

January 2020 Newsletter



Respect

Friendship

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Learning

Trust

Happy 10th Anniversary to our excellent school.

Welcome back everyone!

A very Happy New Year to you and your family.

I hope that the year has started well.

There are several pieces of information to share with you.

Firstly, we are off to a busy start here at Pirie Park. This week we celebrate our 10 year anniversary. Pirie Park opened its doors to 450 young people in January 2010, can you believe it is 10 years already? We hope to make many more fond memories this year to celebrate its success.

We also marked the occasion with a tasty cake for both pupils and staff!!!



Staffing News



We are delighted to announce that Ms Gilli Monaghan is our new Depute Head Teacher, taking over from Ms Eileen, who retired in December. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her new post and many thanks to Eileen for all her hard work. We wish her well in the new chapter of her life.

School Fund Raiser - Christmas Fayre



Every year we have a Christmas Fayre to try to raise money for our school funds. School funds are used to pay for a range of activities including educational class trips, paying for visiting performers, authors, entertainers, parties and other events. With over 430 children, you will appreciate that our school funds need to be topped up regularly, if we are to continue to provide the quality and range of experiences we are committed to providing for our children. This year we raised over £2500, so a big well done and thank you to everyone who supported our event!

We look forward to your continued support in fund raising.

COMMUNICATION



Please join & follow us on TWITTER @Piriepark2014 for instant updates & information about what is happening in every class this week to mark and celebrate our 10th anniversary. The staff and children have spent time planning activities for this week. Important date for your diary: our annual whole School Concert will be taking place after the Spring Break this session on Thursday 3rd May and the children will entertain you. The theme will be about celebrating our 10th anniversary. There will be afternoon (1.30-2.30) & evening (6.30-7.30) performances; tickets will be on sale nearer the time with more information to follow.

School Security and Safety



When visiting the school we ask you to always report to the school office in the first instance regarding any matter. In addition, please remain outside the school playground as previously agreed. This is common practice in most schools in order to keep children safe and help school staff identify any adults who should not be within the school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE KIT

Please ensure that children wear their school uniform & have an appropriate jacket/coat/footwear, as children are often learning outdoors. In addition, all children need their PE kit available in school. This should include indoor soft shoes, shorts and a t-shirt. Teachers will ask children to take PE kits home from time to time to be washed/checked that shoes fit. The lost property in school continues to be an on going problem - we simply do not have the room to store it and it is therefore cleared out each term. Any un-named or un-claimed items of clothing are sent to Rag-Bag. PLEASE, PLEASE name all your child's belongings .

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



School Photographs will be taken on Wednesday 28th February and NO OBLIGATION PROOFS will be sent home for you to view and choose whether you wish to purchase them or not. SMILE!!!



Breaking News!



Many, many congratulations to Mr Donnelly and the team in receiving the GOLD SPORTS AWARD. It is a great achievement! Well done for promoting physical health and well-being.

