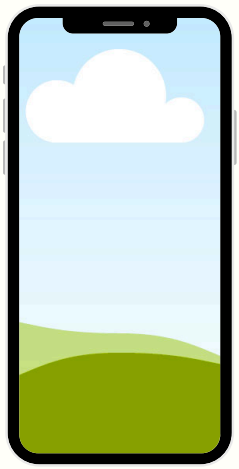
Teachers are in the process of setting up their new classes on Seesaw. We will send home new codes soon for families who need this. Please do try and connect with your child's seesaw - this is a key way we share their learning and progress with you.

Please note if you have said 'no' to photos this also includes class pictures on seesaw and in the papers etc. Let us know if this is something you wish to change.

Personal Devices

Our expectation is that children do not need a mobile phone at primary school. If they need to bring one in for their travel home, or a play date after school etc this should enter the school grounds switched off and be handed to the teacher for safe keeping from 9am-3pm.

Basic smart watches may be worn as long as they are not connected to mobiles and cannot take photos or send messages, otherwise these should also be removed and given in to the teacher for safe keeping.





Reminders

Children need to bring a coat, water bottle (with water) and gym kit daily to school.

We encourage children to change their shoes for the classroom so we do not get mud on the carpets that they then have to sit and play on.

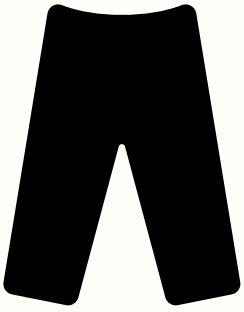
Some children like to wear slippers or crocs in class. We don't mind this, but please note that this is not suitable or safe for indoor gym shoes so you might want to choose gym shoes or trainers so they can double up here.

We expect children to be in uniform daily and to change for PE. If your child has a worry about changing please speak to their teacher to plan for this.

Our school colours are black, red, navy and white. Black joggers and leggings are ok for uniform and supermarket jumpers and cardis are just as good as the branded ones for us. Some children have sensory needs with fabrics and stiff uniform items - please do stick to school colours but feel free to be flexible with clothing that works.

Please do visit our pre-loved uniform stands in the GP room, just off the main foyer, and let us reduce waste and recycle school clothes!



BPS IS A:

SAFE PLAYGROUND

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STOP AT THE PLAYGROUND GATES! RIDING YOUR BIKE OR SCOOTER IN SCHOOL GROUNDS IS NOT ALLOWED.

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ACT RESPONSIBLY - PUSH YOUR SCOOTER OR BICYCLE TO THE STORAGE AREA AND CAREFULLY PUT IT AWAY.

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FOLLOW THESE RULES! THINK ABOUT OUR BUSY PLAYGROUND AND KEEPING EACH OTHER SAFE!

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EXTRA HOUSE POINTS CAN BE GIVEN TO THE MOST HELPFUL HOUSE! NO RIDING IN THE PLAYGROUND AND TIDY SCOOTERS AND BIKES, PLEASE!



2026-2027
Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
28th Aug	All School	Meet the teacher open afternoon 2pm - 2.45pm
31st August - 4th Sept	P7	Ardroy
24th September	All School	Outdoor Learning
12th Oct - 23rd Oct	All School	October Holidays
26th Oct	All School	Back to school
29th Oct	All School	Outdoor Learning
11th Nov 3.30-6.30pm	All School	Parent Contact Meeting
16th Nov 3.30-6.30pm	All School	Parent Contact Meeting
13th Nov	All School	In-Service
26th Nov	All School	Outdoor Learning
16th Dec 9.30-10.30 am	All School	Nativity (P1-2 parents welcome)
18th Dec 1.45-2.45 pm	P6-7	Christmas Party
21st Dec 9.30am	P3-7	Carol Concert (P3-7 parents welcome)

2026-2027
Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
21st Dec 1.45-2.45pm	P1-2	Christmas Party
22nd Dec 1.45-2.45pm	P3-4-5	Christmas Party
22nd Dec 3pm	All School	Last day (3pm finish)
23rd Dec - 5th Jan	All School	Christmas Holdays
6th Jan	All School	Back to school

Please note that there are some changes to the dates above (eg open afternoon and parent contact) so do use these dates.

More dates to follow as we are still planning the year with the teachers.