



# Battlefield Primary School

## October 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe it is October already, where has the time gone! The clocks go back on Sunday 29th October and our daylight hours grow shorter. It is already a lot colder and can be quite wet so please ensure you send your children to school with clothing suitable for the winter weather. It is important we keep the children safe and warm. I know it is frustrating when children lose hats and gloves etc. but please put names on all of your children's clothing. It is the only chance we have of finding lost items.



### **Rookie Rockstars!**

Thank you to everyone who performed and joined us in our Rookie Rockstars performance. The children and the unsuspecting adults from the audience who performed were all fabulous! We love seeking out new opportunities to bring experiences to the children so if you hear of other ideas, please let us know.

### **Spooky Disco**

Just a reminder that the Parent Council Spooky disco is being held in the school on Monday 30th October. Children will be provided with a drink and snack and will be entertained by our parent volunteers. The Parent Council are currently selling tickets and handing out permission slips. The timings are as follows:

P1-2 – 3:30-4:30pm

P3-4 – 4:45-6pm

P5-7 – 6:15-7:30pm

We look forward to seeing everyone there.



### **Child starting School in August 2024? - Pre-Entrant Open Day**

We are inviting our new Primary 1 parents and carers for next session in for an open day in the afternoon of Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October so save that date. Mrs Imrie will be hosting this event so we look forward to meeting parents and carers then. Battlefield Primary is a very popular school. We would encourage parents and carers to get their children registered as soon as possible for next session in August 2024. Places in Primary 1 next session will fill up fast so if you know of anyone who has a child that is due to start school next session then please advise them to go to Glasgow City Council Website and register for Battlefield during the enrolment week at the start of November. Anyone who wishes to apply for a "Placing Request" for Battlefield must firstly register with their local school then apply for a Placing request for Battlefield. If you need any help at all with this please contact the School Office on 0141 632 2162.



### **Parents Night**

We are delighted to welcome parents and carers in to school again for our parent's night this term. We will be having two sessions on:

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – 5:30-7:30pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 3:00-5:30pm

Details to follow on how you can book your slot through ParentsPortal so keep the dates free. If you are not linked into Parents Portal yet please speak to the school office staff as they can support you with this.



### **Numeracy Work**

Thank you for all the lovely comments received during the sharing of work in our Numeracy jotters before the October break! The children love to be able to share their work and really enjoy talking about their Numeracy and Maths learning. Mrs Couborough, our Numeracy Challenge Leader of Learning had some very interesting conversations with children about their work and we are pleased to hear so many children are enjoying working in their classes. Mrs Couborough is in the process of planning some parent information sessions around our teaching strategies for Glasgow Counts. We look forward to inviting you in to these session very soon.

## **Well Done!**

We had a few classes out at the Science Centre before the break and I received this lovely email during my October holiday.

Good evening,

*I just wanted to take a moment to send you an email about some of your pupils and staff who we encountered at The Science Centre the other day.*

*It was a busy day and there were many school parties and families in the centre but your pupils really stood out to me as we wandered around. I spotted their badge on their uniform and thought it only right to get in touch to compliment them. People can be so quick to complain but often forget the value of a compliment! (I hope I read their badges correctly!)*

*They were courteous and engaged and it was really lovely to see. Your staff/helpers were so appropriate with them, supporting them but clearly having high expectations for their behaviour and being mindful of the experience of others.*

*I'm teaching/reminding my pre-schooler to wait their turn and your pupils were very kind and mindful of this, making sure to keep an eye on who else was waiting to engage with exhibits. They were great role models for her!*

*I hope they had a wonderful day!*

Best,

Sarah

It is so lovely to get this kind of feedback and makes me feel so lucky and proud to be head teacher here. Well done to all our pupils and staff involved!

## **Winter Fayre**

The date for the winter fayre has been set for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The public will be allowed in between 10am and 1pm. If you know anyone who would be interested in buying a stall or donating any prizes to the school for a raffle etc. Please contact the Parent Council on: [battlefieldparentcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:battlefieldparentcouncil@outlook.com)



## **Staffing**

We are delighted to announce that we have a new member of support staff joining us this session to replace Mrs Carberry, who left us in May. Jason Milne is now working with us as a Grade 4 Support for Learning worker. Jason will be responsible for the first aid and medicines for pupils in the school. I am sure you will all join us in making him feel welcome here at Battlefield.

We will be sad to see Mrs Brown, our Support for Learning Worker and First Aider leave us this term but are really excited for her as she has been successful in securing a new job in the Civil Service. Mrs Brown has supported countless pupils and members of staff over the years in her time here and we will really miss her. This is a very new and different experience for her and we all wish her the very best of luck.

