

Broomhill Primary School

October 2020 Newsletter



We hope all our families and staff had a relaxing, well-deserved mid-term break. We look forward to having everyone back in school for the start of Term 2.

School Improvement

Our Standards and Quality Report 2019-20 and Family Friendly School Improvement Plan 2020-21 will be emailed to parents/carers next week and available on our school website. This session we are using in-service days and staff meetings to focus on the following improvement priorities:

- School recovery, resilience and reconnection
- Digital literacy and remote teaching and learning
- Equalities, diversity and anti-racism policy and curriculum
- The LGBT+ Schools Charter

The pupil committees will be involved in all school improvement work and also lead ongoing developments, including Eco-School initiatives and our school libraries. Parents, carers and partners will be invited to play a role in our improvement journey and be kept updated on progress.

In-service Day

During the October in-service day our staff engaged in the following professional development:

- Reviewing our school's anti-racism framework and exploring diversity in books
- Using Keynote presentations with audio to create home learning tasks / Adding videos and screenshots on Seesaw / Achieving Apple badges.

'Brave the Shave' Macmillan Fundraiser

Well done to Ms Addy, one of our Support for Learning Workers, who raised an incredible £2000 by having her head shaved in school in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you so much to everyone who helped raise such a fantastic amount to support people affected by cancer.

Fantastic Fundraising Fridays

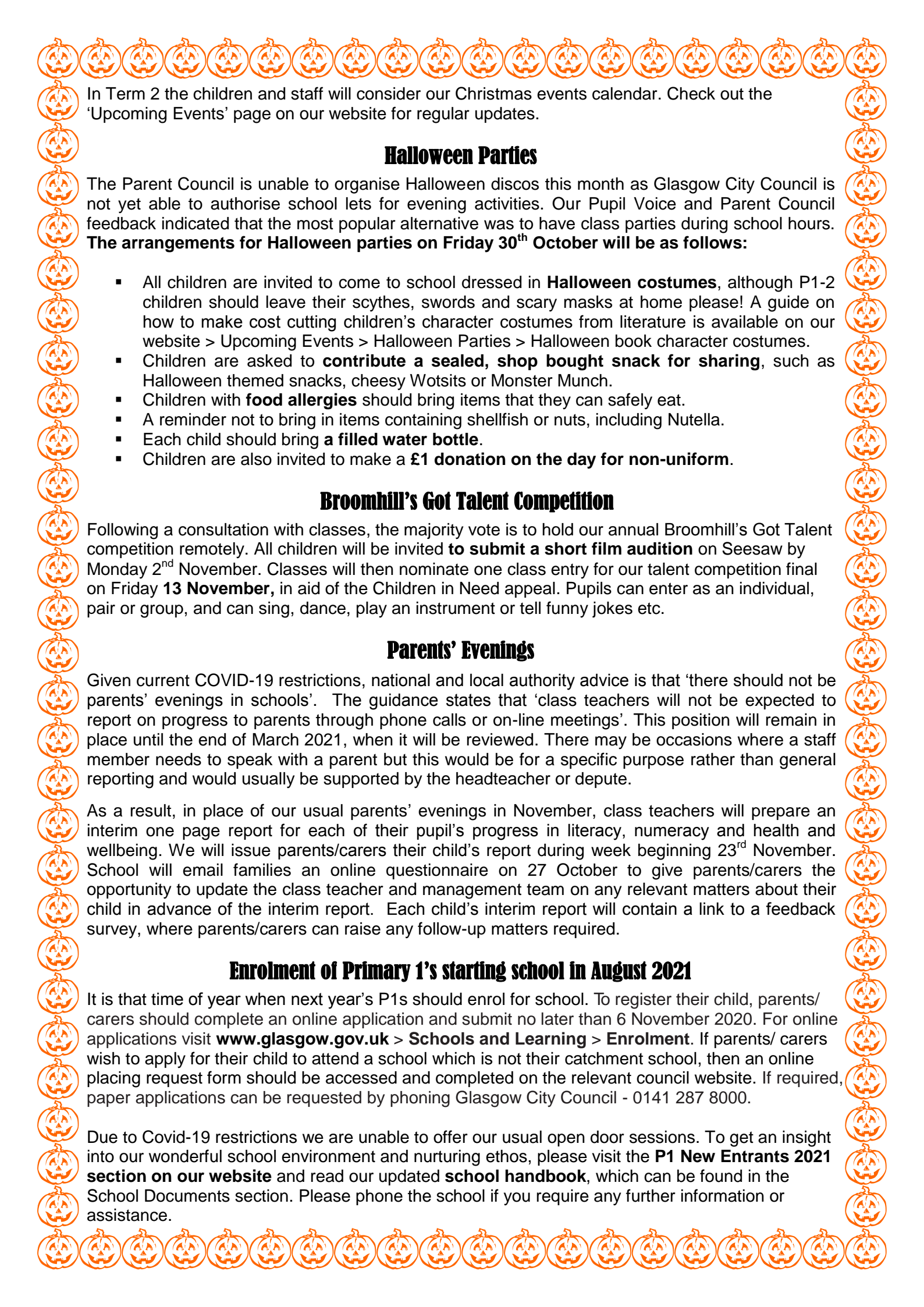
All classes will organise a fundraiser this year to help generate revenue to enhance the resources and experiences that we offer our pupils. Well done to P2, who organised a fun-filled Welly Walk to Victoria Park and raised over £1600 for play, science and library resources for their stage. Each class will also donate 10% of their money raised to donate to a charity of their choice.

