



Welcome to Bushes Primary's **January** Newsletter!



Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome to term 3, the year 2020 and indeed a new decade! On behalf of everyone at Bushes, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all a very healthy and happy 2020!

Staffing Changes



I would like to take this opportunity to share the lovely news that both Mrs MacLeod and Mrs Irvine are expecting and their babies are due in a few months. We can't wait to meet these two new bundles of joy!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Laura Robertson back from maternity leave. She will be working with Primary 6a on a Monday to Wednesday and a Friday, with Mrs Warnock continuing to work with the class on a Thursday.

A warm welcome also to Mrs Michelle Kernachan who is taking over from Mrs Dolan in the office on a temporary basis.

Mrs Pauline MacIntosh has decided to reduce her working days to 4 and as such will work with Primary 7a on a Tuesday to Friday. Mrs MacLeod will work with Primary 7a on a Monday until her maternity leave begins.

Mrs Leslyann Connick will continue with us for 2 days a week and will continue to work with Primary 6b as well as some other classes.

Lastly I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Rebecca Lawrie who has been working with Primary 6a for the past term.



Keeping in Touch

Remember to look out for us on Twitter. You don't need to have a Twitter account to access our account, just search for @BushesPrimary in your search engine. If you do have Twitter, why not follow us!

We are continuing to update and add new features to the school website. One such feature is the 'Letters Sent Home' page. Keep checking our website at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/bushes/> for the latest news and information from Bushes Primary.

Our annual Standards and Quality report and Improvement Plan are also available on the school website.

Safe Road Use



It has been brought to my attention that over the past few months there have been a number of road users parking on the zig zags at the pedestrian crossing at Fairway Avenue at the beginning and end of the school day. I would like to remind all of our parents and carers that it is extremely important to think carefully about the safety of all road users when they consider where to park their cars when collecting their child. We would also like to draw attention to our 'no idling' signs that are there to promote drivers to turn off their engines as soon as they have parked to help to protect our environment. I ask for your support in both these matters.



Christmas Fayre

The Parent Council hosted our annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday the 16th of November. Once again it proved to be another very successful event raising an amazing £2200! As always all funds raised will be used to support the work of the school. My sincerest thanks go to the Parent Council, school, staff and our wider Parent Forum for your continued support.

Council Review



As part of the ongoing work of the Council, I am happy to inform you that we have been selected to take part in a Council review of the service we provide here at Bushes. This will take place from 21st – 23rd January. My sincerest thanks to those who completed the survey as part of this process



Primary 7 Visit to Gleniffer High School

On Friday 17th January Primary 7's will be visiting Gleniffer High School. They will be taking part in lessons based around self-awareness, managing feelings, motivation, empathy and social skills. This will be a great opportunity for pupils to experience Gleniffer High School and mix with their peers who will be attending the school from August. A bus will take them to and from Gleniffer within the normal school hours so pupils should attend Bushes Primary between 9am and 3pm on this day.



Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices



As some pupils may have been given new electronic devices for Christmas I thought it would be worthwhile to remind you all of our school policy on the use of these in school.

If you deem it necessary for your child to bring a mobile phone with them to school, it must be switched off and kept in their school bag at all times. Children are not permitted to use their mobile phones within school time and the school takes no responsibility if they are lost or damaged. Children should not be using their mobile phones to take videos or photographs within the school grounds.

Children should not be bringing other electronic devices to school to use at break times or golden time. At Bushes we like to encourage children to build friendships and relationships with one another and find that the use of such devices at these times does not support this.

I am grateful to you for your support in both of these matters.



Registration of Infant Beginners in Primary Schools Session 2020-21

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2020 and 29 February 2021 inclusive should be registered in their catchment area school as follows:

Pupils whose surnames begin with initials A to L should be registered on Wednesday 15th January 2020.

Pupils whose surnames begin with initials M to Z should be registered on Thursday 16th January 2020.

Registration will take place between 1pm and 3pm on each day. If you are unsure of your catchment school, please contact the school office staff who will be happy to help. Parents should produce their child's birth certificate, and two proofs of residence, which must include council tax notice for the property or proof that you have registered for council tax at that property, and a letter from your solicitor confirming that missives have been concluded, a rent book for rented property, tenancy agreement or a mortgage/bank statement. **Original documents** must be produced.

