



Ibrox Primary School and Nursery Class

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Ibrox Primary School and Nursery,

Happy New Year! Happy belated Burns' Day! Happy Chinese New Year! Wishing the Ibrox family all the best for 2023. I hope it is a great year for everyone.

I returned to school, following my maternity leave, on Thursday 5th January. I have had the loveliest welcome back from you all. Thank you. It means a lot. I look forward to catching up with parents/carers that I've not seen yet over the next wee while. There are a few events planned during the term which families will be welcome to come along to. I hope to see lots of you then.

The term is already shaping up to be a busy one packed full of wonderful learning opportunities for the children to enjoy. Read your child's class newsletter to find out more. You will find these on the school APP and Blog as well as on your child's Showbie account.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank Ms Finlayson and Mrs Chalmers for their efforts in leading the school while I was off. I am sure you will all agree they did a wonderful job. Them, along with all the staff, ensured the school and nursery continued to run smoothly which was very much appreciated.



*Fiona Young* Head Teacher

## School Lunches

School lunches are free for all children in P1-5. The cost of a school lunch for children in P6-7 who pay is £1.90.

Payments must be made using ParentPay and we encourage you to select your child's meal with them at home. Lunches need to be selected by 8am on the day.

## NUT FREE SCHOOL

**Can I please remind all families that we are a nut free school. Please DO NOT send your child to school with any foods containing nuts.**

**We really appreciate your support with this matter as it will ensure our children with allergies are kept safe.**

## Parking

We continue to be concerned with the parking outside the school at the start and end of the day. We have had many complaints from both local residents and parents regarding this.

It often blocks access and always causes issues for the children safety.

**PLEASE THINK ABOUT THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN AND PARK CONSIDERATELY AND SAFELY.**

Our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) will be beginning a campaign on road safety around our school in the next few weeks. I hope you will support them with this.

Here are our JRSOs this year...

**Myla Smith**

**&**

**Mussa Yousaf Anjum**

## Rights Respecting Schools (RRS)

I am delighted to share that we have begun our journey to becoming as an accredited RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL. Miss Kennedy and the RRS steering group are leading this however it is a whole school initiative. We are already doing lots of fabulous work around children's rights, equality, diversity and inclusion so it is a chance to pull all this together and celebrate it. For more information about our Rights Respecting School work please see the information letter on the school APP and Blog.



### Dates for your diary

30.1.23-3.2.23—Languages Week Scotland

Thursday 2nd Feb - P6 and P7 to visit the theatre

Wednesday 8th Feb (pm) - Scottish family afternoon (more detail to follow)

P1 & P2/1 will resume their visits to the park on Wednesday 1st February. Please ensure your child is dressed for a “day outdoors” on these days.

Primary 7 will continue their visits to Ailsa Craig Care Home, usually on a Thursday afternoon. Ms Taggart will keep you informed of the dates for these visits. If you would be available to walk with them, please let the office know.

### After school Clubs

Monday 3-4pm P4&5 Basketball / P1-3 Games (Hall)

Tuesday 3-4pm tbc

Thursday 3-4pm P4-7— Netball

### Staff update

Ms Telford has begun her Maternity Leave. We look forward to hearing her good news in early February.

Lindsay Leitch joined us as in January as a Support for Learning Worker. We hope she will enjoy being part of #TeamIbrox.

Finally, I am delighted to share the news that Mrs Hanks is expecting a baby at the end of June.

## Languages Week Scotland

**30.1.23 - 3.2.23**

This is a celebration of language learning and multilingualism in Scotland. The theme this year is -

**“Languages for a peaceful world.”**

We will start our celebrations for this at assembly on Monday with Mrs Chalmers introducing our new

Language Ambassadors.

Follow the hashtag #ScotlandLovesLanguages or the dedicated Twitter account @LangsWeekScot. Class teachers will also be Tweeting about the work they are doing.

