



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

Welcome Back!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

A very warm welcome to term 3 and the year 2023! On behalf of everyone at Bushes, I hope you had a peaceful enjoyable Christmas and I wish you all good health and happiness for 2023.

Staffing Changes



I would like to take this opportunity to share the lovely news that one of our classroom assistants, Miss Zoe Cowan, is expecting and her baby is due in a few months. We can't wait to meet her new bundle of joy and she will be going on maternity leave at some point this term.



Celebrating Children's Successes!

I have had some lovely visits over the past term from children 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 regular assemblies. I am very proud of all of these children for these achievements, and I wanted to share them with you all:

Lexie P1 – achieved Starfish swimming certificate

Ruaridh P2b – second place trophy for skills competition for motorbiking

Caolan P3 – player of the week trophy for his football team

Amber P3 – level 9 trampolining certificate

Lewis P3 – work completed in the classroom

Innes P3 – badges for Anchor Boys

Lucy P4 – netball certificate for working hard in drills and good movement

Lauren P4 – Super shooting at netball club

Emily P4 – player of the week at netball

Harrison P4 – football trophy from Gleniffer Thistle for season 2022

Adam P5/4 – football trophy from Linwood Rangers for season 2022

Thomas P4/3 – football trophy and medal from Glenvale FC Season 2022

Rory P4/3 - football trophy from Glenvale FC Season 2022

Ryan P3 - football trophy from Glenvale FC Season 2022

Samuel P3 - football trophy from Glenvale FC Season 2022

Lucas P4- football trophy from Renfrew FC Season 2022

Jude P2 – football medals for Gleniffer thistle

Cameron P7 - football trophy and medal from Glenvale FC Season 2022

Christopher P5 - football trophy and medal from Glenvale FC Season 2022

Katie P4 – gymnastics medal for moving up to level 2 – now in 'competition class

Thomas P2 – football medal for season 2022

Marla P3 – Rainbow badges x 9!

Lara P6 – medal for 1st place in Loricol, 2nd place in Hip Hop and 2nd place in Freestyle.

Ruaridh P4- football trophy and medal from St Peters FC Season 2022

Lewis P4- football trophy and medal from St Peters FC Season 2022

Kobe P4- football trophy and medal from St Peters FC Season 2022

Andrew P7 – completed 3km Jingle Bell run

Amelia P7 – Accepted onto Scotland trampolining squad

Leon P3 Certificate for Taekwon-Do – Black stripe and a 9th Kup

Mylah P2a - football medal and trophy for season 2022

Campbell P7b – Performed in UK Theatre School Royal Conservatoire show

Please encourage your child to come and share their achievements outside of school so they can be recognised. These don't have to be linked to sport and can be for any achievement outside of school.

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).



Parent Council

The Parent Council hosted their annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday the 19th of November. Once again it proved to be another very successful event raising an amazing £2467.61! 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. The Christmas Raffle also raised an impressive £255.92!

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.

Our next disco will be on Thursday 2nd February and a separate letter will be sent out with details. We would appreciate any helpers who can spare their time to make the event possible.

Nativity



The boys and girls in the infant classes did an amazing job of performing this year's Nativity, our first one in person for 3 years! 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.



Scottish Showcase

On Wednesday 25th January, pupils in P1-P7 will be taking part in a Scottish Showcase. Each class will have the chance to perform a Scottish themed artistic piece (poem, song etc.) on stage. We would love to invite you to come along and support the pupils. **There will be two shows, one at 9.30am and one 1.30pm. Entry to the hall will be from 9.15am and 1.15pm.** Due to limited space in the hall, 1 ticket per family will be available in the first instance, with any spares being made available later. A letter detailing this has been sent home.

Attendance



On average, attendance **above 95%** is what would be aimed for across the school year as there are direct links between attendance and children's attainment. I monitor attendance across the whole school on a monthly basis to ensure that children are attending as often as possible. I am fully aware children may need to miss school for occasional appointments or illness, but I would like to ask for your continued support in helping your child to attend school as much as possible. It is also extremely beneficial when children attend school on time as it sets them up positively for the day ahead. If you are facing any difficulties in supporting your child to attend school or to do so on time, please reach out to us and we will do all that we can to support you in this. The more children attend school the better opportunity they give themselves to reach their full potential.

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	
Monday 23 rd	Primary 6 Residential Trip Meeting 6pm-7pm
Wednesday 25 th January	Scottish Showcase 9.30am and 1.30pm
February	
Thursday 2 nd	Parent Council Disco
Tuesday 7 th	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 28 th	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 25 th	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	Potential Bank Holiday – 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 26 th	Holiday
Monday 29 th	Holiday
Tuesday 30 th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
June	
Thursday 1 st	Parent Council Disco
Tuesday 6 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 14 th and Thursday 15 th	P7 School Show
Monday 19 th	P7 transition sports event at Gleniffer High School
Wednesday 21 st	P7 Prom
Monday 26 th	P7 Leavers' Service
Tuesday 27 th	Finish at 1pm

Please note some dates may be unavoidably changed