



# Newsletter



January 2024

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family enjoyed a lovely festive holiday.



## Homework

Thanks to all the parents/carers who participated so actively in the Homework Consultation. I will send out information about the revised plan for homework in the next week or so. Meantime children should complete the **weekly challenge on Sumdog**, which is a brilliant digital numeracy programme. All parents should have received a login from teachers, please contact the office if you need support with this.

Staffing - Unfortunately we have had quite a few staff off unwell. We always try our best to ensure consistency in the class where a member of staff is absent. We have a new supply Ms Russell who started with us after Christmas, she is covering the non-class contact time in P1b, P4s, P5s and P7b.

Mr Young has accepted a temporary acting Head Teacher post at St Frances of Assisi Primary in Glasgow, he will be back at Blairdardie in a few weeks. We will miss him lots but this is a great opportunity for him. One of our Principal Teachers will take on the role of Acting Depute Head Teacher while Mr Young is away.

Our new Barnardo's worker starts next week, her name is Maggie. She will be at the **Blether** when it re-starts at the new day/time - **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15pm** to meet parents and families.

Assemblies - Every Friday we meet together for assembly and are now reflecting on our updated '**Anti-Bullying**' strategy at Blairdardie, we will be sending this home soon. Primary 6 are leading our assembly on Friday and we look forward to seeing parents/carers at 11am.

This week we will celebrate Burns Day in class and children are invited to wear blue/white or tartan on Thursday if they wish.

Could we ask you to bring in any school uniform or winter jackets that children have grown out of, these will be washed and added to our pre-loved uniform rail.

Can I remind everyone to park responsibly when dropping off/collecting children. This is a particular concern on Blairdardie Drive, please take care.

Wishing you all a wonderful Term 3, let's hope the weather improves soon and we can enjoy being outside more!

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**At Blairdardie Primary School we value:**

**Honesty   Hard Work   Respect   Helping Others   Positive Healthy Attitude.**

## Important Dates

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### January

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Robert Burns - wear blue/white or tartan.
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January - P6 Assembly, parents/carers invited. 11am.

### February

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - The Blether restarts!
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - P7 Blairvadach Trip
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - **P3 Assembly, parents/carers invited. Please note new date.**
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Holiday
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - In-service day
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - P2 Assembly, parents/carers invited. 11am.
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Parents' Evening

### March

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Photographer to take photos - individual and P1 & P7
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Primary 7 Paris Trip
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Family Bingo Night
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - P5 Assembly, parents/carers invited. 11am.
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - School closes at 2.30pm, for Spring Holiday

### April

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - School reopens

### May

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (In-service day to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but might change)
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - May Holiday
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> & Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Holiday Weekend
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Sports Day

### June

- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Whole school trip! More details to follow!
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly 1.45pm
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June - School closes at 1pm

## Glasgow Wood Recycling

A group of children were invited to attend a workshop at Glasgow Wood Recycling. Together they made bird boxes, window boxes and garden planters. These will be delivered to our school garden later this week. We can't wait to see what children will plant in our new planters!



## Fruit Trees

We are expecting a delivery of free fruit trees very soon. Children will have the opportunity to plant these in the school grounds. There will also be some for children to take home and plant in their own garden, if space allows.



## Celtic Connections

Next week Primary 4 children are going to a Celtic Connections concert in Glasgow. They are travelling by public bus and using free bus passes where possible. I am sure they will absolutely love listening to live Scottish music and it will be a memorable experience!

## Playground Improvements

We been working with Audrey from our After-School Care to apply for grants and have been awarded £40,000 to improve our school playground.

Mrs Pears has consulted with a group of children to choose new equipment. This will be installed in March:

- A wooden play house
- A wooden boat
- Sand/water trays
- Additional spinner wheels
- A second seesaw
- Wooden story seating area



Children are going to be delighted!