



Welcome to Bushes Primary's **April and May** Newsletter!

Firstly I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to you all for the warm welcome I have received since taking up my post as Acting Head Teacher of Bushes Primary School and Nursery Class. The kind words and wishes, cards and children's drawings have all made me feel very welcome and I have quickly realised that the warm welcome I have received is indicative of the supporting and loving community of which I am privileged to be a part. I look forward to meeting many more members of the Bushes community over the coming months and at the various events planned therein.



Staffing

Following her very successful role as Acting Principal Teacher, Tracey McNally has now returned to her role as class teacher in Primary 1. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Mrs McNally for all of the hard work and effort she displayed and for the positive impact she had on the pupils within our school whilst in her promoted post. I know she is very keen to continue her work with the Pupil Council and the Celebrating Success assemblies and we thank her for her continued commitment with this. We also said goodbye to Miss Muir who had only been with us for a short period of time. She leaves with our best wishes and confidence of success in her future.



Keeping in Touch

The school has recently created its very own Twitter account. We will be tweeting reminders of important events and sharing successes. It is also a great place to ask any general questions you have such as start and finish times of school events however we would ask that any child-specific questions are directed through the school office. You don't need to have a Twitter account to access it, just search for @BushesPrimary in your search engine. If you do have Twitter, why not follow us!

We are also currently working on the school website and adding new features to improve its function. Keep checking our website at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/bushes/> to check out the new changes!



Celebrating Children's Successes!

I have had some lovely visits over the past few weeks from boys and girls who have been very keen to share with me their successes outside of school. I have been visited by children who have received awards for all sorts of clubs; swimming, dancing and Boys Brigade to name but a few. I forgot to take a note of their names for this newsletter but I have been very impressed with them all. I promise to be better at keeping a record of the visitors I have over the coming months so I can share their names with you within the next newsletter!



Pupil Equity Fund

A huge 'Thank You' to all of the parents who completed the parental feedback on ways the school can best invest the money we receive from the Pupil Equity Fund to support all pupils within our school. This feedback, alongside that from pupils and staff, will be collated and utilised to create a plan, and this will be shared with you within the next newsletter in June.



School Photographs

Tempest photographers will be visiting the school on Monday 16th April and Wednesday 18th April. Once the photographs have been taken, proofs will be sent home for you to decide if you wish to purchase any of the photographs. Instructions for ordering and payment information will be included with the proofs. We would ask that all pupils come to school in full school uniform on these days.



Primary 7 Gleniffer High School Parents' Night

A reminder that there will be a Parents' Night held in Gleniffer High School for parents of Primary 7 pupils on Thursday 19th April at 6.30pm.



School Visit

I am delighted to inform you that our Education Manager will be visiting the school during Term 4. He is excited to visit our school and he will be spending some time in the classrooms speaking with the boys and girls to find out more about all of the wonderful learning that takes place within our school.



P6 Residential Trip

Our Primary 6 pupils are getting very excited for their residential trip to Lockerbie Manor from Monday 23rd April to Friday 27th April. I am looking forward to hearing all about the trip on their return! I would like to state that the trip would not be possible without staff giving up their time and leaving their families for a week, and I am very grateful to Mrs Paterson, Mr Bannerman, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Mcfee who have volunteered to accompany the children on this residential trip.



Parent Council

Last night our wonderful Parent Council organised and ran an Easter Movie Night. It was a huge success and raised an 'eggcellent' amount of money! The success of this event is due not only to their hard work and organisation, but also the support of the wider Parent Forum in attending this event.

The next Parent Council event for pupils will be a disco on Thursday 17th May.

The next Parent Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 1st May at 6.30pm in the staff room. All parents and carers are invited and welcome and I look forward to seeing lots of you there.

The Parent Council would also like to invite you to an informal 'drop in' on Friday 11th May at 2pm in the school gym hall. This is a perfect opportunity for you to come along and have a chat and a cup of tea and a biscuit with our lovely Parent Council.



Primary 1 and Primary 7 Induction

On Tuesday 15th May and Wednesday 16th May, our Primary 7 pupils will be attending Gleniffer High School for their induction days.

On the same days we will be welcoming our new Primary 1 boys and girls and their parents/carers to Bushes, and we are very much looking forward to meeting and working with them all!



Holidays and Term 4 Dates **Key Dates** For Your Diary!

Monday 16 th April and Wednesday 18 th April	School Photographs
Thursday 19 th April	P7 Parents' Night at Gleniffer at 6.30pm
Monday 23 rd April – Friday 27 th April	P6 Residential Trip at Lockerbie Manor
Wednesday 25 th April	P1's assembly – all parents/carers welcome!
Tuesday 1 st May	Parent Council meeting at 6.30pm
Friday 4th May	Inservice Day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
Monday 7th May	HOLIDAY
Friday 11 th May	Parent Council drop in tea – 2pm in school
Tuesday 15 th May and Wednesday 16 th May	Primary 7 Induction days at Gleniffer New Primary 1's Induction days at Bushes
Thursday 17 th May	Parent Council Disco
Friday 25th May	HOLIDAY
Monday 28th May	HOLIDAY
Friday 2 nd June	P7's at Gleniffer High Sports Event
Wednesday 13 th and Thursday 14 th June	Primary 7 show
Tuesday 19 th June	School Sports Day
Thursday 21 st June	Primary 7 Prom
Wednesday 27 th June	Primary 7 awards ceremony
Wednesday 27th June	School closes at 1pm

If you have any concerns regarding your child's education, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Craig McCrorie