



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



### Parent Council

Our Parent Council have run a number of successful events so far this year and are a credit to our school. From raffles to discos and winter fayres, a number of events have been offered to all pupils and their families. 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. They also run fundraising events that help to provide the school with new equipment. 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 28<sup>th</sup> May**.

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 2026 will take place in the staff room on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm**. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Primary 1 and Primary 7 Induction



On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, our Primary 7 pupils will be attending Gleniffer High School for their induction days. Further details will be shared via Seesaw before these dates.

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 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

A huge thank you to Mr Bannerman, Miss Dempster, Miss Fowler and Mrs Grier for looking after our Primary 6's on their residential trip - what a fantastic week everyone had! 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 them. I was delighted when I heard how much our Primary 6 pupils enjoyed their week and how well they had represented the school.

### Staff Car Park and Parking around School



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.

There are a number of vehicles who are parking around the school in a way that is a danger to our pupils and their families. It is also causing a nuisance for people who live in houses around the school as well obstructing access for emergency service vehicles. If you are parking in the streets around the school, please do so safely and sensibly for the benefit of our school community as well as members of our local community. I anticipate, and thank you in advance, for your support in this matter.



### Allergen Aware School

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are an allergy aware 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. Sometimes children have been bringing to school large bottles/cans of fizzy juice and/or large bars/bags of chocolate. I would appreciate your support in not sending your child into school with these 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:

Rebecca P4 – made loom bands that stretched all the way along the corridor! (Ruby helped to hold it!)

Ben P1 – Trophy for winning Ancho Boys Weekly Challenge

Marla P6 - is going to be performing at the Kings Theatre in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang in June

Olivia P4 – drew some wonderful pictures of animals at home

Harlow Anee P2/1 – Took part in a dancing competition. Came in 1<sup>st</sup> x place, 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 1 x 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Grace P4 – painted a clay cat ornament

Georgia P4 - Sewed animals pictures at home

Isla P4 - Make a book of the times tables at home

Eilish P4a – medal and certificate for being 'Gymnast of the Month'

Hollie P3 – medal and certificate for being 'Gymnast of the Month'

Lucas P4 – medal from football for good passing, tackling and shooting

Levi P2 - Medal for doing an Irish Dancing Reel at a competition in Ireland

Marla P6 - Took part in first Highland Dancing competition. Won 3 x 1<sup>st</sup> place; 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 1 x 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals. Won 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy for special fling and 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy overall

Amber P6 - Took part in Highland dance competition over 2 days. Won 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 1 x 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 1 x 4<sup>th</sup> place and 1 x 5<sup>th</sup> place medals along with other medals and a pin for her kilt. She also won 3<sup>rd</sup> overall trophy

Macie P3 – took part in fundraising for Brownies with a bag pack at local supermarket

Grace P4 – certificate and medal for 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in dancing competition

Georgie P5/4 – certificate for puppy passing training classes

Brogan P6/5 – medal for finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at a netball tournament

Emily P6/5 – medal for finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at a netball tournament

Molly P6/5 – medal for finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at a netball tournament

Roma P4a – complete Hirameki pieces of art at home

Evie P2 – certificate for swimming 10m

Connie P5a - certificates and medals for passing dance exams in Modern, Ballet and Tap

Roma P4 – certificates and medals for passing dance exams in Modern, Ballet and Tap

Eilish P4 – medal for coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in competition as part of a Ceilidh band playing the accordion

Euan P5 – took part in a Boys Brigade marching competition and got a certificate for a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish and a medal for a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish

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Connie P5a – has achieved 7 belts in Taekwon Do, the latest belt being a yellow belt-green tag

Rebecca P5/4 – wrote out the 5 times table up to 5 x 540!

Jude P5 – created some drawings at home

Caleb P5 – won player of year trophy from his football club

Euan P5 – created a model of the Titanic from scraps of wood

Murray P2 – Trophy for being good at Anchor Boys

Logan P2 – certificate for being player of the week at his football team

John P2/1 – trophy for being player of the week at football club

Benjamin P2/1 – certificate for gaining white belt, yellow stripe from Marial Arts Club

Ellis P2/1 – painted a canvas of a dog

Romi P2/1 – medal and certificate for competing in a gymnastics competition

Luke P6a - bagged his first Munro, Mount Schiehallion

Beth P2/1 – certificate for passing level 1 swimming

Georgia P4a – gained a named part in a theatre production of High School Musical to take place in June

Isla P4a – took part in a production of Peter Pan through PACE

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Lexie P5a – medal and banners for coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in two Cheer competitions

