



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



### Staffing Changes

Mrs Laura Robertson, one of our class teachers, will return from maternity leave in the middle of November. We look forward to welcoming her back.

Also, some lovely news to share from the October holidays. Miss Amy Fraser, one of our Early Learning and Childcare Officers, got married. She, and her new husband had a wonderful day with their loved ones, and we wish them a lifetime of happiness together. She returns to us as Mrs Browne.

### Keeping in Touch

Remember to look out for us on Twitter. You don't need to have an X account to access our account, just search for @BushesPrimary in your search engine. If you do have X, 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 a morning and AN afternoon performance on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 will continue in the role as Chairperson. Lisa Gladstone will take over from Kathryn McGowan in her role as Secretary and Andrew Bain will take on the role of Treasurer.

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 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Our next Disco is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and the Parent Council have also organised a whole school pantomime that will take place in school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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/>

## School Photographs



Monument photographers will now be visiting the school and ELC Class on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. Please ensure your child comes to school or the ELC Class on both days ready to have their photographs taken. Once the photographs have been taken, proofs will be sent home for you to decide if you wish to purchase any of the photographs. Instructions for ordering and payment information will be included with the proofs, however you are under no obligation to make a purchase.



## Flu Immunisation Programme

Letters to permit your child to be administered with the flu immunisation will be issued soon. These immunisations are scheduled to take place on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**. Please visit [www.nhsinform.scot/childflu](http://www.nhsinform.scot/childflu) for further information.

## 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.



## Renfrewshire's Nurturing Relationship Approach

As a school and ELCC, we are working towards our Jade level in Renfrewshire's Nurturing Relationship Approach. The Nurture Principle we are currently focussing on is 'All Behaviour is Communication'. To support with this, we have implemented the following across the school and ELCC:

- Visual timetable to support consistent use of visuals.
- Lanyards with emotion cards to help children communicate.
- Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) to help children have the awareness of their feelings and the vocabulary to deal with them positively.

A few classes will also be trialling emotion check ins during terms 2 and 3.

All of this work is aimed at continuing to develop the nurturing environment at Bushes for the benefit of all of our children and their families.

## Gifts for Members of Staff



Last session, I sent out a note on Seesaw regarding gifts for members of staff. I would like to remind you of this once again.

As a staff, we love working with your children and we all do our very best for them on a daily basis. In previous years, some parents and carers have chosen to recognise this in a variety of ways, one of them being giving gifts to staff at Christmas and/or at the end of the school session in June. This has always been viewed by staff as something that, although is extremely generous and greatly appreciated, is not something we would expect or require. Given how challenging things continue to be for everyone, it would be remiss of me not to take this opportunity to try to remove any pressure our families may feel at this time of year to take part in rituals of gift giving linked to schools. I am not trying to be presumptuous or trying to discourage gift giving, nor attempting to tell people what to do or how to behave, simply recognising the pressures of this time of year and trying to actively remove any we possible can for our families. I hope reading this you take it in the spirit within which it has been written.



## 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:

- Quinn P3 – completed summer library reading challenge
- Ruairidh P3 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Thomas P3 - completed summer library reading challenge and Chief Scouts Bronze Award
- Mylah P3 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Millar P3/2 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Lewis 5/4 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Ava P6/5 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Lauren P6/5 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Rory P6a - completed summer library reading challenge
- Lewis P5 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Emily P5 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Samara P5/4 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Kyle P1 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Rebecca P1 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Hollie P1 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Callan P2 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Avni P1 - completed summer library reading challenge
- Aida P3/2 – Paisley Fun run medal
- Ruairidh P3 - Paisley Fun run medals
- Lexie P3 - Paisley Fun run medal
- Mylah P3 - Paisley Fun run medal and football medals
- Olivia P3 – medals for Cheer dancing
- Millie P7a - Medal 10k walk raising money for Beatson's Charity
- Carla P7a - Medal 10k walk raising money for Beatson's Charity
- Samara P5/4 – Gold award certificate for ice skating
- Harrai P4/3 – certificate and orange belt for achieving 14<sup>th</sup> Kyu
- Olivia P2 – medal for archery gained when on holiday
- Roma P2 – certificate for passing a 'mini first aid' course
- Isla P7 – certificate for passing next swimming level
- Kody P6 – achieved green belt in Brazilian Jujutsu and Mixed Martial Arts
- Connie P3 – yellow stripe belt and certificate for Taekwon-Do
- Mylah P3 – football trophy for being player of the week
- Sam P7b – medal for completing inflatable 5k course
- Lara P7 – trophy for 4<sup>th</sup> place freestyle duet dancing competition
- Mirrin P7 – trophy for 4<sup>th</sup> place freestyle duet dancing competition, trophy for 3<sup>rd</sup> place freestyle solo, trophy for 2<sup>nd</sup> place lyrical solo, trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> place lyrical duet in dancing competition
- Georgia P2 – trophy for taking part in a dance competition
- Lucy P7 - medal for 10k walk for charity, raising over £800!
- Noah P6 – certificate for Silver Award at Cubs and now a part of Scouts
- Noah P1 – won a football tournament with his football team
- Parker P1 – won a football tournament with his football team
- Gained a number of badges too.
- Leon P4 – Silver medal in Taekwon-Do competition
- Lily P3/2 – medal for passing level 1 gymnastics
- Lily P4 – painting a series of canvases at home
- Lewis P2 – Rugby medals and a football medal
- Blair P7 – Silver medal in Judo competition
- Lara – First place medal and trophy for Lyrical Group Dance and 5<sup>th</sup> place trophy for Lyrical Duet
- Mirrin P7 - First place medal and trophy for Lyrical Group Dance and 1<sup>st</sup> place for Lyrical Duet and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Lyrical Solo
- Joshua P6 – Created a lightsabre out of Lego
- Robbie P6/5 – Came 1<sup>st</sup> in a golf tournament



## Dates for Diary 2023-24

<b>November</b>	
Wednesday 1st to Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Primary 1 Enrolment
Wednesday 1st	P7 Open Evening at Gleniffer High School 6-8pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Council Disco
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 8th	P6s Residential Trip Meeting
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fluoride Varnish team visiting
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Fayre
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
<b>December</b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> (morning and afternoon)	ELC Class, P1 and P2 Nativity
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	P4s Christmas Party
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	P3s Christmas Party
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	P5s Christmas Party
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	P6s Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	P7s Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	P2s Christmas Party
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	P1s Christmas Party
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	ELC Class Christmas Party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> AM	P1-P7 Pantomime
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Finish at 2.30pm</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January inclusive	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>January</b>	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Primary 6 Residential Trip Meeting 6pm-7pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> AM and PM	P1-P7 Scottish Showcase
<b>February</b>	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Council Disco
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> inclusive	<b>Holiday</b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Inservice Day (school only open to staff)</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	World Thinking Day
<b>March</b>	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Night (3pm-9pm P1-P7)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	P6s Residential Trip to Lockerbie Manor
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Council Movie Night 6.30pm
Thursday 28th	Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Finish 2.30pm</b>
<b>April</b>	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> inclusive	<b>Holiday</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 25th	P7s Parents and Carers Evening at Gleniffer High School 6.30pm
<b>May</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Inservice Day (school only open to staff)</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	ELC Class and P1-P7 Sports Days (to be confirmed)

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holiday</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	P7s Induction at Gleniffer High School
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	New Primary 1s Induction at Buses
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	P7s Sports Day at Gleniffer High School
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Disco
<b>June</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	P7 School Show
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Prom
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Leavers' Service
Thursday 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*