

Bridge of Weir Primary School

Newsletter 5 June 2017

Parent Council

Thank You to all members of the Parent Council for their hard work fundraising this past year.

Classes for 2017-18

In session 2017-2018 there will again be 16 classes. Pupils will meet their new teacher on moving up day on 23 June at 2pm. Class lists for P2, P3, P4, P5 and P6 will be issued on 23 June.

Ardentinny

On Monday 24th April 2017 (the day I'd been waiting for!) we went to Ardentinny Outdoor Centre for the week we (P7a & P7b) went because P7 go every year for their annual residential trip.

We went there on a bus and I sat next to Christina with Freya and Kaylynn in front to us. The bus got on the ferry at Gourrock and got off Hunters Quay, it then took us another half hour to get to Ardentinny. When we got there we were sorted into our dorms and activity groups, I shared a dorm with Freya, Kaylynn and Emma. I was in Team 4 with Elisabeth (our instructor's name was Rhys)

When we got there we had lunch and met our instructors. Rhys took us on an explore around Ardentinny. We were taken to Shepherd's Point (the beach) and looked in rock ponds and saw crabs and starfish. Our team then had to make our way back to the centre and it was then dinner. After dinner we would be given time to write our diaries. For our night activity we went on a night walk through the woods, which was quite funny as we squelched through mud or running into trees. It was then supper, that night we had shortbread (yum!) After supper we went to bed and I slept like a log that night.

When I woke up, I realised that my bed was really uncomfy! Freya had a yoga mat! Well at least we thought it was a yoga mat. We then went for breakfast and had dorm inspections (we got 15 out of 20) our morning activity was Team Challenge my favourite part was the rope swing. We then walked back to the centre for lunch. Then, in the afternoon we went Gorgewalking, we had hot chocolate (which was roasty toasty!) and at the plunge pool I went in 6 times! It was then dinner and for our evening activity we did a seashore safari. For supper we had cupcakes, then it was time for bed.

The next morning we got 17 for dorm inspections and went canoeing with Mr Rowley. Paige was stranded on the beach and had to wait for her team to come back for her! At the end I jumped in and was soaked! After lunch we went on a Forest Walk and played predator and was a lot more fun than I expected! That night we did indoor activities which was not the best activities ever, but I slept really well that night.

On Thursday we went kayaking and I loved it! We split our time with dragon "boating" and I felt like I was going to fall out! Our afternoon activity was abseiling and Mrs Bell came with us! Abseiling was so much fun! After dinner we had our Disco, we stayed up quite late and as soon as my head hit the pillow I fell asleep.

Friday morning and everyone was running around frantically if its not someone looking for a lost t-shirt, theyre looking for a Hoover. Eventually when we got on the bus everyone was excited to go home because I was fed up with everyone and we wanted to see our family. Although I was sad to leave as I loved it! When I got home I went to bed as I was soooooo tired!

Ardentinny was one of the best weeks of my life, I loved it so so much and hope to go in the future.

Gemma Stickler
P7a

Foodbank Collection

A big thank you to everyone contributed to the foodbank collection.

Walk to School and Park and Stride

Many thanks to everyone who took part in Walk to School Week. The weather was kind to us and it was great to see so many people make their way to school on foot. Wear a Onesie and Walk to School Wednesday was a great success and we counted 97 people who did Park and Stride on that day which is fantastic. However our target for the year is 100 so we are asking everyone who normally travels by car to make an extra special effort on **Wednesday 14th June** and park a little bit (approximately 10 minutes walk) away from the school and walk the rest. Let's see if we can hit that target!

Cross Country 27/4/17

Well Done to all the children who took part in the above race at The McMaster Centre, Johnstone, we are delighted that both girls and boys came first in their groups! The teams were:

P6 Girls: Grace Gibson, Caitlin MacKenzie, Fiona Ritchie, Francesca Telfer, Beth Koszowski, Sarah Lyle, Melissa Marshall, Grace McColgan, Isla McCutcheon

P6 Boys: Aaron Erroch, Max Hollinsworth, Caleb Murray, Harry Provan, Josh Buchanan, Jac Cooper, Cameron MacKenzie, Kinnon McGregor, Ramsay McLeod, Stanley Tod

P4 Charity Sports' Event/P3 Bookmark Sale

P4's held a Sports' Event and an amazing £223.28 and P3's had a bookmark sale and raised £81.79 was raised for the British Heart Foundation. Big well done to them.

Imaginarium

The imaginarium is a developing area of the playground where quieter games and activities are on offer to our pupils. The area is creative and interactive.

