



# Battlefield Primary School

## January 2024 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely holiday with your families and friends.



We are all looking forward to an exciting new year and are ready to work with our families to ensure we all achieve our best in 2024. I visited the classes on Monday to wish them a Happy New Year and to let them know I had heard that everyone's resolution this year is to work even harder than last year! We have made such great progress in our learning and developments across the school already this session and are excited to continue to build on this in 2024.

### **Winter Weather**

We have already started this week in very cold and icy weather. It certainly has become more wintery of late so please ensure your child is equipped for the elements. Please also ensure you label all hats, scarves and gloves if you can so we can try to ensure they do not get lost.

Look out for the parent consultation coming soon so you can have your say on what we spend our money on. Remember your opinion matters!

### **Winter Fayre**

Thank you so much for your very generous donations to the fund-raising committee for our tombola and the wonderful home baking and cooking that lots of you handed in. Thank you also to all who gave up their time to help in the set-up, the running and the clear up afterwards. We could not hold these events without your support. The fayre was a great success and everyone seemed to really enjoy the day, even in the snow.

### **Christmas Concert**

We hope you all enjoyed our Christmas concert and would like to thank you for your support in this. The money we raised will go towards the cost of buses and transport to a variety of class trips. Our P7 helpers and compares during this were amazing and really highlight the amount of talent, confidence and responsibility that our wonderful pupils have.

### **School Uniform**

We are really proud of our school uniform here at Battlefield and would like to continue to encourage you to support your child in wearing their school uniform to school, rather than branded sportswear, hoodies etc. A lot of these types of items are incredibly expensive and if lost can cause upset. We continue to have lots of items of uniform for recycling and know that after the Christmas break some children may have had a growth spurt and need the next size up. If you would like to support our values of being 'Eco Friendly' and recycle our donated items, please get in touch with Ms Flanagan on [LFlanagan@battlefield-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:LFlanagan@battlefield-pri.glasgow.sch.uk) and Mrs Hamill will look out a uniform package for you.

If you have not already done so, please take time to ensure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's full name. For many items of uniform, there is no need to buy special name tags; a biro or 'Sharpie' will work perfectly well.

ApparelXchange are uplifting from the school on 24<sup>th</sup> January if anyone has anything they wish to donate.

### **Adult Sewing Club**

Our Adult Sewing Club has been a huge success with all involved making fabulous creations during their sessions. It has been such a positive experience that we are continuing this without the input from Clyde College. The school are going to purchase our own machines so adults can continue to develop their skills in this area. We are in further talks with Clyde College to see what we can be involved in next to continue to develop adult learning.

### **P7/S1 Transition**

The next Enhanced Transition (P7-S1) session with Shawlands Academy will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> January. Ms Flanagan will be in touch with the families and children involved in due course.

### **Family Library**

There is now a Battlefield PS Family Library trolley located with the uniform recycling station. It includes adult and infant books for our families to borrow, read and return! (Also, donations for the Family Library are welcome!) Thank you to Dr Mackay and the librarians for organising this for us.

### **Reading Work**

We have really enjoyed reading your comments about children's numeracy and writing work so far this year. Thank you.

**Could you please return your child's writing jotter if you haven't already done so as we still have a few missing, thanks.**

At the end of this term your child will bring home the Reading work they have completed. This is an opportunity for you and your child to share their learning. It allows parents and children to talk about what children have been working on and is an opportunity for you and your child to feedback to staff on how you feel about it. There will be a parent and child evaluation form for you to complete together to send back to the school. When your child brings home their Reading work please ensure this is sent back to school at the end of that week.

### **Family Learning**

Primary 1 and Primary 7 classes are currently collaborating for a Family Learning event will take place at beginning of February, with dates to follow. It is great to see our older children work alongside and supporting our younger classes and really highlights the positive ethos we have here in Battlefield with our children being responsible citizens,

### **Celtic Connections**

I applied for the whole school to attend the free Celtic Connections concerts taking place in January ( thank you to our parent who reminded me these were coming up). I seem to always miss out on these, but was delighted to be awarded tickets for all P4-6 classes to go. Unfortunately, the whole school didn't get this time but I will try again next year. I am very excited as this is a great experience for children. The concert we are attending in the Royal Concert Hall is on Wednesday 31st January from 10-12:30am. We need parent helpers for this if they have a PVG so if you can help please get in touch with the office.

### **Primary 7 Residential**

As our residential trip gets closer we are so excited to hear all about the experiences that our children will have when they go away this year. Blairvadach information sessions will take place online with staff at Blairvadach before the children go. We will update Primary 7 parents about the dates for these when they are confirmed.

### **Our STEM Lab**

Mr Glendinning's STEM lab! Is really starting to take shape now and we have ordered lots of resources for children to use in the study of Science & Technology. Mr Glendinning will be appointing STEM ambassadors and Lab Technicians from pupils in the school to be responsible for monitoring the upkeep of the room. This will allow teachers to enter the lab with their classes to really enjoy some STEM based learning. We look forward to also showcasing this in Term 4 so watch this space..

