



Chapelgreen Primary School & Nursery Class



NEWSLETTER

2016

14 March 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our March Newsletter. I hope you find the following information helpful. If you require further explanation or information please do not hesitate to contact the school office or myself.

Kind Regards

Siobhan McLeod HT
& Chapelgreen Team

Care Inspectorate Visit

The nursery was recently inspected and the report will be published at some point next month. It was a very positive experience and the inspector Kara was very impressed with our children and how welcome they made her feel. I would like to say a big thank you to parents/carers who returned the questionnaires and those who were able to take part in the focus group with Kara. Your support is appreciated.



Teacher/Parent Consultations

Thank you very much for the great turnout for our Teacher/Parent Consultations on Tuesday, 8 March. During this evening you will have received a letter explaining the content of lessons that we will be teaching in the final term relating to Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood. If you didn't receive one please contact the school. Thank you.

Nursery/Primary Transition Event

At present we have 8 new Primary 1 pupils starting Chapelgreen Primary in August. They were invited along to the school on Friday 11 March to meet their buddy or buddies from Primary 6 who gave them and their family a tour of the school. Children and their families then met our current Primary 1 pupils who told them what they liked about school and they then helped the new children complete some maths activities. It was a lovely afternoon. There are further dates planned which I will confirm with you later.

Learning & Teaching

The Nursery children have been learning about Chinese New Year. They have also enjoyed a lot of time outdoors using the traffic lights to control children on their bikes. They have had the opportunity for lots of exercise too using some sports equipment and mini-hurdles.



Primary 1-3 have been learning about Tim Peake in Space through Purposeful Play. They have also continued to learn about inventions and have been testing out how waterproof their hats were that they designed.

Primary 4/5 have continued to work on their inventions coming up with some great ideas. Mr Carter from Scottish Wildlife Trust worked with pupils on measuring the weather. Pupils went outdoors every day for a week to check rainfall, temperature and wind direction.



P6/7 have been developing their knowledge about inventors and inventions. They also worked with Mr Carter to participate in the Schools Big Bird Watch. Thank you very much to Mr & Mrs Carter for their input.

The month ahead.....

Play on Pedals

Nursery children will be learning to cycle on balance bikes and two-wheeler bikes through the Play on Pedals initiative. All nursery staff have been trained and the nursery received a balance bike and two-wheeler. We have added to this by purchasing another balance bike and two-wheeler plus 17 helmets that are easier to adjust. We also have more bikes on loan to help train our children. A big thank you to the nursery parents who are able to help us manage this training.



Science Week 14-18 March

Throughout this week all classes will be carrying out science experiments using through a Practical Investigative and Inquiry Approach.

Cross-Country Finals



A number of our P5-7 pupils took part in a Cross-Country Competition at Ravenswood last month. One of our pupils qualified for the finals. We would like to congratulate Declan Haggerty (P5) for being in the top 20!! He will take part in the finals on Tuesday 15.3.16. Good luck Declan!

Hopscotch Performance - Rights and Responsibilities

Pupils have been exploring their rights and looking at the responsibilities that come with them. These are important concepts for pupils to understand so we have paid for Hopscotch Theatre to perform for both schools at Chapelgreen Primary on Wednesday 16.3.16. Pupils will also learn about their right to be Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Responsible, Respected and Included.

Travel-Tracker

Eden Morrison from the Living Streets, a charity who aim to get our nation walking and ensuring pedestrians are safe, roads are less congested and so there is less pollution, will be visiting the school on Friday 18.3.16. He will share some information about his role and introduce a travel-tracker. This is a self-registration activity that is logged by the pupil to record how they travelled to school.



Easter Fun Day/Boat Race Tuesday 22 March



The Parent Council has been working hard to find ways to raise money for our school. As part of the Easter Fun Day on 22.3.16 pupils have been asked to design and make their own boat using a 500ml plastic bottle. The Parent Council is asking for a donation of £2.00 per pupil which will include 'a dress as you please' on the day, entry into the boat race, and a chocolate egg.

Nursery Children

The Parent Council will organise a 'hook a duck' game for our nursery children at 9.15am and they will receive a chocolate treat from the Parent Council.



School Children

The Parent Council will take out groups of children to race their boats. The winners of each of the groups will be in the final race. The overall winner from the final race will receive a handsome-sized egg.

All monies raised will go to Chapelgreen Parent Council. Please support this event and join in the fun!

The Parent Council would also like to hold a raffle for fundraising and are looking for any donations. They would like to have a hamper as the top prize. If you are able to donate anything, please give this to a member of the parent council or hand into the school for the Parent Council Easter Raffle. Thank you. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Service.



Nursery/Primary Easter Service Thursday 24 March 9.30am

You are very welcome to join us for our Easter Service in the school hall on 24.3.16. This will start at 9.30am when nursery and primary pupils will perform an Easter song/poem, and share their learning about the meaning of Easter for Christians. We would like to extend a warm invitation to our local senior citizens to attend a daffodil tea from 9.00-9.30am and then remain for the service/performance afterwards. Please share this information in the community.

Easter Holiday Friday 25th, Monday 28th March



The school will close on Thursday 24.3.16 at 3.00pm and re-open on Tuesday 29.3.16 at 9.00am. Everyone at Chapelgreen Primary and Nursery Class wishes you a very happy and joyous Easter.



Warburtons School Visit Tuesday 29 March (AM)

Warburtons will be visiting the school on Tuesday 29.3.16 to provide a 'Healthy Sandwich' workshop. There will be a general talk to pupils about healthy ingredients and then each pupil will make their own sandwich. Warburtons have asked for permission to take photographs. If you have any objections please contact the school. There is also an allergies letter from Warburtons which will be issued with this newsletter. Please complete and return this no later than Friday 18.3.16. Thank you.

Science Inventors Classroom Visit Wednesday 31 March

You will receive an invitation to attend this special event when pupils will share their learning with you about their topic Scottish Inventors and show you their own inventions and science investigations. Tea and coffee will be served from 9am in the school hall and then you can visit the classrooms from 9.30am-10.20am. If you have a child in more than one class you would split your time between them.

Looking ahead.....

Civic Week Swimming Gala

Well done to our pupils who took part in the swimming trials earlier in the term. We will have a joint team with Banton. Niahm McCann and Hayley Conroy have placed 1st and 2nd in the Girls Relay Team. Dermot Conroy and Finlay McB have placed 1st and 4th in the Boys Relay Team with James Colangelo in reserve. Congratulations! We wish them all the best of luck for the Gala which takes place in June.

Ingredient check letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Warburtons School Visitors will be working with our pupils when they run a healthy eating and practical food session. This session meets an aspect of our curriculum.

During the School Visitor session, the pupils will be working with food and will also undertake tasting activities. It is very important that we are aware beforehand if your child has any allergies.

I would be grateful if you could please complete the form below and return it to school by Friday 18.3.16.

Kind Regards
Banton Primary

Warburtons School Visit – Ingredient check letter

My child: _____ **Date:** _____

Please tick:

- Does not have food allergies/ intolerances or religious/cultural reasons for not eating certain foods.

Or

- Does have food allergies/ intolerances or religious/cultural reasons for not eating certain foods.

	Complete this column ONLY in the case of severe allergy.
My child should not handle or eat these foods:	My child has a severe allergy and the following food(s) must not be brought into my child's classroom or used by others in the classroom:

- I agree to my child wearing a plaster or plastic gloves to enable them to join in the food session if they have a cut or skin condition on their hands on the day of the food session.

Parent/carer name

Printed: _____

Signed: _____