



Welcome to Bushes Primary's **October, November and December** Newsletter!



Staffing Changes

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Neil Ramsay every success in his seconded role as Transition Teacher at Gleniffer High School. A very warm welcome back too to Miss Amy Carrigan who re-joins us as Mr Ramsay's replacement.

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.

In the morning, teachers are happy to quickly receive any information you wish to pass on, however if you have any pressing matters or concerns I would ask that you contact the school office to arrange to speak with the teacher at a mutually convenient time.



Nativity

Nursery, Primary 1 and Primary 2 have begun to prepare for this year's Nativity. This year there will be an morning and afternoon performance on Thursday 8th December. Information regarding tickets will be given closer to these events but make sure to mark these dates in your diary-you won't want to miss it!

Class Christmas Parties



As was the case last session this year parties will be held in stages to allow all children of the same year group to socialise together. Dates are marked on the calendar included in this newsletter. On these days children can come to school dressed in their party clothes or bring them with them to get changed into them at lunchtime. Parent Council will fund the snacks for the parties, and we are very grateful to them for this



Christmas Fayre

The Parent Council will be hosting our Christmas Fayre on Saturday the 19th of November. The doors will open at 10am and close at 12noon. There will be a range of visiting stalls as well as the traditional favourites such as the raffle, tombola, lucky dip, toys and books and home baking. Come and relax with a cup of coffee and a cake. As always, all funds raised will be used to support the work of the school.

Parent Council



At the recent Parent Council AGM it was decided that Kathryn McGowan and Alison Simpson will continue in their roles as Co-Chairpersons. Kathryn McGowan will also continue in her role as Secretary.

We have a very active and supportive Parent Council and I am very appreciative of everything they do for the school. We are always looking for new members and I would encourage you to support the vital work the Parent Council does for 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 (our next one is the exception to this rule as it will be held on Tuesday 8th November at 6.30pm).

The first Parent Council event for pupils this session was a disco on Thursday 15th September and made a fantastic profit of £618! It was a great event and was enjoyed by everyone who attended. My thanks to staff and parents who gave freely of their time to make this event possible.

The Parent Council have also organised a whole school pantomime that will take place in school on Wednesday 21st December. This is always an event thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and made possible by your continued support of the various events organised and run by the Parent Council.



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 (<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/>

Travelling to School



It is wonderful to see so many pupils walking, cycling and scooting to school. I have reminded boys and girls at assembly that as soon as they enter the playground in the morning they must come off of their bike or scooter and push it round to the bike shelter. At the end of the day children should push their bike or scooter whilst they are in the playground. I would appreciate your help in reminding your child of these rules.



Celebrating Children's Successes!

I have had some lovely visits from pupils who have been very keen to share with me their successes outside of school. A huge congratulations to:

- Lucy P5 – medal for completing Paisley 3k
- Lauren P4 – medal for completing Paisley 3k
- Gregor P6 – took part in pipe band competition and won a 3rd place trophy
- Lucas P4 - medal for completing Paisley 3k
- Georgia P1 – Trophy for 3rd place in dancing (tap, ballet and character)
- Grace P3- medal for completing Paisley 3k
- Ethan P3 - medal for completing Paisley 3k
- Amilia P7 - Amelia was selected to be part of the Scotland team who were competing in the Inter Regional Challenge Cup Final. She was entered in level 1 aged 9-12 Double Mini Trampolining and she came 1st.
- Luke P3 – medal for doing very well at a football competition
- Lucy P5 – gymnast of the year
- Rand P7 – medal for taking part in croquet and trophy for helping others
- Zaha P7 - medal for taking part in croquet
- Thomas P4/3– red belt for kick boxing
- Ruaridh P4 – 2 football trophies – one end of season award and one for being top of the league
- Adam P4 – neckerchief for being invested into cubs and earning 4 badges
- Ava P4 - First ever dancing medal
- Erin P4 – sewed her own puppets!
- Katie P4a – completed a moving K'nex dinosaur model at home
- Myla P2 – player of the week with her football team
- Caolin P4/3 – writing numbers up to 161
- Brodie P4/3 – writing numbers up to 444
- Ahmed P6 - medal for taking part in croquet
- Ben P2 – Lots of medals and trophies for football!
- Connor P2 - Football medal
- Lexie P2 - Dancing medal
- Blair P6 – silver medal at Judo competition
- Harrai P2 – achieved 16th Kyu at Karate



Dates for Diary 2022-23

November	
Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th November	Primary 1 Enrolment
Tuesday 8th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 16th	P7 Open Evening at Gleniffer High School 6-8pm
Wednesday 16th	Fluoride Varnish team visiting
Saturday 19 th	Winter Fayre
Monday 21st	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 24 th and Friday 25 th	P1-P7 Scottish Showcase – Rearranged to January
Wednesday 30 th	Holiday
December	
Tuesday 6th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 8 th (morning and afternoon)	ELC Class, P1 and P2 Nativity
Monday 12 th	P3s Christmas Party
Tuesday 13 th	P4s Christmas Party
Wednesday 14 th	P5s Christmas Party
Thursday 15 th	P6s Christmas Party
Friday 16 th	P7s Christmas Party
Monday 19 th	P2s Christmas Party
Tuesday 20 th	P1s Christmas Party
Tuesday 20 th	ELC Class Christmas Party
Wednesday 21 st AM	P1-P7 Pantomime
Wednesday 21 st	Finish at 2.30pm
Thursday 22 nd – Wednesday 4 th January inclusive	Holiday
January	
Tuesday 10th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 23 rd	Primary 6 Residential Trip Meeting 6pm-7pm
February	
Thursday 2 nd	Parent Council Disco
Tuesday 7th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 13 th and Tuesday 14 th inclusive	Holiday
Wednesday 15 th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Wednesday 22 nd	World Thinking Day
Tuesday 28th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
March	
Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day
Wednesday 8 th	Parents' Night (3pm-9pm P1-P7)
Friday 10 th – Friday 17 th	British Science Week
Thursday 23 rd	Parent Council Movie Night 6.30pm
Friday 24 th	Whole School Open Afternoon
Friday 31 st	Finish 2.30pm
April	
Friday 1 st – Friday 14 th inclusive	Holiday
Tuesday 25th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
May	
Monday 1 st	Holiday
Friday 6 th	ELC Class and P1-P7 Sports Days (to be confirmed)
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th	P6s Residential Trip to Lockerbie Manor

Tuesday 9 th and Wednesday 10 th	P7s Induction at Gleniffer High School
Tuesday 9 th and Wednesday 10 th	New Primary 1s Induction at Bushes
Friday 26th	Holiday
Monday 29th	Holiday
Tuesday 30th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
June	
Thursday 1st	Parent Council Disco
Tuesday 6th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 14 th and Thursday 15 th	P7 School Show
Monday 19th	P7 transition sports event at Gleniffer High School
Wednesday 21 st	P7 Prom
Monday 26th	P7 Leavers' Service
Tuesday 27th	Finish at 1pm

Please note some dates may be unavoidably changed

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

Yours sincerely,

Craig McCrorie