### **Clyde in the Classroom**

Our Primary 7 classes visited the Science Centre this week for the launch of their 'Clyde in the Classroom' project. **Clyde in the Classroom** is a hands-on project which uses the life history of a native Scottish species, the brown trout, to promote awareness of river ecology among young people across the River Clyde catchment. The project is delivered by the **Clyde River Foundation** and is a great basis for outdoor learning and STEM education. The project encourages children to engage with nature and develop a sense of pride in their local environment. The children are responsible for the care of brown trout within their classroom and work weekly with **Clyde River Foundation Scientists**. We can't wait to see how they get on with this fantastic project.

### **Child Protection**

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 Natalie McKay**. Mrs Wilson is also our Care Experienced Co-ordinator.



### **Nut Allergies**

We have children in school who have severe nut allergies. Please continue to help to keep all pupils safe and do not send snacks or foods into school containing nuts. Thank you

### **PE**

Glasgow City Council guidelines state that **"It is important that pupils come prepared to learn and for PE this requires appropriate clothing. All jewellery should be removed."** If your child has their ears pierced please either remove their earrings on the days they have PE (or a sporting club) or ensure that they are able to do this for themselves. Staff are not normally able to assist with the removal and insertion of earrings. Unfortunately, taping over earrings does not provide the same degree of protection as removal.

If you are unsure about which days your child has PE, please check with us as we'll be very happy to let you know.

## Ready to Learn

Every day, a number of pupils are arriving a little late for school. As a parent, I am very aware of how pressured mornings can be as all of the family are trying to get ready and out of the house. As a teacher, I am also very aware of how important the first part of the day is. As well as starting the first lesson of the day, it is often a time when teachers pass on important messages and undertake important pieces of 'admin'.



Can I ask that try your best to ensure that your children arrive at school on time; it really does get the day off to a good start.

Thank you for your continued support, Stacy *Wilson*

Term 3 Clubs (booked in so far) Thanks to Mrs Currie for coordinating these for us.

	8.15am-9am	9-10.30am	10.45-11.30am	11.30-12.15pm	Lunch Clubs	1-2pm	2-3pm	After School Club
<b>Mon</b>					Play Club – gym hall 22/01 – 04/03 not on 12/02 <a href="#">Khadija</a>  P7 Librarians - library <a href="#">Francesca Mackay</a>  Pupil Council/RRS – venue tbc Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> week <a href="#">Clare Draffin</a> ?		1.45 – 2.45pm P1-4 school assembly	P3 Futsal 22/01 – 04/03 not on 12/02 <a href="#">David Galt</a>
<b>Tue</b>	P3/4 Yoga 20/02 – 26/03 <a href="#">Eloise Fergus</a>	P2 games Clyde College Students 23/01 – 05/03 not on 13/02 <a href="#">David McKay</a>	P3/2 games Clyde College Students 23/01 – 05/03 not on 13/02 <a href="#">David McKay</a>	P2/1 <u>games</u> Clyde College Students 23/01 – 05/03 not on 13/02 <a href="#">David McKay</a>	P6 games Clyde College Students 23/01 – 05/03 not on 13/02 <a href="#">David McKay</a>	P1a gym P5a Clyde College Curriculum Coaching 28/09 – 23/11 <a href="#">David McKay</a>	P1b – gym P5a Clyde College Curriculum Coaching 28/09 – 23/11 <a href="#">David McKay</a>	P4/5 Cricket 23/01 – 05/03 not on 13/02 <a href="#">Zain</a>
<b>Wed</b>	P5/6 Yoga 21/02 – 27/03 <a href="#">Eloise Fergus</a>		P4/3 Determined to Dance 17/01 – 13/03 not on 14/02 <a href="#">Caitlin McKinnon</a>			P4a Determined to Dance 17/01 – 13/03 not on 14/02 <a href="#">Caitlin McKinnon</a>	P4b Determined to Dance 17/01 – 13/03 not on 14/02 <a href="#">Caitlin McKinnon</a>	P7/6 City of Dance 17/01 – 13/03 not on 14/02 <a href="#">Cleo Campbell</a>
<b>Thu</b>	P3/2 <u>Karate</u> ? 25/01 – 14/03 <a href="#">David Campbell</a>					P7a gym P6a Clyde College Curriculum Coaching	P2/1 gym P6a Clyde College Curriculum Coaching	

						28/09 – 23/11 <a href="#">David McKay</a>	28/09 – 23/11 <a href="#">David McKay</a>	
<b>Fri</b>					Choir 16/02 – 22/03 <a href="#">Laura MacIlwaine</a>  P4/5 Girls Football (GSC) 19/01 – 08/03 not on 01/03 <a href="#">Lynne</a>		1.45 – 2.45pm P5-7 Assembly	Running 29/09 – 08/12 <a href="#">Roz Wilson</a>  Netball– gym hall 23/02 – 29/03 <a href="#">Rebecca Currie</a>

\*\*\* P 7 swimming block will also begin in January.

## School Holiday Dates for 2023/24

	<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

### Key Dates

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Date	Event	Time
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
12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<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>	
1 <sup>st</sup> April – 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<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
24 <sup>th</sup> May & 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<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
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Sports Afternoon (Reserve Date)</i>	PM
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