The Preshal Trust Foodbank

Families, partners and staff in our school community are invited to donate non-perishable food items (tinned or dried foods, tea, coffee, sugar etc) for people facing financial difficulties in and around the local area. Please bring donations to school by Friday 6th November. The items will be quarantined for 72 hours before uplift. Thank you for your generosity!

Pupil Voice

The House Captains are in the process of consulting with classes to gather views on how we can safely run some of our most popular school events amid COVID-19 restrictions. So far the children have offered many creative and fun ideas for Halloween and the Broomhill's Got Talent competition.

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In Term 2 the children and staff will consider our Christmas events calendar. Check out the 'Upcoming Events' page on our website for regular updates.

Halloween Parties

The Parent Council is unable to organise Halloween discos this month as Glasgow City Council is not yet able to authorise school lets for evening activities. Our Pupil Voice and Parent Council feedback indicated that the most popular alternative was to have class parties during school hours. **The arrangements for Halloween parties on Friday 30th October will be as follows:**

- All children are invited to come to school dressed in **Halloween costumes**, although P1-2 children should leave their scythes, swords and scary masks at home please! A guide on how to make cost cutting children's character costumes from literature is available on our website > Upcoming Events > Halloween Parties > Halloween book character costumes.
- Children are asked to **contribute a sealed, shop bought snack for sharing**, such as Halloween themed snacks, cheesy Wotsits or Monster Munch.
- Children with **food allergies** should bring items that they can safely eat.
- A reminder not to bring in items containing shellfish or nuts, including Nutella.
- Each child should bring a **filled water bottle**.
- Children are also invited to make a **£1 donation on the day for non-uniform**.

Broomhill's Got Talent Competition

Following a consultation with classes, the majority vote is to hold our annual Broomhill's Got Talent competition remotely. All children will be invited to **submit a short film audition** on Seesaw by Monday 2nd November. Classes will then nominate one class entry for our talent competition final on Friday **13 November**, in aid of the Children in Need appeal. Pupils can enter as an individual, pair or group, and can sing, dance, play an instrument or tell funny jokes etc.

Parents' Evenings

Given current COVID-19 restrictions, national and local authority advice is that 'there should not be parents' evenings in schools'. The guidance states that 'class teachers will not be expected to report on progress to parents through phone calls or on-line meetings'. This position will remain in place until the end of March 2021, when it will be reviewed. There may be occasions where a staff member needs to speak with a parent but this would be for a specific purpose rather than general reporting and would usually be supported by the headteacher or depute.

As a result, in place of our usual parents' evenings in November, class teachers will prepare an interim one page report for each of their pupil's progress in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. We will issue parents/carers their child's report during week beginning 23rd November. School will email families an online questionnaire on 27 October to give parents/carers the opportunity to update the class teacher and management team on any relevant matters about their child in advance of the interim report. Each child's interim report will contain a link to a feedback survey, where parents/carers can raise any follow-up matters required.

Enrolment of Primary 1's starting school in August 2021

It is that time of year when next year's P1s should enrol for school. To register their child, parents/carers should complete an online application and submit no later than 6 November 2020. For online applications visit **www.glasgow.gov.uk** > **Schools and Learning** > **Enrolment**. If parents/carers wish to apply for their child to attend a school which is not their catchment school, then an online placing request form should be accessed and completed on the relevant council website. If required, paper applications can be requested by phoning Glasgow City Council - 0141 287 8000.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to offer our usual open door sessions. To get an insight into our wonderful school environment and nurturing ethos, please visit the **P1 New Entrants 2021 section on our website** and read our updated **school handbook**, which can be found in the School Documents section. Please phone the school if you require any further information or assistance.