## **Office Staffing**

Unfortunately, staffing levels in the office continue to be a challenge with no replacement in sight yet for our full-time vacancy. We hope to get news from the council on this soon. Hazel Chalmers continues to work in the office on Monday and Tuesdays and Anne Marie Donaghy continues to be there on Wednesdays and Thursdays, but they are still on their own. The office is extremely busy so please be patient if you don't get a response quickly. We will do our best but staff will be stretched. On Fridays we will now make sure a member of the management team is in all day to answer the phones etc. as we are unsure when we will get a replacement. Rest assured we will continue to do our best to respond to calls and emails.

## **Adult Learning Sewing Class**

Our adult learning sewing class on Tuesday's is a huge success. The items that the adults are learning to make are great and everyone is enjoying the chance to get together. Ms Flanagan is continuing to develop our adult and family learning so please contact Ms Flanagan on [LFlanagan@battlefield-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:LFlanagan@battlefield-pri.glasgow.sch.uk) if you have any further ideas or suggestions on how to develop this.

## **Family Fundraising Group**

The Family Fundraising Group are a team of volunteers who run events, in conjunction with Battlefield Primary School, to try and raise much needed funds the school's budget cannot stretch to. We try to make the school experience for all children extra special and lots of fun. Here is a look at events we ran last year and what we invested in.



This year we would love to help fund the end of school trip for all pupils, playground improvements, P7 residential week, more resources for the children and much more. This term we will run the annual spooky disco in October and the Winter Fayre at the start of December. We can only hold these with the help of parent/carers volunteers. We understand not everyone can commit to meetings and planning events, but may still want to help. You can do this by adding your name to our volunteer list either in person, handing name to school office with your contact details or emailing us on [battlefieldparentcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:battlefieldparentcouncil@outlook.com)

Did you know that you can help raise funds whilst shopping on line by signing up to easy fundraising?

**easyfundraising**

**You spend, brands donate.**

Sign up to easyfundraising and see your favourite brands donate to the cause you care about whenever you shop with them.

**What do I need to do to raise donations?**

Firstly, register with easyfundraising and tell us who you want to support. You can search for Battlefield Parent Council and follow the links. Then, next time you want to buy something online, log into easyfundraising first and click on the retailer you want to shop with. You'll then be taken to their website where you can continue to make your purchase in the usual way. But – crucially – because you visited easyfundraising first, your cause will get a donation. Thank you.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/battlefieldparentcouncil/payments/9fb2cb/?utm\\_campaign=dd-aug-23&utm\\_term=Q223N](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/battlefieldparentcouncil/payments/9fb2cb/?utm_campaign=dd-aug-23&utm_term=Q223N)

Below are just some of the shops that can help us raise money!



If you have any questions or any funding ideas you would like to put forward/co-ordinate you can either contact us by email [battlefieldparentcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:battlefieldparentcouncil@outlook.com) Or via Facebook messenger, just search for Battlefield Primary School Parent Council.

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of any our pupils please report these to our Child Protection Co-ordinators. **Mrs Stacy Wilson (Head Teacher)** is the first point of contact for Child Protection in Battlefield. In her absence our **Deputy Child Protection Co-ordinators** are **Mrs Laura Imrie, Mrs Kara Milliken & Ms Louise Flanagan**. Mrs Wilson is also our **Care Experienced Co-ordinator** and is responsible for monitoring any children in the school who are looked after or in foster care.



### Nut Allergies

We have children in our school who have severe nut allergies. Please help to keep all pupils safe and **DO NOT SEND** snacks or foods into school containing nuts. We have had a number of questions already about which products contain nuts. Can I ask that if you have any doubt at all that you send in an alternative as we must ensure that our vulnerable children are not put at risk. Thank you!

### **Allergy Aware School**



*Thank you for all your support, if you have any questions please get in touch with the school office.*

*Stacy Wilson*

### Clubs Term 1 & 2

Thank you so much to Mrs Currie for organising a variety of clubs in the school for Terms 1 & 2. Please see below for the details of these:



