



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



Staffing and Classes

Mrs Diane Irvine, one of our P4a teachers, has been successful in interviewing for, and securing, a secondment within the authority which will initially last until June 2027. This means that Mrs Irvine will be leaving Bushes and P4a until the end of this school session. Mrs Moseley will continue to work with P4a and will be joined by Miss Abbie Kerr from the start of term 2. We wish Mrs Irvine every success in her seconded position.

We welcome back Mrs Emma McMullan from her maternity leave and she will be working with P5a and Mrs Diver for the rest of this school session. Our sincerest thanks to Mrs Megan Barclay for all of her hard work with P5a during the first term of this session. We wish her every success in the future.

Nativity and Christmas Concert



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 Thursday 10th December.

Primary 3 to Primary 7 will soon begin practising for their Christmas performance on the morning and afternoon of Friday 4th 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 21st 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. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th November and will be held in the staff room at 6.30pm.

Our next Disco is on Thursday 29th October and the Parent Council have also organised a whole school pantomime that will take place in school on Friday 22nd 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/>



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.



Allergen Aware School

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are an allergen aware school and as such, nuts and products containing nuts e.g. Nutella, Snickers bars etc. should not be brought into school. There are a number of pupils within the school with life-threatening nut allergies and it is imperative that this ban on nuts and nut containing products is adhered to. Thank you for your support in this matter.

We are also a school that promotes healthy eating. I would appreciate your support in not sending your child into school with fizzy drinks as we have found consuming them can make it harder for children to concentrate

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:

- Harrison P4 – working hard on Maths
- Alfie P4 – football achievement
- Hollie P4 – managed to repair a broken squishy
- Orla P4 – competed in a netball tournament for older children
- Darcy P4 – passed all swimming levels
- John P2 – won a trophy with football team
- Gia P2 – learning to sing and dance
- Penny P2 – learned to use a sharp knife to cut strawberries safely
- Rose P5/4 – made a tea cup and jug out of clay
- Lamar P5/4 - Made a giant loom band in just 4 days
- Rosie P3 – medal for rugby
- Roma P5/4 – medal for completing 3k run
- Sophie P5/4 – medal for completing 3k run
- Ruby - P5/4 medal and certificate for completing level in gymnastics
- Edie P4a – learned how to make tuna pesto pasta
- Rachel P5/4 - passed level 3 in gymnastics
- Lucas P5/4 – won player of the week at football club
- Mylah P6 – medal for Glasgow football cup, Glasgow City medal for under 10s tournament, Glasgow City medal for under 12s tournament
- Ruairidh P6 – certificate for swimming as part of Scottish mini league, medal for being 2nd in swimming club for 50m breaststroke in age group, won 3 heats at swimming competition, 2nd place in whole of Scotland for age group for 50m backstroke, 3rd in Scotland for age group in 100m Individual Medley, 5th in Scotland for age group in 50m breaststroke
- Levi P3 - trophy and the 4 medals after competing at the Feis in Edinburgh. Competed in an under 12's four hand (teams), a light jig, a slip jig and 2 reels.
- Piper P6 – medal from inflatable 5k, medal from Junior 4k North Run
- Mylah P6 – competed in a fun run

- Marla P7 – attended Elites Dance Camp and was awarded a certificate recognising her commitment, focus and dedication throughout the workshop.
- Orla P4 – added decoration to a fidget toy to make it sparkly
- Macie P4 – working hard on her Maths work
- Grace P3 – made Japanese style craft at Girls Brigade
- Levi – P3 – slept in a caravan for the first time in stormy weather
- Ashlyn P3 – made a giant giraffe picture, Autumn art, and other creations
- Poppy P3 – Autumn art
- Beth P3 – made an octopus out of beads
- Connor P6 – Boys Brigade - two trophies for 'Best Drill'; medals and new badges for camping, team leader
- Marla P7 - cast in PACE's production of Sleeping Beauty, the Paisley Panto



Dates for Diary 2026-27

October	
Thursday 29 th	Parent Council Disco
November	
Monday 2 nd	P1 enrolment begins online
Wednesday 4 th	P6s Residential Trip Meeting 5.30-6.30pm
Friday 6 th	Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 10 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Saturday 21 st	Parent Council Winter Fayre
Monday 30 th	Holiday
December	
Friday 4 th	P3-7 Christmas Carols
Tuesday 8 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 10 th (morning and afternoon)	Nativity
Friday 11 th	P4s Christmas Party
Monday 14 th	P3s Christmas Party
Tuesday 15 th	P5s Christmas Party
Wednesday 16 th	P7s Christmas Party
Thursday 17 th	P6s Christmas Party
Friday 18 th	P2s Christmas Party
Monday 21 st	P1s Christmas Party
Monday 21 st	ELC Class Christmas Party
Tuesday 22 nd AM	P1-P7 Pantomime
Tuesday 22 nd	Finish at 2.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd – Tuesday 5 th January inclusive	Holiday
January	
Wednesday 6 th January	First day of term 3
Tuesday 12 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
February	
Thursday 4 th	Parent Council Disco
Wednesday 10 th	P1-P7 Open Afternoon
Friday 12 th	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 15 th and Tuesday 16 th inclusive	Holiday
Wednesday 17 th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Monday 22 nd	World Thinking Day
March	
Tuesday 2 nd	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 4 th	World Book Day
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th	P6s Residential Trip to Lockerbie Manor

Wednesday 17 th	Parents' Night (3pm-9pm P1-P7)
Friday 26 th and Monday 29 th	Holiday
April	
Friday 2 nd	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 2 nd	Finish 2.30pm
Friday 2 nd – Friday 16 th inclusive	Holiday
Monday 19 th	First day of term 4
Tuesday 27 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 29 th	P7s Parents and Carers Evening at Gleniffer High School
Friday 30 th	ELC Class and P1-P7 Sports Days (to be confirmed)
May	
Monday 3 rd	Holiday
Thursday 6 th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Wednesday 12 th and Thursday 13 th	P7s Induction at Gleniffer High School
Thursday 13 th	New Primary 1s Induction at Bushes
Friday 21 st	Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 27 th	Parent Council Disco
Monday 30 th	Holiday
June	
Tuesday 8 th	Parent Council AGM Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 16 th and Thursday 17 th	P7 School Show
Tuesday 22 nd	P7 Prom
Tuesday 29 th	P7 Leavers' Service
Wednesday 30 th	Finish at 1pm

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