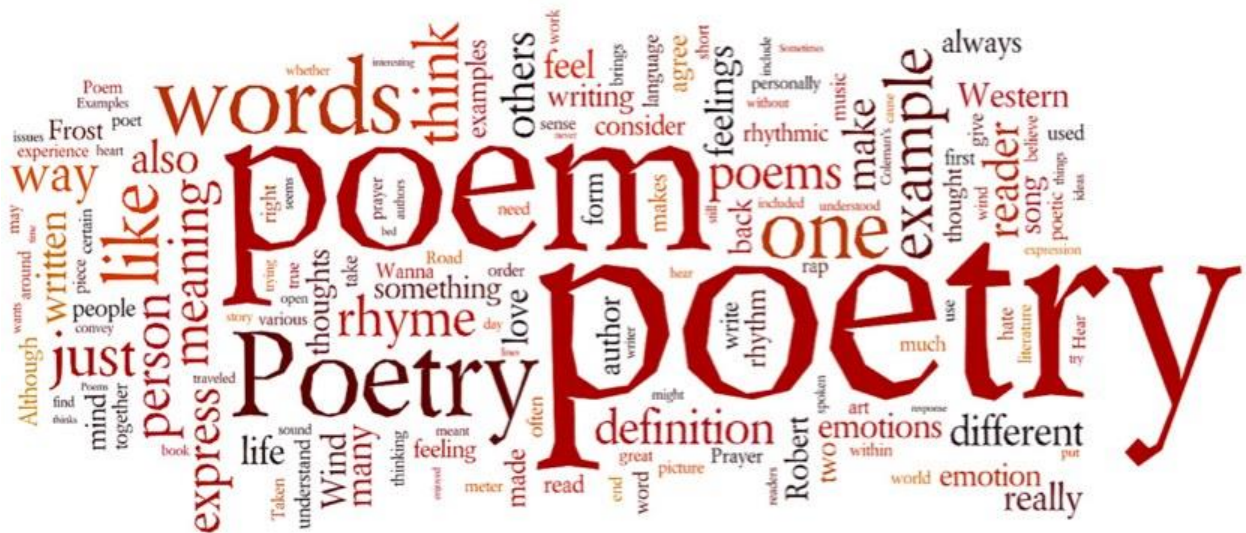


Parent Council Corner

The Parent Council are always looking for input, ideas and extra help - particularly parent volunteers - especially for events including school discos. So please come along to the next meeting and become involved in your child's school, keep informed and make a valuable contribution to Pirie Park. The next meeting is our PARENT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Wednesday 7th March at 3.00pm in the school meeting room. You can contact the parent council: pirieparkprimaryparentcouncil@gmail.com. IMPORTANT dates for your diaries for family and children's events:

Family Movie Night date still to be agreed & Wednesday 13th June - Summer Discos

Lord Provost Poetry Competition



P7 will be writing poetry and I look forward to sharing the winners with you soon. #Literacy #Writing
Good luck!

HEALTH & SAFETY REMINDER-NO Dogs Allowed and NO Smoking Allowed





Concerns have been raised regarding individuals who persist in bringing their dogs within the Campus, thankfully only a few. There has been evidence of dog fouling which has been reported and removed. This is despite previous reminders and news notices being displayed. This also applies to smoking; NO Smoking is permitted within the Campus and this includes e-cigarettes. We ask that you report any issues to the school office, our Janitor and/or Susan Clark, Acting Head Teacher.

Many thanks in advance of your support and cooperation with this issue.

Kung Hei Fat Choi! 2020 CHINESE NEW YEAR



Primary 3 will celebrate Chinese New Year on Monday 5th February (earlier than usual due to the holiday weekend). Primary 3 parents will join in the celebrations and photographs will be posted on Twitter.

HAPPIER 😊 HEALTHIER ♥ SMARTER ⚙️



Health and Wellbeing (HWB); Sexual Health and Relationship Education (SHRE) lessons will be delivered throughout this term to all classes from Primary 1 - 7. If you wish any further information regarding SHRE, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Julie O'Donnell, PT or Ms Monaghan our HWB Coordinator.

On-going Health Promotion in Pirie Park Primary: we aim to be a Health Promoting School and want to thank parents/carers for all of their support, providing children with healthy snacks and drinks.

Please continue to encourage your children to bring in healthy snacks so we can make Term 3 and 4 even healthier than before. Classes continue with @_thedailymile to help support us in our aim to be #healthier #happier #smarter and children continue to benefit from the fresh air and being more active.

Children are not allowed to bring cans or glass bottles into school for Health and Safety reasons. Energy drinks are also not allowed as they are considered extremely harmful to children. We suggest that children bring water in a plastic bottle into school; they can refill this in school when required. Water is FREE, healthy & will safeguard children's teeth from the carbon dioxide (fizzy bubbles) which causes decalcification of tooth enamel & reduces children's high sugar and additives intake. We ask for YOUR support to keep YOUR children healthy.

Head Lice - we have had some reports of head lice. Can we ask that you ensure you check your own children's heads weekly as part of their routine; treating as and only if required? Please let us know if this problem persists and school health will be happy to advise.

Nut Allergies - these can be life threatening. We have a few children in school with such an allergy. Please refrain from sending any nuts or nut products into school in order to minimise any risk to children. Thank you for your support with this.