Finn P3a – Player of the week at football club

Olivia P4a – trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in Hip Hop at 'Dance Champs' competition; trophy for 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in Lyreco at 'Dance Champs' competition

Lewis P4a – trophy and medal for coming in 1<sup>st</sup> place for best footballer on his pitch at a football tournament

Neve P2/1 – painted a money bank in the shape of 'Belle' from Beauty and the Beast

Romi P2/1 – create origami in the shape of dogs and cats

Sophie P2/1 – certificate for taking part in a gymnastics display

Evie P2 – medal for doing the half marathon with her Mum

Kai P2 – 2x certificates and a medal for tennis (won under 8s playoff)

Levi P2 – made a fact book about cars at home

Harrai P6/5 – 4x trophies at 'Dance Champs' competition for: 1<sup>st</sup> place Hip Hop duo; 1<sup>st</sup> place Hip Hop solo; 6<sup>th</sup> place Lyreco solo; 4<sup>th</sup> place Lyreco duo

Eilish P6/5 - 4x trophies at 'Dance Champs' competition for: 1<sup>st</sup> place Hip Hop duo; 4<sup>th</sup> place Hip Hop solo; 4<sup>th</sup> place Lyreco solo; 4<sup>th</sup> place Lyreco duo

Ruaridh P5 – 4 x medals – 1<sup>st</sup> place in 50m backcrawl; 1<sup>st</sup> place 100m breaststroke; 2<sup>nd</sup> place 100m Individual medley; 2<sup>nd</sup> place 50m breaststroke

Mylah P5 – trophy for being 'player of the month' under 10s Glasgow City

Brodie P2 – trophy for being 'player of the match' at his football club

Ashlyn P2/1 – 5 x trophies and certificates for dancing (Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Highland)

Lucy P4a – raised money for Marie Curie Charity by making and selling loom bands

Rebecca P5/4 – raised money for Marie Curie Charity by making and selling loom bands



## Health

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/>

## Travelling to School



It is wonderful to see so many pupils walking, cycling and scooting to school. I have reminded pupils 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.



## School Sports Day

Our annual school sports day will take place (weather permitting) on the afternoon of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Parents and carers are invited to join us in the playground with children from P1-P7 taking part in a variety of activities. Our Sports Day will begin with an opening ceremony. Please note that children will be dismissed at the usual time of 3pm. Further details will be sent home soon.

## Primary 7 School Show



Rehearsals are under way for this year's Primary 7 school show – 'The Little Mermaid'. The show takes place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<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. As always, it is sure to be a fantastic event!



## Dogs in the Playground

A reminder that dogs are not permitted within the playground regardless of whether they are on a leash. This rule also applies to any dogs that are being carried by their owner within the playground. I appreciate your understanding and support in this.



## Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices



If you deem it necessary for your child to bring a mobile phone with them to school, it must be switched off and kept in their school bag at all times. Children are not permitted to use their mobile phones within school time and the school takes no responsibility if they are lost or damaged. Children should not be using their mobile phones to take videos or photographs within the school grounds.

I would ask for you to support us in ensuring your child is using their mobile phones safely by:

- Regularly reviewing your child's social media accounts and their online communications
- Regularly reviewing their privacy settings on any social media accounts, they have
- Reporting any inappropriate behaviours or actions to the police

Also, children should not be bringing other electronic devices to school. At Bushes, we like to encourage children to build friendships and relationships with one another and find that the use of such devices does not support this.

I am grateful to you for your support in these matters.



## 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 you 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.

## Therapet



We have introduced an exciting project with some children called '*Reading with Dogs*'. The children have been reading to our *Therapet* dog, Bonnie, alongside Mrs McConnell and our volunteer, Marjie (Bonnie's owner). The aim of the weekly session is to help promote reading and engage our children in learning through a new approach. Bonnie loves listening to the children reading, allowing the children to gain confidence in their own ability and improve their enjoyment of reading.

At the moment, we have started a four-week block and hope to continue to the end of the academic session.

Further information can be found via the link below: <https://www.canineconcernscotland.org.uk/>



## Dates for your Diary

April	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	First day of term
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	P7s Parents and Carers Evening at Gleniffer High School
May	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	P1-P7 Sports Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holiday</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Inservice Day (school only open to staff)</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	P7s Induction at Gleniffer High School
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	New Primary 1s Induction at Bushes
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holiday</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Disco
June	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council AGM Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	P7 School Show
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	P7 Prom
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Leavers' Service
Tuesday 30 <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*