

Williamsburgh Primary School & Nursery Class

Newsletter



October 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to October's news. I can hardly believe we are at the end of Term 1 already!

Diary Dates for October

Tuesday 6 October	Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm. New Members very welcome
Wednesday 7 October	Harvest Service @ Sherwood Greenlaw – 1.30pm
	Group of P6 & 7 children to Paisley Rugby Club for event
Thursday 8 October	Dress as You Please day with donation for ICT Suite
Friday 9 October	In-Service Day. School and Nursery closed to children
12-16 October	October Holiday Week
Monday 19 October	School and nursery re-opens
Tuesday 27 October	“Divided City” play performed by P7 at Paisley Grammar – info to follow



Reminders

Can I please remind you that dogs are not allowed in the playground? Many of you know I am a huge dog lover and would love nothing more than my lovely, little spaniel to be at work with me but we do have a number of children who are afraid of dogs and council policy states that dogs are not permitted on school grounds.

As you know, smoking on any council premises, including schools, is banned. I have been informed that e-cigarettes are classified as cigarettes and are therefore also banned from council premises. Thank you for respecting this in the playground.

European Day of Culture

Last Thursday we culminated European Culture Week with our European Day. Children dressed in the colours of France or Spain and had a wonderful day going round different activities. The highlight was a visit to our French Cafe where children enjoyed French break, fromage frais and brioche. There was no “vin rouge” but there was a lovely blackcurrant flavoured juice! I hope you enjoy some of the photographs from our super day. I must say a huge thank you to Mrs Wishart for organising this and to all the staff and parents who supported it.



Left: We are so lucky to have native French speakers, Aristide and Felicite who translated for us at our assembly. They were fantastique!



Right: Flamenco was the order of the day for lots of our lovely senioritas



Left: Doesn't our majestic hall look wonderful adorned with French and Spanish flags?



Above: Madame Rossi participates with her usual style and flair!



Left: Our very shy (?!) fashion show contestants strut their stuff while Mrs Kirk looks on with envy!



Nursery News from Mrs Vandal

Eco Committee

We are looking for parent or grandparent helpers who can offer some of their time to help Sandra and some of the children with some weeding and planting. Speak to Sandra if you are able to help in any way.

Outdoors

Thank you again to Archie White and his team at Community Unpaid Work Unit who painted our gate. Archie's team previously cleared our outdoor area and painted the fencing. Our vision for our outdoor area is starting to take shape. The children have been enjoying their new "sandpit" which along with our "mud kitchen" is extremely popular.

If your child plays with any outdoor resources prior to coming into Nursery, can you please ensure that these are returned ready for the start of the session as staff will have tidied ready for the next group of children. Your support is appreciated.



Happy children exploring the outdoors as part of our nursery "Forest Kindergarten" programme.

Skoobmobile

The children have enjoyed storytelling sessions on the Skoobmobile which visited recently. The Skoobmobile is a Renfrewshire Libraries outreach service which aims to promote a love of reading and playing. All our children thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

European Day

Everyone recently celebrated this day in Nursery. Mr Lanez, Agatha's Dad, spoke to the children about France. He chatted about the food and the famous landmarks. Thank you for your support, Mr Lanez!

Children were able to sample some foods that we associate with France at snack time. A selection of crepes, cheese, croissants, brioche, pain au chocolat and French bread sticks provided ample choice for the children

Suggestions

One suggestion this month related to the provision of storage for scooters, bikes etc. At present we do not have storage within the nursery. Bikes and scooters can be stored at the bike racks within the school playground near to the car park. I appreciate that storage would be preferable within the nursery and this is something we may look into in the future.



Mixing up a fresh batch of goodies in the mud kitchen!

Parent Council News

Next Meeting Tuesday 6th October

WILLIAMSBURGH PARENT COUNCIL
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Thank you to everyone who made our P1 Scarecrow Drive such a fun packed night. We hope the parents and

children enjoyed themselves as much as we did. We will be planning our next events at the meeting on 6th October including our Christmas Fair, which is always a great event but needs lots of helpers!

Watch this space for more information or like us on facebook Williamsburgh Parent Council. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to contribute in some other way, please contact us on info@williamsburghparentcouncil.org.uk

Thank you!

I must apologise because this public thank you is very overdue!

At the end of last session, a group of parents and a super group of staff from Ikea volunteered to come along and help us on "Flat Pack Friday."

We had purchased a large selection of new storage from Ikea to help to organise and smarten up our school. We were thrilled when we had so many willing volunteers to come along and build the furniture for us. **THANK YOU!**



Bottom left: The IKEA DREAM TEAM!

Top: Would you trust this bunch with power tools?

Above: A welcome cuppa and a breather from all the hard work.

Wishing all our families a very happy and healthy October break when it arrives,

Kind regards

Nora Scott

Head Teacher

Celebrating Achievement



in Williamsburgh

Dear
Parent/Carer

Please use the space below to tell us about your child's achievement. This can be sent in to school at any time.

Child's Name..... **Class**.....



<i>Successful Learner</i>	<i>Responsible Citizen</i>	<i>Effective Contributor</i>	<i>Confident Individual</i>