



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

Welcome Back!



A very warm welcome to term 3 and the year 2024! On behalf of everyone at Bushes, I hope you had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and I wish you all good health and happiness for 2024.

Staffing Changes



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Amy Carrigan for all her hard work during terms 1 and 2 with Primary 6/5. We wish her every success in the future.

We welcome Ms Rosalba Di Paolantonio to our kitchen staff. She joins as a Senior Facilities Operative (SFO). We also welcome Ms Laura Hopkins who joins our Office staff as a Clerical Assistant.



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 so many 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 these children for these achievements, and I wanted to share them with you all:

Amber P4 – medal for a dance competition

Bella P4 – 2nd place medal for street dance and 4th placed for tap

Lucy P6 – medal for being Gymnast of the Year

Matthew P5/4 – certificate for completing challenge at coding club

Miller P2 – trophy for a football tournament

Sonny P2 – passed Level 1 in skiing

Emily P5 – passed Level 3 skiing

Leon P4 – Bronze medal in Taekwondo-Do competition for patterns (Chang Ung Cup) and Gold medal in Taekwondo-Do competition for sparring (Chang Ung Cup)

Charles P4 – medal for Level 4 swimming; football medals; and gymnastic medals

Noah P6 – now officially part of Scouts and gained several new badges

Lucy P6 – medal for competing in an event to showcase gymnastic skills and football medal

Kobe P5/4 – green tag belt and certificate for achieving 7th Kup in Taekwondo-Do

Lara P7 – 4th placed ribbon for floor routine and 6th place ribbon for overall in the competition and certificate of participation

Isla P7 – 6th place ribbon for overall in the competition and certificate of participation

Blair P7 – trophy for bronze position in Judo competition

Aida P3 – 6th place ribbon for Vault, 6th place ribbon for Floor and 5th place ribbon for Overall and 3rd place Team medal

Millie P5 – taking part in a pantomime at the Hydro

Saffron P5 – marched with Girls Brigade and the army as part of Remembrance Sunday

Rose P1 – Bronze certificate and badge for Rainbows

Brooke P3/2 – Joined karate club and achieved first belt

Finlay P1 – Anchor Boys Trophy

Zach P4/3 – Passed 16th Kyu and gained yellow belt at Karate

Dan P4/3 – Passed 16th Kyu and gained yellow belt at Karate

Harrai P4/3 – created homemade Diwali card to raise money for charity

Avni P1 – created homemade Diwali card to raise money for charity

Heather P2 – certificate and badge for passing level 4 swimming

Lucy P6 – medal for gymnastic at event to showcase her skills

Harrai P4/3 – orange belt with blue tag for passing 13th Kyu at Karate
 Lewis P5/4 – certificate and yellow belt with green stripe for passing 7th Kup Taekwondo-Do
 Mark P5/4 – certificate and yellow belt with green stripe for passing 7th Kup Taekwondo-Do
 Jack P1 – practicing spelling words at home over the weekend and made a poster
 Lily-Grace P5/4 – trophy for achieving 3rd place in Freestyle Dancing
 Amber P5/4 – trophy for being in St Mirren football academy and medal for playing in a football tournament
 Ruairidh P5/4 – Player of the Season at St Peters football club and a medal for playing in a football tournament
 Bella P5/4 – Visited Santa in the North Pole!
 Mylah P3 – Player of the year at Glenbrae Colts and a medal for playing in a football tournament
 Euan P3 – Trophy for being the best cyclist in his group at Glasgow Riderz
 Charles P4 – trophy for most improved forward at football club, trophy for most improved midfielder at football club, trophy for Johnstone Burgh football club and a medal
 Connor P3 – trophy for end of football season at Barrhead youth football club
 Piper P3 – trophy and medal for end of football season at Linwood Rangers
 Calum P7 – medal for trampoline competition
 Lyle P4/3 - trophy for being 'Players Player of the Year' at Barrhead youth football club
 Carson P4/3 – trophy from Gleniffer Thistle football club
 Jude P4/3– trophy from Gleniffer Thistle football club
 Olivia P3 – medals for Cheer dancing and Girls Brigade
 Isla P7 – rosette and trophy for 1st place in equestrian paired jumping, rosette for 7th place in fancy dress at equestrian competition and a rosette for attending the competition.
 Mirrin P7 – Spotlight dance competition – trophy for 3rd place at lyrical solo, trophy for 3rd place at hip hop duet, trophy, and medal for 3rd place at Christmas group dance, trophy, and medal for 2nd place at hip hop group dance, trophy, and medal for 2nd place at lyrical group dance
 Hannah P1 – trophy for ceillidh dancing
 Samara P5 – took part in production called 'Dare to Dream' an ice-skating theatre show at the Waterfront.
 Molly P3 – Sang a solo at Buchanan Galleries with her Dance school to raise money for charity and medal for a dance show
 Rory P4 – trophy and a medal from Glenvale football club
 Max P4 – trophy and a medal from Glenvale football club
 Isla P7 – certificate for outstanding concert performance in piano
 Connie P3 – certificate and belt for achieving 'green stripe' in Taekwondo-Do
 Isla P7 – performed at Christmas concert at Gleniffer High School
 Mirin P7– performed at Christmas concert at Gleniffer High School
 Harris P5– performed at Christmas concert at Gleniffer High School
 Lucy P7– performed at Christmas concert at Gleniffer High School
 Isla P7– performed at Christmas concert at Gleniffer High School
 Eilidh P7– performed at Christmas concert at Gleniffer High School
 Chris P6– performed at Christmas concert at Gleniffer High School
 Evan Garbutt – writing stories in his own time at home

