



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

### 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.



### 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 10<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 has been the case in previous years, class Christmas 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 16<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



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, however our next one is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Our next Disco is on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October and the Parent Council have also organised a whole school pantomime that will take place in school on Friday 20<sup>th</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/>

### 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 **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**. 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.

## Gifts for Members of Staff



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, as in recent years, 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:

- Aila P3 – Completed Paisley 3k fun run
- Callan P3 – Completed Paisley 3k fun run
- Roma P3/2 - Completed Paisley 3k fun run
- Jude P4b – Completed Paisley 3k fun run
- Ruaridh P4b – Completed Paisley 3k fun run
- Piper P4b – Completed Paisley 3k fun run
- Noah P2/1 - Completed Paisley 3k fun run
- Adam P7/6 – Played in International Youth Football Festival called 'The Edinburgh Cup'
- Carter P3/2 – Completed summer reading challenge
- Matthew P6 – Completed summer reading challenge
- Natasha P6 - Completed summer reading challenge
- Noah P2/1 - Completed summer reading challenge
- Jack P2/1 - Completed summer reading challenge
- Ava P6 - Completed summer reading challenge
- Edie P2 - Completed summer reading challenge
- Grayson P2 – Certificate for completing Starfish swimming level
- Hollie P6/5 – certificate for completing a set of physical challenges
- Evie P6/5 – made a free hand drawing of a stag
- Adam P7/6 - Completed summer reading challenge
- Lauren P6 - Completed summer reading challenge
- Lewis P7/6 - Completed summer reading challenge
- Bella P5 - Completed summer reading challenge
- Aila P3 - Completed summer reading challenge
- Carter P3/2 - Completed summer reading challenge
- Emily P4a - Completed summer reading challenge
- Hollie P2 - Completed summer reading challenge
- Quinn P4a - Completed summer reading challenge
- Callan P3 - Completed summer reading challenge
- Adam P7/6 – badge for attending a Cubs event called 'The Howling'
- Lily P7/6 – 5 x medals and certificates for Dance exams (Freestyle, Highland Fling, Ballet, Modern, Tap)
- Layla P7 – medal from a gymnastic competition
- Emma P7 – worked with her Dance company to create a music video
- Lucy P7 – worked with her Dance company to create a music video
- Erin P6 – created lots of hand drawn portraits in her own time
- Mark P5 – Certificate and green belt for passing 6<sup>th</sup> Kup in Taekwondo
- Lewis P5 - Certificate and green belt for passing 6<sup>th</sup> Kup in Taekwondo
- Kody P7 – Certificate and green belt, blue stripe for Kick boxing

- Liana P3/2 – medals for gymnastic competitions
- Leon P5 – medals for taking part in two football competitions
- Kyle P2/1 - Trophies for football tournaments
- Noah P2/1 - Trophies for football tournaments
- Grace P3/2 – Medal for distinction dance competition
- Brogan P4 – Netball player of the week
- Aida P4 - Medal for netball
- Jenna P5 – certificates and trophy for passing level1 and level 2 swimming
- Conner P5 – certificates and trophy for passing level1 and level 2 swimming
- Harrai P4 – 2 x trophies for Lyreco and hip hop duo dancing at a competition
- Eilish P4– 2 x trophies for Lyreco and hip hop duo dancing at a competition
- Luke P5 – Trophy for being Player of the Week for St Mirren Youth team
- Darcy P3/2 – passed level 1 and level 2 of swimming
- Parker P2 – medal for being 'Player of the Week' at his football club
- Grace P3/2 – 6 medals for taking part in a Highland Dance competition
- Rory P6/5 - represented Ballers Youth Academy, playing against both Liverpool and Manchester United. He scored 1 against Liverpool and 3 against Manchester United.



## Dates for Diary 2024-2025

<b>October</b>	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Disco
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Fluoride Varnish team visiting
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations
<b>November</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Primary 1 Enrolment
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	P6s Residential Trip Meeting
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Fayre
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Primary 1 and Primary 7 dental checks
<b>December</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holiday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> (morning and afternoon)	ELC Class, P1 and P2 Nativity
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day for Foodbank
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	P4s Christmas Party
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	P3s Christmas Party
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	P5s Christmas Party
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	P6s Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	P7s Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	P2s Christmas Party
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	P1s Christmas Party
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	ELC Class Christmas Party
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> AM	P1-P7 Pantomime
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Finish at 2.30pm</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January inclusive	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>January</b>	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> AM and PM	P1-P7 Scottish Showcase
<b>February</b>	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Disco
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Inservice Day (school only open to staff)</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> inclusive	<b>Holiday</b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	World Thinking Day
<b>March</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Night (3pm-9pm P1-P7)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	P6s Residential Trip to Lockerbie Manor
<b>April</b>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	P1-P7 Open Afternoon
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Finish 2.30pm</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> inclusive	<b>Holiday</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
<b>May</b>	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	P7s Parents and Carers Evening at Gleniffer High School 6.30pm
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	ELC Class and P1-P7 Sports Days (to be confirmed)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holiday</b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	P7s Induction at Gleniffer High School
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	New Primary 1s Induction at Bushes
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Inservice Day (school only open to staff)</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Disco
<b>June</b>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Council AGM Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	P7 School Show
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Prom
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Leavers' Service
Friday 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*