If you have any questions about registering your child please contact the school office. Parents who wish to find out more about the school or see round the building are invited to contact us on 0300 300 0149 to arrange this.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council have run a number of successful events so far this year and are a credit to our school. The money raised from these events goes directly to improve the educational experience of all pupils funding new resources, trips and visitors to our school. They are always looking for new recruits so if you are interested why not come along to one of their meetings?! These usually take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm. The first meeting of 2020 will take place in the staff room on **Tuesday 7th January at 6.30pm**. I look forward to seeing you there!

Please note that the Parent Council disco originally planned for Thursday 7th May will now take place on Thursday 14th May due to the change to school holidays. Please see the 'Dates for you Diary' section of this newsletter for further information.



Health

As we move towards the colder, winter months, I would like to remind you of the NHS' guidance that children should not return to school or nursery until 48 hours after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea has ended.

(<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>).

I would also like to draw your attention to the following advice from the NHS about checking your child's hair regularly for Head Lice. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Helping Others



Once again pupils and their families have shown themselves to be extremely generous and supportive of worthy charities. Over the past few months we have supported a number of charities and worthwhile causes and it is with delight I share with you what was raised:

Children in Need - £316.05

Beatson Cancer Charity (Nursery fundraising) - £418.10

Food Bank – Huge amount of food was donated just before Christmas



Star Pupils

At our most recent Celebrating Success Assembly we recognised pupils achievements both inside and outside of school. As part of this, 'Star Pupil' awards were given out to pupils who had shown a 'positive attitude'. I am delighted to share these children's names with you:

Mr Ramsay: Ryley McCotter	P4a Campbell McArthur
P1a Olivia Ward	P4b Abigail Johnston
P1b Samara Pearson	P4/5 Sasha McGlynn
P1/2 Charlie O'Donnell	P5 Eilidh Loan
P2 Rilla Prentice	P6a Natasha Billingham
P2/3 Millie Mckechnie	P6b Cydnie Orr
P3a Calum Donohue	P7a Giana McInnes
P3b Amber-Lily Mains	P7b Emily Barnes

Grant Success



Military families are a key part of our school community and having worked closely with one of our military families I am delighted to inform you that we have been successful in securing a grant from the Military of Defence (MOD). With the support, knowledge and guidance offered by Major Charles May we have successfully secured a grant of **£9675** which can be used towards upgrading our school library, installing a community notice board and a buddy bench for the playground. This is a very exciting piece of news and one we are extremely grateful to Mr Charles May for his support in securing this funding. Watch this space over the next few months to see the plans for the new library.

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

Yours sincerely,

Craig McCrorie



Dates for your Diary

January	
Tuesday 7 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 13 th	Primary 6 Residential Trip Meeting 6pm-7pm
Wednesday 15 th and Thursday 16 th	Primary 1 Enrolment
February	
Tuesday 4 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 5 th and Thursday 6 th	P1-P7 Scottish Showcase
Friday 7 th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Monday 10 th and Tuesday 11 th inclusive	Holiday
Wednesday 12 th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Thursday 20 th	Parent Council Disco
Friday 21 st	World Thinking Day
March	
Tuesday 3 rd	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th inclusive	P6s Residential Trip
Wednesday 18 th	Parents' Night (3pm-9pm P1-P7)
Thursday 26 th	Parent Council Movie Night 6.30pm
Friday 27 th	Whole School Open Afternoon
April	
Wednesday 1 st	Nursery Sports Day
Friday 3 rd – Friday 17 th inclusive	Holiday
Tuesday 28 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 29 th	P7s Parents' Evening at Gleniffer High School
May	
Wednesday 6 th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Thursday 7 th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Friday 8 th	Holiday
Tuesday 12 th and Wednesday 13 th	P7s Induction at Gleniffer High School
Tuesday 12 th and Wednesday 13 th	New Primary 1s Induction at Bushes
Thursday 14 th	Parent Council Disco
Friday 22 nd – Monday 25 th inclusive	Holiday
Wednesday 27 th	Nursery Parents' Night 5pm – 7pm
Friday 29 th	P7s Sports Day at Gleniffer High School
June	
Tuesday 2 nd	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 10 th	Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 10 th and Thursday 11 th	P7 School Show
Tuesday 16 th	P1-P7 Sports Day
Wednesday 17 th	P7 Prom
Wednesday 24 th	Nursery Party
Friday 26 th	P7 Leavers' Service
Friday 26 th	Finish at 1pm

Please note some dates may be unavoidably changed