

Bridge of Weir Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers

Please make yourself comfortable, pour yourself a favourite drink and settle down to read all that's happening at the school.

It was a pleasure to meet with you at the recent Parents' Meetings. Thank you for all the lovely comments we received about the work of the school. Thanks, too, for your thoughts and comments on our new school website, use of social media and for your suggestions on curriculum topics you would like to know more about. It is very important to us that we engage with you on the learning taking place at school. In order to make this clear, we will be using our family engagement logo, **Our Wonderful Learning Together**, to highlight the opportunities across the year.



We have been successful in our bid to work in partnership with Glasgow Science Centre. This exciting school programme will include a visit to the Science Centre for all our pupils, workshops for every class back at school, training for our staff and a special event for parents to find out what the children have been learning. Our whole-school visit to the Science Centre is fully funded. Entry is free and funds raised by you and our Parent Council will cover the cost of transport.



The opportunity for you to find out what the children have been learning is on 19th February, 2020, 3-5pm. We ask that you and your child join us for our first, 'After the Bell,' event. In addition to the input on science, our school staff will also be providing information on other learning in the school, including 'Play Pedagogy' in Primary

Upcoming Events

November 5

School Photographs

November 7

Learning Journey Bags home

November 15

Children in Need and Bring a Bottle donation

November 11 – 15

Anti-bullying Week

November 18 - 22

Book Week Scotland

November 21

Christmas Fayre 6pm-8pm

November 28

Whole School Science Centre

December 2

School Closed

December 4

Mother Goose Nursery – P3

December 6

Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

December 16 and 17

Christmas Concerts

December 18 and 19

Christmas Parties – more information below

December 20

Christmas Service – school closes

1, art, technology, music, reading approaches, inclusion, LGBT charter, emotional support programmes, maths, French and Spanish. More details will follow but please save the date.

You will note from the upcoming events that we have a number of dates for donations to support our school events and charities. We appreciate all that you are able to give and ask that you **give what you can, IF you can**. All children come as they please on the dates regardless of donations. This session instead of bringing in money we have added a request to Parent Pay. This is a one-off donation of £5 to cover the five non-uniform days. Your £5 will be used for, Children in Need, Save the Children and for the school pantomimes.

For our Christmas Fayre, our House Captains will continue to lead an 'Enterprise' challenge for their houses. The winning house will receive 500 tokens! Many thanks to the parents of House Captains who have helped them to develop their ideas, products and activities. Flyers will be out soon to advertise their activities and goodies for sale. Our classes and nursery will also take part in an enterprise event and will have goods for sale. The winning three classes (most profit) will earn our Enterprise Owl Awards. We are very grateful to Mrs McLernon (P2 and nursery parent) who is putting her science experience to great use and is working with Mrs McMahan on science products to make and sell and to Miss Pieczara who will be cooking and baking with P2, P4 and P6.

Susan Bell, Head Teacher



Uniform/Weather/Be Bright Be Seen/Lost Property

You may have read in the news reports of the importance of outdoor play and outdoor learning. We believe that this is integral to a child's health and learning. Please do send your child in to school (on cold days) wearing layers and (on wet days) waterproofs. We love wellies at school in the winter! To keep our classes as clean as possible, we are asking the children to change their shoes. This can be their PE shoes. Can you help by making sure they have a different pair of shoes for inside the school at all times?

Our Community Police Officers reminded the children of the importance of wearing something bright. Please do encourage the wearing of bright outer clothes or a light coloured hat or scarf. If you remember to put your child's name on their belongings we can easily return lost property. You may well have bought a new jacket recently so please name it as yours.



Primary 1, 2 and 3

Read, Write, Count Bag Party!

On Tuesday, 19th November at 2pm all P2 and P3 parents are invited to this special event when every child will receive books and games supplied by the Scottish Book Trust.

There will be an additional session at 8.30am on Wednesday, 20th November for any parents who can't manage at this time.

Primary 1 parents should also look out for an invitation to a book party on Friday, 22nd November at 2pm.

All events are in the school.

Please see the attached information on the school's plans for this special week.

Sign in and Sign Out - appointments

We ask that parents collect and return their child to the school office and sign in and out for appointments. The sign in and out book is held at the school office.

Poppy Scotland

Poppies are now available in school for a donation.

Financial Education - MoneySense

The Royal Bank of Scotland will be visiting the school in November. They will be working in class with the teachers to deliver education on a number of topics involving many aspects of financial education. MoneySense is the Royal Bank's free and impartial financial education programme for 5-18 year-olds in the UK. You can find out more at <https://enterprisingschools.scot/portfolio-item/moneysense-rbs/>

Reminder to P7 Parents

Please do be aware that if you are not resident in Bridge of Weir or Houston Primary catchment area then transfer to Gryffe High School is not automatic and you will have to make a formal placing request. We have been asked to remind you of the following:

In the P7 transfer letter parents were asked to e-mail us if they wanted their child to be considered for their other catchment school for their area. We asked for this request in writing by 1st November, 2019. The e-mail address to send this to is admissionsandtransfers@renfrewshire.gov.uk. If parents want to submit a placing request to a school not in their catchment area they have until 15th March, 2020 to submit a placing-request application.

Christmas Concerts

Our Christmas concerts were due to take place on the 12th and 13th of December. As the 12th December is now a General Election we have changed our concert dates to the 16th and 17th December.

WOW

Our Health and Wellbeing group presented at assembly on walking to school. This is called WOW. The group presented the benefits that there are for health and the environment.

- Children are more awake, alert and ready to learn
- Chance to chat to families and friends
- Less cars outside the school gates so we are safer
- Pollution-free walking



We are challenging all our families to see what differences you could make to support and encourage more walking to school. Could you:

- Walk on more days or at least one day of the week
- Organise walking groups, with parents taking turns if necessary
- Park and stride or drop off further away from the school and walk the rest of the way
- Cycle or scooter to school?

Autumn Disco

Thank you to everyone for a very successful disco. Thank you to last year's Primary 1 parents who helped us to arrange for a better way to introduce our Primary 1 children to what is potentially their first disco. The chill-out café was used by a good number of Primary 1 parents. I didn't have enough mugs and had to resort to grotty teacher mugs. More horrifying than some of the costumes! Your feedback was that this was a big success and we will do this again for the next disco and for Primary 1 parents next session. Thank you especially to the parents who supported the Parent Council and to the Parent Council for organising and running the event. A few snaps of our wonderful fancy dress.



Our Wonderful Learning
Together

Gold Sports Award

We had the presentation of our Gold Sports Award at assembly. We are delighted to be recognised for all the sporting opportunities that are provided at the school by staff, active schools, partners and parents. A huge thank you to Mrs Duncan and the children of the Sports Council for all their hard work in submitting all the photographs and paperwork to prove that we are worthy.



House Winners Term 1 - Congratulations to Cumbrae House who are our term 1 winners. They have chosen to celebrate with, a 'Movie, Milk and Munch,' on Friday, 8th November.