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. Well done to all these children!

Keeping in Touch



Remember to look out for us on X. 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.

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 highly successful event raising an amazing £2318.84! 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 amount!

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 1st 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.

Lastly, there was a mistake in the previous newsletter announcing Parent Council roles for this year. Sarah Pearson is our Secretary for this session.

Nativity



All the children in the infant classes did an amazing job of performing this year's Nativity! I thoroughly enjoyed watching it and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying performing for the audiences. I would like to make a special mention to all the staff who worked on it and made it possible. We also raised £118.15 for St Vincent's Hospice on the day – thank you for your support!



Scottish Showcase

On Thursday 25th January, pupils in ELC Class and 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.

World Book Day



This year we will once again be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. Details of the day will be sent home closer to the time.



Whole School Open Afternoon

On the afternoon of **Wednesday 27th March**, we are looking forward to welcoming you into the school. Children have been working hard and are very excited about sharing their learning with you.

Details of how the event will work will be sent home very soon. Children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 3pm as usual. I look forward to seeing you all there!

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 monthly 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	
Tuesday 9 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 25 th AM and PM	P1-P7 Scottish Showcase
February	
Thursday 1 st	Parent Council Disco
Tuesday 6 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 9 th	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th inclusive	Holiday
Wednesday 14 th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Thursday 22 nd	World Thinking Day
March	
Wednesday 6 th	Parents' Night (3pm-9pm P1-P7)
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd	P6s Residential Trip to Lockerbie Manor
Thursday 21 st	Parent Council Movie Night 6.30pm
Thursday 28 th	Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 28 th	Finish 2.30pm
April	
Friday 30 th – Friday 12 th inclusive	Holiday
Tuesday 23 rd	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 25 th	P7s Parents and Carers Evening at Gleniffer High School 6.30pm
May	
Thursday 2 nd	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Friday 3 rd	ELC Class and P1-P7 Sports Days (to be confirmed)
Monday 6 th	Holiday
Wednesday 15 th and Thursday 16 th	P7s Induction at Gleniffer High School
Wednesday 15 th and Thursday 16 th	New Primary 1s Induction at Bushes
Friday 17 th	P7s Sports Day at Gleniffer High School
Thursday 23 rd	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 24 th	Holiday
Monday 27 th	Holiday
Thursday 30 th	Parent Council Disco
June	
Tuesday 4 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 12 th and Thursday 13 th	P7 School Show
Tuesday 18 th	P7 Prom
Wednesday 26 th	P7 Leavers' Service
Thursday 27 th	Finish at 1pm

Please note some dates may be unavoidably changed