## Clubs and Coaches 2023-2024 Terms 1 and 2



	9-10.30am	10.45-11.30am	11.30-12.15pm	Lunch Clubs	1-2pm	2-3pm	After School Club
<b>Mon</b>	P7b Rangers FC 04/09 – 23/10 Harry McLaughlin  P7b Bridges and Barriers 30/10 – 20/11 James McAuley	P7a Rangers FC 04/09 – 23/10 Harry McLaughlin  P7b Bridges and Barriers 30/10 – 20/11 James McAuley	P7b Bridges and Barriers 30/10 – 20/11 James McAuley	P1 Football-gym hall 30/10 – 20/11 James McAuley  P7 Librarians - library Francesca Mackay  Pupil Council/RRS - venue tbc Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week Clare Duffin			P4/5 Girls Football (GSC) 30/10-04/12 Lynne
<b>Tue</b>				P6/7 Fun Fitness 31/10 – 28/11 Derek Wales	P5a Clyde College Curriculum Coaching 28/09 – 23/11 Gillian Boyle	P5b Clyde College Curriculum Coaching 28/09 – 23/11 Gillian Boyle	Upper School Panto 24/10 – 12/12 Louise Thompson
<b>Wed</b>				P2/3 Gymnastics 01/11 – 06/12 Louise Bradley  Rachel Lithgow	P4a Football 25/10 – 01/12 Liam Pattie	P4b Football 25/10 – 01/12 Liam Pattie	P6 Rangers Football - outdoors 13/09 – 08/11 Harry McLaughlin  P7 Netball-gym hall 13/09 – 15/11 Rebecca Currie
<b>Thu</b>					P6a Clyde College Curriculum Coaching 28/09 – 23/11 David McKay	P6a Clyde College Curriculum Coaching 28/09 – 23/11 David McKay	
<b>Fri</b>				Choir 27/10 – 08/12 Laura MacLusaine Susan Osbourne			Running 29/09 – 08/12 Roz Wilson Fiona Marquis

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## Key Dates 2023- 2024



Date	Event	Time
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Spooky Disco	P1-2 3:30-4:30 P3-4 4:45-6PM P5-7 6:15-7:30PM
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Pre-Entrant Open Afternoon	PM
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Primary 7 Transition Evening Shawlands Academy	6PM
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Battlefield Fundraising Committee Zoom Meeting	PM
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	School Remembrance	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	P6 Sharing of Learning	2:15PM
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parents Night (Late)	5:30-7:30PM
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parents Night (Early)	3:00- 5:30PM
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	P2 Sharing of Learning	2:15PM
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Winter Fayre	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 & P2/1 - Nativity	9.30AM
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Battlefield Fundraising Committee In School Meeting	9:30AM
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Writing Jotters/Work home	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Visiting Panto Performance - Cinderella	9:30AM
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto Performance	TBC PM
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Writing Jotters/Work returned (parent/pupil feedback)	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Early Close	2.30PM
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b> (Inclusive dates)	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Battlefield Fundraising Committee Zoom Meeting	PM
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	P4 Sharing of Learning	2:15PM
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	P2 Class Assembly	9:30AM
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>February Holiday</b> (Inclusive dates)	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>In-service Day</b>	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Battlefield Fundraising Committee In School Meeting	9:30AM
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	P7 Sharing of Learning	2:15PM
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	P5 Sharing of Learning	2:15PM
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	P6a Class Assembly	9:30AM
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Reading Jotters/Work home	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Reading Jotters/Work returned (parent/pupil feedback)	
TBC	P7 Residential (Inclusive dates)	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Battlefield Fundraising Committee Zoom Meeting	PM
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Night (Late)	5:30-7:30PM
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Night (Early)	3:00-5:30PM
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Early Close	2.30PM
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Good Friday</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Spring Break</b> (Inclusive dates)	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Battlefield Fundraising Committee In School Meeting	9:30AM
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Possible Election In-service Day</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Holiday</b>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Battlefield Fundraising Committee Zoom Meeting	PM
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	P1 Sharing of Learning	2:15PM
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	P5b Class Assembly	9:30AM
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	P4b Class Assembly	9:30AM
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Holiday</b>	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Afternoon (First Choice)	PM
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Battlefield Fundraising Committee In School Meeting	9:30AM
<i>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Sports Afternoon (Reserve Date)</i>	<i>PM</i>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Reports Issued	9.30AM
June	P7 Transition Week – Shawlands Academy	TBC
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Close	1.00PM



## School Holiday Dates for 2023/24

Return dates for Teachers	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
Return date for Pupils	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
September Weekend	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023 Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
First Mid-Term	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Inservice Day) Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (October week)
Christmas/New Year	Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Christmas holidays)
	<b>2024</b>
Return to School	Schools return on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Second Mid-Term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 & Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2024. Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Inservice day)
Spring Holiday	Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. Good Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024  Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 (Spring Break)  Schools return on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
UK Elections	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May (Possible Inservice day)
May Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 (May Holiday)
May Weekend	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 and Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
School Close	Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024