CELEBRATE, CELEBRATE, CELEBRATE, CELEBRATE!!!! CHRISTMAS

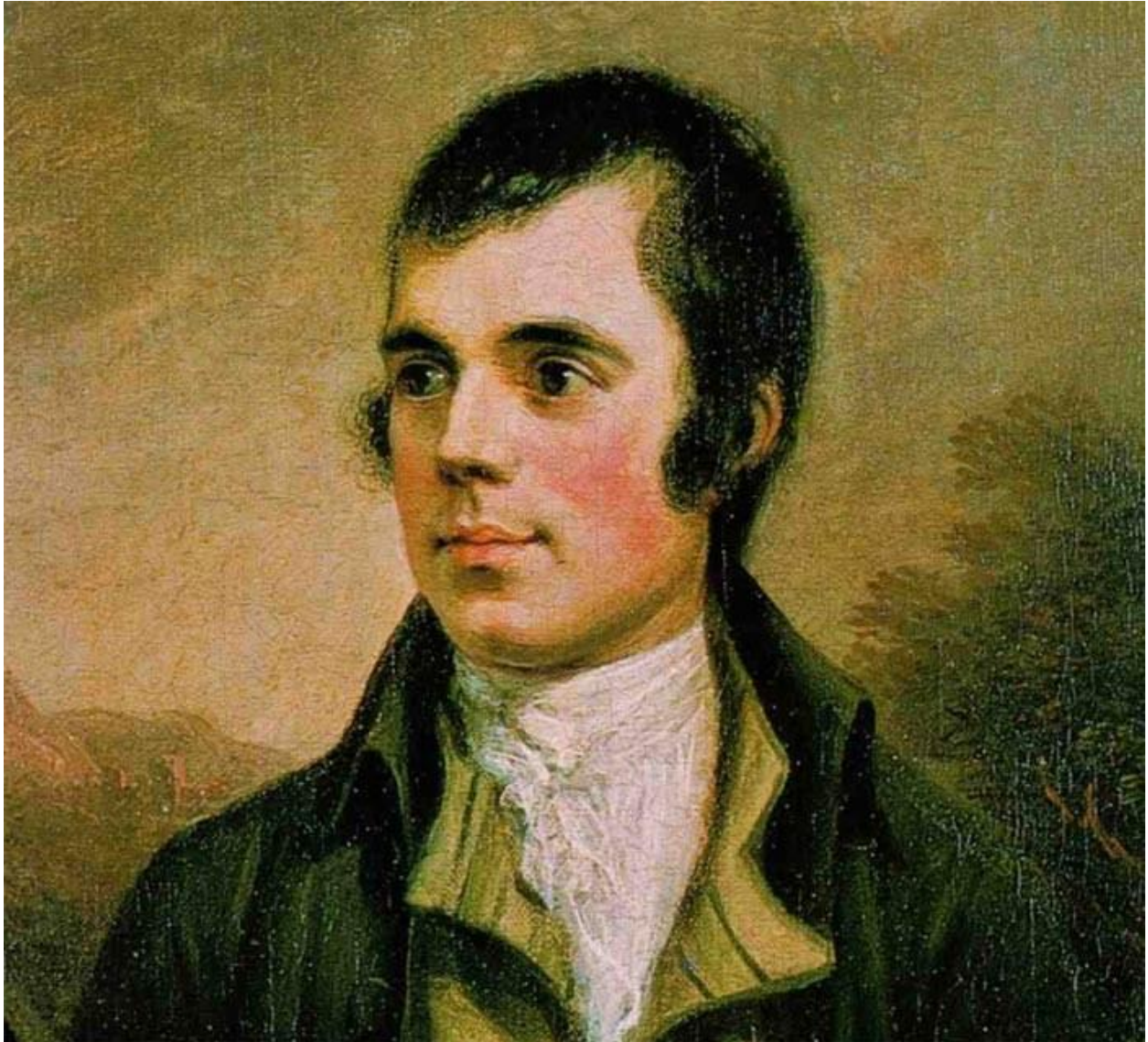


As usual, our youngest children stole the show last term in December with the Nativity. P1 and 2 entertained the following: children from many of our local nurseries, the elderly from Glasgow's Golden Generation and parents/carers. Well done to everyone including all the staff who produced such a superb Nativity. Our Christmas Choir Concert was a huge success too, and thanks to all who came along and participated in the singing! Well done to the children involved and to all our teachers for all their hard work.

