



## Welcome to Bushes Primary's **January and February** Newsletter!

### Welcome Back!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

A very warm welcome to term 3 and the year 2022! On behalf of everyone at Bushes, I hope you had a peaceful enjoyable Christmas and I wish you all good health and happiness for 2022. I know we are once again returning under challenging conditions however, everyone at Bushes is ready to support all our learners and families through these uncertain and challenging times.

### Staffing Changes



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Fiona Simpson who is joining as an Early Learning and Childcare Officer in our ELC Class. She will start with us on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January, Angie Main, one of our Early Learning and Childcare Officers, will be moving to a new working pattern. This will involve Angie working with the children in her group all day on a Monday and a Tuesday and until lunchtime on a Wednesday. Ms. Anne Marie Fisk will work with the children for the rest of the week until the position has been filled on a longer-term basis. Staff will work closely together to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for all the children.

Lastly, Miss Leah Cole, one of our Early Learning Support Workers, has been successful in securing a job as an Early Learning and Support Officer in another establishment. I am delighted for her and wish her every success.



### Celebrating Children's Successes!

I have had some lovely visits over the past 2 terms 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, and I have been sharing these successes at our weekly assemblies. I am very proud of all the boys and girls for these achievements, and I wanted to share them with you all:

Eilidh P5 – Learned to ride her bike

Lucy P5 – Netball player of the week

Ruairi P1/2 – Won a motorbike contest

Leon P1/2 – Completed the Kiltwalk

Mille P3b – Gained dancing medals

Lily P3b – Held a snake for the first time!

Kody P4/5 – MMA fighting belt – yellow and then a red one

Kayla P3b – Karate belt – red

Freya P6 – Medal for being best player at netball

Shenaya P6/7- Passing level 1 in Gymnastics and for going up to the next belt in Karate

Fraser P3b – Football trophy for scoring lots of goals

Kerr P3 and Archie P4/5 – Playing for Rangers Academy at a tournament in Manchester

Isla P5 – Netball player of the week!

Finn P5 – Won a goalkeeper trophy

Lucy P4/5 – Football medal

Eilidh P5a – Football trophy

Cameron P1b – Football trophy

Ben P1 – Football trophy

Millie P3 – Dancing trophy

Amber P1/2 – Winner of Provost Christmas Card Competition

Samara P3b – Church baking contest winner

Adam P3b – Swimming stage 4 certificate and badge

Archie P6b – Football medal

Freya P4 – Taekwondo 8<sup>th</sup> Kup yellow belt

Brayden P2- Football medal

I would like to make a special mention to Amber in P1/2 who was the winner of the Lord Provost's Christmas Card design competition! Amber's design was chosen alongside 2 other winners with all 3 designs being used for the Provost's Christmas Cards that were sent all over the world! We are so very proud of Amber and her achievement! She gained the opportunity to help turn on the Christmas lights in Paisley, something, at the last assembly of term 2, she told the whole school she thoroughly enjoyed. Well done Amber!

## 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. Keep checking our website at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/bushes/> for the latest news and information from Bushes Primary.

If you have an enquiry, please ensure you contact the school office (0300 300 0149) or enquiries email ([bushesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:bushesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)).



## Parent Council

We have continued to be very active and supportive of the school even during these challenging times. We organised the very popular Christmas raffle which raised a fantastic £596.30! We also organised the 'Walk to the North Pole' event which the children thoroughly enjoyed. This sponsored event raised an unbelievable £5000 for the playframe replacement! We cannot thank you enough for your support in these events.

We continue to meet every month and are always looking for new members. Please support the vital work we do as it benefits every child within the school. Parent Council meetings are usually scheduled for the first Tuesday of every month and are held in the staff room at 6.30pm. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm** and Zoom codes will be sent out on Seesaw.

## 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 - £323

Renfrewshire Food Bank – A full van full of donations was taken away just before Christmas



## Nativity

The boys and girls in the infant classes did an amazing job of performing and recording this year's Nativity. I thoroughly enjoyed watching it and the children did a fantastic job. Special mention to all the staff who worked on it and made it possible. If you have not managed to watch it, it is available here:

<https://youtu.be/RbUxBp3HZYo>

## COVID 19 Guidance Update



Please continue to support us by wearing a face mask whenever you are in the school grounds and following all the latest guidance as these are in place to ensure the safety of everyone. The latest guidance is available here:

<https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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

Yours sincerely,

*Craig McCrorie*