# Holidays

## February mid term break

- Monday, 13 February 2023
- Tuesday, 14 February 2023
- Wednesday, 15 February 2023 (In-service day—school closed for children )

## April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 31 March 2023
- Monday, 3 April - Friday, 14 April 2023 (Spring Break)
- Schools return on Monday, 17 April 2023

## May

- Monday, 1 May 2023 (May Holiday)
- **Monday, 8 May 2023 (Coronation Public Holiday)**
- Thursday, 25 May 2023  
In-service day — school closed for children)
- Friday, 26 May 2023 and Monday, 29 May 2023 (May Weekend)

## June

- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Friday 23 June 2023

## Reporting Absence

Please can we ask that if your child is unwell and not able to come to school, you contact the Glasgow City Council Absence Reporting Service. We often have parents telling us that they have tried to phone the school but have been unable to get through. This can result in a text message being sent home. The mornings are, as you can imagine, a very busy time, and if several parents are phoning at the same time, this results in unanswered calls. A call to the absence line immediately updates your child’s register, and stops a text being generated. Thank you for your support with this.

The numbers for this are -  
**0141—287—0039 OR 0141—471—3710**

More information can also be found here— <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18832>

# **School & Nursery Improvement**

As you know, we are committed to continually improving with the aim of providing our children with the highest quality learning experiences. Below is a reminder of our school and nursery improvement priorities for the session. There is also a summary of where we are in our improvement journey so far.

## **School Improvement Plan Overview**

In session 2022/2023 aim to:

- 1: Continue to prioritise learning and teaching to drive improvement, focussing on –Differentiation (Collaborative Enquiry Process), Writing and reviewing and improving our Literacy planning.
- 2: Review our curriculum to ensure it is in line with school rationales and key national frameworks.
- 3: Continue to aim to raise attainment in Literacy and Numeracy.
- 4: Develop leadership at all levels (SLT, teaching staff, support staff, pupils and parents) to improve outcomes for all.

### **Some of the things we've done so far...**

- ⇒ New planning format introduced ✓
- ⇒ Clear focus on the key skills being taught in Literacy & Numeracy ✓
- ⇒ Friday assemblies to include opportunities for "Sharing Learning" ✓
- ⇒ JLT formed for session 22/23 - they now have additional responsibilities ✓
- ⇒ Committees started ✓
- ⇒ Class visits and learning conversations completed, focusing on Writing ✓
- ⇒ All teaching staff participating in a Collaborative Enquiry Project focusing on Differentiation ✓
- ⇒ Registered to start our RRS journey ✓
- ⇒ 2 x teaching staff development sessions on reviewing and improving our CURRICULUM scheduled for 25/1/23 & 8/2/23 to be lead by Jane Arthur (Quality Improvement Officer) ✓
- ⇒ Support staff development sessions scheduled for Feb INSET day ✓

## **Nursery Improvement Plan Overview**

In session 2022/2023 we aim to:

1. Look at "Our Nursery" – reviewing our Vision and Aims, looking at "How Nurturing is our Nursery?" and developing children's voice.
2. Develop the use of Showbie, particularly focussing on using it to support the assessment of children's learning and the tracking of children's progress over time.
3. Continue to focus on high quality learning experiences for our children to ensure they maximise their successes and achievements and fulfil their potential.

### **Some of the things we've done so far...**

- ⇒ Staff collaboratively completed self –evaluation on the nursery "environment" ✓
- ⇒ Charlene is participating in the Nursery Class Leadership training ✓
- ⇒ Introduced a floor book into the playroom to record learning experiences, including children's voice ✓
- ⇒ Fozia (LPA) is looking at supporting the improvement of listening and talking in the nursery ✓

### **Committees 22/23**

Children are provided with a variety of leadership opportunities at Ibrox. Our committees provide the children with the opportunity to work alongside staff to drive change within the school and beyond. The committees we have this year are -

**Allotment/Food Waste / Eco/Outdoors / Recycling / PEPASS / HWB / Fundraising**

**Library / Swap Shop / SNAG (School Nutrition Action Group)/ Celebrating Diversity / Music/Concert**

**Outdoor Play / Values / JLT / Rights Respecting Schools / JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officers)**

We have the first meeting of the year on Wednesday 25th January. I look forward to sharing their work with you. If you think you would like to be involved in working with a committee, please get in touch with me via the school office or the Head Teacher email account.