



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

## Staffing



It gives me great pleasure to begin this newsletter by sharing with you all the lovely news that Miss Laura Thomson, one of Class Teachers, got married over the Easter holidays. She, and her new husband, had a lovely day surrounded by friends and family. We wish them both a lifetime of happiness together. Miss Thomson will now be known as Mrs Collin.

We are also delighted to welcome back Mrs Sharon Walker from her maternity leave. Sharon returns as one of our Early Learning and Childcare Officers in the ELC Class. I would like to thank Miss Kasia Wilson for her hard work and dedication in covering this post while Sharon was on maternity leave. She leaves us to take up a new post in another ELC Class and we wish her every success in the future.

Lastly, Miss Charmaine Muir, one of our Classroom Assistants has left to take up a new role in another school. We wish Charmaine every success in the future and thank her for her hard work while she was with us here at Bushes.

## Parent Council

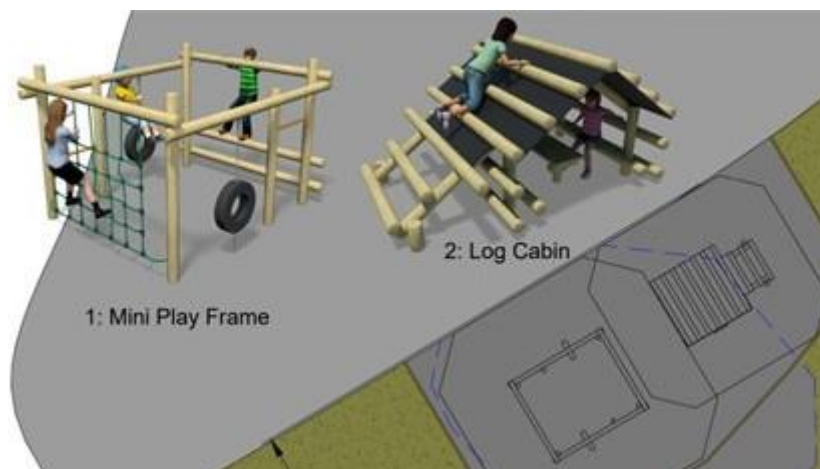


Our Parent Council have run a number of successful events so far this year and are a credit to our school. The money raised from these events goes directly to improve the educational experiences of all pupils funding new resources, trips and visitors to our school. Our last disco raised £693 with our Movie Night and Spring Raffle raising a combined total of £562.42! This is only made possible with your continued support of, and attendance at, the events run by the Parent Council. Thank you!

Our next disco is scheduled to be held on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June**.

Our Parent Council 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. However because of holidays, the next meeting of 2023 will take place in the staff room on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm**. I look forward to seeing you there!

Lastly we are delighted to share with you the news that the replacement for the current playframe (that is no longer able to be used) has been ordered and we are hopeful that work will begin on installation before the summer holidays commence. We are very grateful to you all for your patience and are aware that it has taken much longer than we had originally hoped. However, we are delighted to be able to share with you the two pieces of equipment that will be put in place:



Thanks to your continued support in our fundraising ventures, along with the £10,000 donation from Sanctuary Homes, we have been able to place an order for 2 new pieces of equipment that we think the children will love! We are very much looking forward to the children enjoying these very soon!



## Primary 1 and Primary 7 Induction

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 children and their parents/carers to Bushes, and we are very much looking forward to meeting and working with them all!

### P6 Residential Trip



Our Primary 6 pupils are getting very excited for their residential trip to Lockerbie Manor from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. 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, Mrs McConnell, Mrs Collin, Miss Bain and Mrs Gemmell who have volunteered to accompany the children on this residential trip.



### Staff Car Park

Please remember that the school car park is for staff use only. Parents should not be using the car park at the beginning and end of the school day. I appreciate your understanding and support in this.



### Nut Free School

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are a nut free school. Nuts and products containing nuts e.g. Nutella, Snickers bars etc. should not be brought into school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

We are also a school that promotes healthy eating. A number of children have been bringing large bottles and cans of fizzy juice with them to school. I would appreciate your support in not sending your child into school with these fizzy drinks as we have found consuming them can make it harder for children to concentrate.

### Celebrating Children's Successes!



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

Millie P5/4 – part of ensemble cast in the production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the Kings Theatre

Leon P3 - Medals for Taekwondo-Do and yellow belt and certificate for achieving 8<sup>th</sup> Kup

Kody P5/4 – Mixed Martial Arts certificate and new Yellow Belt Green Stripe

Ben P2 – football medal

Lewis P3 – certificate for moving up a swimming level

Mylie P3 – Gymnastic medals x 2

Connie P2a – certificate and medal in dance for tap level 2 and ballet level 2

Rebecca P5 – certificate and medal in tap, ballet and modern

Lucy P5a – certificate and medal for passing Level 4 of her gymnastics class

Struan P2b – medal for football

Millie P5/4 – 3 x 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies for tap, ballet and modern; 1 x trophy for having the most points in her section and 1 x trophy for having the second most points in modern discipline.

Harrai P2 – Karate trophy for being student of the week and gained a yellow belt with an orange tag

Zach P2 – gained red belt at Karate



## World of Work

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who gave up their time to come in and speak to the pupils about their careers. There was a wonderful buzz about the school during this fortnight and the children really enjoyed and benefitted from hearing all about the different careers available to them when they are older. It would not have been possible without your support and for that we are very grateful. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Wake, Mrs Sweeney-Gardner, and Mrs McMullan for organising the fortnight and doing a great job!

## School Sports Day



Our annual school sports day will take place (weather permitting) on the afternoon of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Parents and carers are invited to join us in the playground for a 1.30pm start with children from P1-P7 taking part in a variety of activities. Children will be dismissed at the usual time of 3pm



## Primary 7 School Show

Rehearsals are under way for this year's Primary 7 school show – 'Moana'. The show takes place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June with a 7pm start on both nights (Doors open at 6.30pm). Letters regarding how to acquire tickets will be sent home soon and as always it is sure to be a fantastic event!



## Dates for your Diary

April	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> inclusive	<b>Holiday</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
May	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Holiday</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	P1-P7 Sports Days PM (weather permitting)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	P7s Parents and Carers Evening at Gleniffer High School 6.30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holiday</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	P6s Residential Trip to Lockerbie Manor
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	P7s Induction at Gleniffer High School
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	New Primary 1s Induction at Bushes
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Inservice Day (school only open to staff)</b>
June	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Council Disco
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	P7 School Show
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	P7 Prom
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Leavers' Service
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Finish at 1pm</b>

**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*