

## **Bridge of Weir Primary School**

### **Newsletter 2 March 2015**

**Congratulations to Joseph McIlree P6b** who took part in the recent Inverclyde Music Festival and achieved the following certificates:

**1<sup>st</sup> Solo Violin 1<sup>st</sup> Piano Duet 3<sup>rd</sup> Violin Duet Joint 4<sup>th</sup> Solo Piano**

#### **Fair Trade Friday 27 February**

Thank you to everyone who brightened up a cold February day by wearing (Fair Trade banana) yellow to school last Friday. Thanks also for buying Fair Trade chocolate at our Tuck Shop ably run by our Primary 7s. The Fair Trade Committee would like to say Bridge of Weir Primary has certainly 'made a difference'.

#### **Primary 7 Fair Trade Bake-Off - 2 March**

Many congratulations to Luci Hollinsworth and Sophie Osman in P7b for winning Rainbow Turtle vouchers for their delicious cupcakes today. The judges had a very difficult job deciding from all the marvellous entries. Thank you to everyone for all your efforts.

#### **Water Bottles**

Next week at assembly I will be talking to the children about water bottles and the importance of drinking water. I will be asking that they bring bottles half full. A number of reading books/library books and jotters have been ruined due to water bottles leaking. From now on children will be asked to pay towards books which will have to be replaced.

There are three water fountains where children can refill their bottle and we will encourage them to take them home regularly to have them washed.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

#### **Reporting to Parents**

Parents are reminded that pupil reports will be issued on **Friday 27 March**. You will notice French now appearing in P1-3 reports. The Scottish Government has provided funding to train teachers to teach a 2<sup>nd</sup> language, English being first, our second being French. Please also remember to complete parent/pupil feedback sheet and return by **Thursday 2 April**.

#### **Parents Nights Tuesday 31 March & Wednesday 1 April**

A slip will be sent home next week indicating an appointment with your child's teacher. We are again allocating a time based on previous parent evening times. Parents are, of course, encouraged to contact Vicki in the office if the appointment doesn't suit. She will do her best to find a more suitable time.

#### **Permission Slips**

An increasing number of children are not returning or losing permission slips for educational visits they are going on. This means valuable teaching and office time is wasted reminding children and re-issuing letters. Sometimes Mrs Breakey is spending quite a bit of time trying to track down parents by phone to get verbal permission. Today at assembly I told all pupils that it is their responsibility to return slips and if they don't return them, they will miss the trip. Thank you for your support in encouraging children to be responsible.

### **Gym Kit Reminder**

As a number of children are forgetting their PE kit, I give below details of all class PE days. Please encourage your child to remember their equipment.

<b>P1a</b>	Mon & Tues	<b>P1b</b>	Mon & Tues	<b>P1c</b>	Mon & Wed	<b>P2a</b>	Wed & Thur
<b>P2b</b>	Wed & Thurs	<b>P3/2</b>	Wed & Frid	<b>P3a</b>	Tues & Frid	<b>P3b</b>	Tues & Frid
<b>P4a</b>	Mon/Tues/Th	<b>P4b</b>	Tues & Thurs	<b>P5a</b>	Mon & Wed	<b>P5b</b>	Tu/W/Fr
<b>P6a</b>	Mon/Wed/Th	<b>P6b</b>	Mon & Thurs	<b>P7a</b>	Tues & Thurs	<b>P7b</b>	Wed & Thur

**P3b change next term from Tuesday to Thursday**

**P6a change next term from Thursday to Tuesday**

### **Charity Donations**

Thanks to all P1 parents for their generous baking donations for the P1 'Katie Morag' Cake Sale which raised the fantastic amount of £140.50 sent to Erskine Hospital.

### **Red Nose Day - Friday 13 March**

This will be a **Come As You Please** day and children may decorate their faces for the slogan this year **'Make Your Face Funny for Money'**. Red Noses will be on sale at the school office w/c 9 March.

### **Phantasanga**

Andy Stewart has asked that I thank you so much for the toothbrushes which were collected for Phantasanga, which he collected this week. The P7 Bring & Buy sale held in December you will remember raised £600+. Use the link on our website (Special Events/Helping Others) to see what some of the money has been used for.

### **Filming and Photographing of School Events**

As per Renfrewshire Council guidelines on above and in light of recent issues in relation to data protection please note the following advice:

- the desire for a parent to take photographs at an event is reasonable
- the practice should be permitted under normal supervision arrangements
- Head Teacher to write to parents indicating this and make it clear that **parents who do not wish their children photographed should contact the school**: and
- photographs taken should be for personal use only and not for wider publication. In particular **parents should not put material on social networking sites such as facebook**

### **Easter Service**

Our Easter Service will take place on **Thursday 2 April @ 10.00 a.m. in Freeland Church**. Although space is limited, we will be delighted to welcome parents.

Parents are also **reminded** that the school will close at **2.30 pm on Thursday 2 April**. Have a lovely break when it comes.

**Carol Vallance, Head Teacher**

Our next newsletter will be on the website **Tuesday 21 April**

**Dates for your Diary**

2 March	P7 x 4 > Rotary Quiz PC Mtg @ 7pm in Amarettos
3 March	P6 x 4 > Euro Quiz
5 March	World Book Day Tennis > P6 F/B v Kilbarchan (H) 4pm Netball v Newmains (H)
6 March	P1 > Museum Rural Life, East Kilbride
11 March	P5 > Stirling Castle
12 March	Tennis > P6
13 March	Red Nose Day 'Make Your Face Funny for Money'
17 March	P3/2 > Castle Semple
19 March	P6 > Tennis Tournament @ Strathgryffe P7 > Scotland Street Museum P3 Tattybogle Musical & Art Show Netball v Newmains (A)
25 March	Choir > BOW Senior Citizen AGM
26 March	Zoolab > P2 PC Disco
31 March	Parents Evening + Book Fayre 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm
1 April	Parents Evening + Book Fayre 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm
2 April	Closing Service @ Freeland Church School Closes @ 2.30 pm
<b>3 - 17 April</b>	<b>H O L I D A Y</b>
<b>20 April</b>	<b>In Service</b>
20 - 24 April	P7 > Ardentinny
<b>4 May</b>	<b>May Day Holiday</b>
<b>7 May</b>	<b>Election Holiday</b>
20 May	P3 > Rouken Glen
<b>22 &amp; 25 May</b>	<b>H O L I D A Y</b>
<b>26 May</b>	<b>In Service</b>
28 May	Hopscotch 'What A Load of Rubbish' P1 > 7
28 May & 4 June	P1 Induction
30 May	PC May Fair
5 June	Sports + PC BBQ
8-12 June	P7 > Gryffe
16 June	PC AGM
18 June	P7 Valedictory
25 June	P7 Dance
26 June	School Closes