To improve our Imaginarium we are looking for:

- any old pots of paint
- pop up tents
- construction toys such lego for creative play

Football News

This season has been a mixed one for the school football team, recording wins, draws and defeats in a closely fought competitive league. Unfortunately we have played less games than usual due to difficulties in getting opposition to play against. We finish the season in customary fashion with the "Lilias Day Cup" against Kilbarchan Primary on Saturday 3rd of June followed by Bridge of Weir Gala Day on Saturday 10th of June. We are hoping for a strong finish to the season. Mr Barrett would like to thank all players in the squad for their effort and good behaviour throughout the season. Many thanks also to parents who has supported the team this year by helping with transport to away games and tournaments.

Walk to School Week

Well done to everyone who participated in Walk to School Week. It was wonderful to see so many people walking, cycling or scootering.

Sports Day

There will be a 'house parade' from the assembly hall at 1.15 pm on Friday followed by the 1st race @ **1.30 pm**. Should the weather be inclement on **Friday 9 June** our sports will be carried forward to **Monday 12 June**. Please check the website for information on Friday 12 June **after 12 noon and avoid phoning the school wherever possible.**

Tshirts in house colours are available for £2.50. We encourage pupils to wear these tshirts to gym. Badges also available costing 20p.

Burns - Red

Thomson - Yellow

Watt - Orange

Martin - Purple

Parent Council School Shop

The shop will be open on Friday 11th August and Monday 14th August **10 am - 12 noon**. Please note that uniform can be bought at other times via order forms, which are available from the school office.

Shoe Sale Wednesday 21 June

Thank you all for your shoe donations. We will be holding a shoe sale on Wednesday 21 June at lunch time. £1 pair. All proceeds going to Sal's shoes.

School Library Amnesty

End of term is fast approaching and **all** library books should be returned as soon as possible. It is important that all P7s return their books before leaving school. We will accept books—even those really overdue— **just bring your books back!!!**

PE Kits

Please ensure if your child borrows shorts or gym shoes from the sanctuary - clearly marked in green marker with an S - that they are returned promptly, as our current stocks are very low.

Classrooms for Malawi

Miss Pieczara is going to volunteer in Malawi being part of the Renfrewshire Council 'Classrooms for Malawi project'. I have decided to hold a 'Come as you Please Day for Malawi' to support her in raising funds for the cost of the trip. If you wish to support this bring £1 and wear something black, red or green (the colours of Malawi's flag)

A Big Thank You to all the parents and staff who continually support the school, particularly Mr Barrett for football, Miss McLintock/Active Schools for badminton, Mr Lowit & Mr MacDonald for baseball, Mr Milligan for running, Mrs Grant for the choir, Mrs Devine for art, Mrs Murnane for Lego, Mr Grant & Mrs Singer for Treasure Seekers, Miss Davies & Mrs Patterson for cycling and Mr Gray, Mr Grant & Mr Adam from the local churches. A special thanks to Mrs Matthews for keeping our garden areas looking so beautiful and for taking the gardening club with help from Miss Sweeney and Mrs Bell.

Huge thanks to the parents who have given of their time to help in our library, with classroom activities, outings, developing the imaginarium area and many who have given talks or visits which enriched the learning of our pupils. Without their help, extra opportunities for the pupils at Bridge of Weir Primary would not have been possible.

To all who have supported the Parent Council events throughout the year, either by helping or attending, a very big '**Thank You**' from all our staff and pupils.

No lunches will be available on **Wednesday 28 June**. Only children entitled to Free School Meals will receive a sandwich, fruit & a drink. **Remember school closes at 1.00 pm**

Come dressed for summer

On **Wednesday 28 June** the children may wear shorts + T-shirts or summer dresses etc. I have organised an ice cream van to come and every child will get an ice cream cone paid for from school funds.

The Staff wish everyone a happy holiday and look forward to a safe return for all on **Tuesday 15 August** at 9am.

I of course will not return in August but I thank you all for your kind wishes and comments and I leave you all with much love and all my good wishes for a happy and successful future for everyone at Bridge of Weir Primary School.

Carol Vallance, Head Teacher

Our next newsletter will be on the website **Monday 5 September 2016**

Dates for your Diary

8	June	ELECTION - SCHOOL CLOSED
9	June	1.15pm Sports Day
12	June	P7 Gryffe
16	June	Come as you please Day for Malawi (wear something black, red or green)
20	June	P1 trip to Finlaystone
21	June	1.00 P7 Valedictory
23	June	2.00 Moving up day
26	June	10.00 Closing Service @ St Machars
27	June	7.00 P7 Dance
28	June	1.00 School Closes
15	August	SCHOOL REOPENS