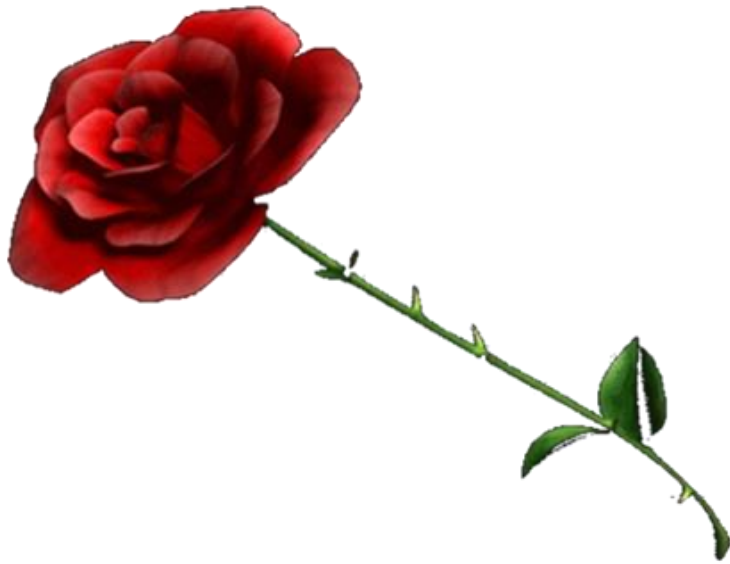


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ROBERT BURNS



Primary 6 will celebrate our famous, national bard, Robert Burns on Friday 24th January with songs and poetry during their Burns assembly. The children will be learning Burns in class. The infant classes, P1-3 will be learning a Scottish poem/song also to support the celebrations. We ask that you please encourage your child and help them practise Burns or Scottish poems at home. Many thanks. The primary 1-7s will be judged by a panel on Wednesday 22nd January and the best will perform their poem at the Primary 6 Burns assembly. Additionally, some of our P4-7 children will take part in the Govan Weavers Burns Competition, which will be officially judged on Monday 26th February.





Upcoming events

CLASSES

ACTIVITY

DATE/TIME

New P1s

Enrolment Week

27th—31 January 2020

P1& 7

Musical Instruction from Louise Thomas, Youth Music Initiative

Fortnightly, throughout this term

Whole School

Learning Scottish Poetry or Robert Burns Poems

Judges decided best recital of poetry—Wednesday 22 January 2020

P6

Burns Celebration Assembly, parents/carers welcome

Friday 24 January 2020

Whole School

Wear something Tartan Day to celebrate Robert Burns Birthday

Friday 24 January 2020

P7

Hanna's Suitcase

Glasgow Film Theatre Tuesday 28 January 2020

P7

Mock Court—High Court -Glasgow

P7a—Tuesday 28/01/20

P7 b—Thursday 30/01/20

P4a

Assembly, parents/carers welcome

Friday 31 January 2020

P3

Chinese New Year Celebration Assembly, parents/carers welcome

Thursday 6 February 9.30am

In-service

IN-SERVICE DAY-SCHOOL CLOSED to children

Friday 7 February 2020

Holiday

FEBRUARY MID-TERM HOLIDAY-SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday and Tuesday 10-11 February

In-service

In-service Day

Wednesday 12 February 2020

Childsmile in all day

Monday 17 February 2020

Families

Parent Council-Family Movie Night

Tuesday 18 February 2020, 6.00pm

P6b

Assembly, parents/carers welcome

Friday 21 February 2020

Whole School

Fairtrade Week

Monday 24 February 2020

Some P7's

Athletics Super 7's

Friday 28 February—Mr Donnelly

P4-7

Govan Weavers Burns Competition

Judging last week in January date tbc

P1c

Assembly, parents/carers welcome

Friday 28 February 2020 at 9.30 am

Whole School

School Photographs; individuals, family groups and P1 and P7 class group photographs. No obligation proof photographs will be sent home for parents to view.

Tuesday 3 March 2020

P7a

Assembly, parents/carers welcome

Friday 6 March 2020

Whole School

Parent Council AGM

Tuesday 10 March at 3.15 pm

P2a

Assembly, parents/carers welcome

Friday 13 March 9.30 am

P7b

Assembly, parents/carers welcome

Friday 20 March 9.30 am

P7

SWIMMING at Govan High School

Tuesdays, starting in early April,

9 weeks

P1 and P7

Dental Inspections

Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Whole School

Whole School Concert

Thursday 23rd March 2017 1.30-2.30pm&6.30-7.30pm

Whole School

Easter Assembly – Church @ Govan Cross

Friday 3 April 9.45 am

Whole School

SPRING HOLIDAY

STOP SCHOOL Friday 3rd April EARLIER TIME 2.30pm

RETURN Monday 20 April at 9.00am

Contact

Thank you for your continued support & if I can offer any help regarding school matters,

I think that is all and if I can offer any help/support regarding school matters, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Kindest regards

Susan Clark

Acting Head Teacher

We look forward to a productive term 3! Best Wishes

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