

Newsletter



February 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this month's newsletter. This is a good term for hard work so it is time to get our heads down and get some really good teaching and learning done this term. Let the hard work begin!

Parent Council News

Williamsburgh Parent Council had a fantastic 2015 culminating in three great events in the Autumn which between them raised over £2000. The money will all be put to good use by the staff who were also a big part of the fundraising efforts last year. Our thanks as usual go to the parents who continue to support us and of course to the staff and pupils who frequently give up their free time to help out. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd February at 7pm in the staff room when we will start to plan events for the next few months. Do come along and say hello or message us on Facebook if you have any comments or suggestions.

Our next event is a coffee morning on **Saturday 5th March** between **11am and 1pm** in the school. Do come along for tea, coffee, cakes and a chance to buy second hand books. We hope to see you there to help raise money for our school.

WILLIAMSBURGH PARENT COUNCIL
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Fair Trade **Committee News**

Fair Trade Committee

We would like to say a huge thank you to the boys and girls for supporting our Fair Trade events last term. We sold £258.40 worth of chocolate last term and our Fair Trade Christmas stall raised £410 for Rainbow Turtle. Well done!! You will be able to see the certificates for these on our Fair Trade committee wall.





Caring for our Community

In December, Miss Russell took a group of P5 children to a day club run by ROAR. This is an organisation that aims to reach out to older adults in Renfrewshire, providing advice support and, crucially, company of others.

The members were thrilled to receive Christmas cards from the children and enjoyed their company. We have an open invitation to return anytime!

Here are some of the lovely photographs taken at the event.



Mushfiq and Monica make new friends!



This term we will continue to run our monthly smoothie bar on a Friday. In February it will be Fair Trade fortnight. We are planning some events for this so stay tuned!!!

Thank you for supporting Fair Trade,
Fair Trade Committee





Cara charms these lovely ladies.

Recognition for PATHS!

In 2014, Renfrewshire Council went through a very thorough inspection of the newly integrated Children's Services. This was an excellent report and overwhelmingly positive and Williamsburgh even got a special mention for the work we do with PATHS! The report stated: *"...children at Williamsburgh Primary School were developing emotional intelligence through their health and wellbeing programme using PATHS."* Gold star for us!



Nursery News **from Mrs Vandal**

Feedback to Parents and Target Setting Meetings

There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's key worker to discuss the progress of your child. These meetings will take place as follows:-

Tuesday 23 February- Purple Group

Wednesday 24 February - Green Group

Friday 26 February- Yellow Group

Tuesday 1 March - Blue Group

Wednesday 2 March- Red Group

Friday 4 March- Orange Group

Please make an appointment with your child's key worker. If the designated day is unsuitable, please speak to your child's key worker who will arrange an alternative appointment.



Proud P5 children. Well done folks!

Fluoride Varnish

This will take place on Wednesday 17 February for nursery children if you have given your consent.

Registration for Primary 1

If your child is due to start school in August 2016 and you have not yet registered them for school, please do so as soon as possible.

Applications for new nursery admissions session 2016-17

Applications for nursery session 2016-17 should be made to the nursery of your choice. Allocation of placements will be decided at Admissions Panel in March 2016. Parents/carers will be notified of Panel decision week beginning 9 May 2016.

YOUR NURSERY NEEDS YOU!

We would love to have more parental/carer involvement within the nursery. Parents, carers and grandparents are invited to participate in our 'Mystery Storyteller' sessions. If you would like to come in and read a story to a group of children, please add your name to the calendar with your date of choice. This is part of our initiative to highlight Literacy more within the nursery environment. It would be great for the children to share this experience.

Stay and Play

You are invited to come along to 'Stay and Play' with your child during the month of March. Please see dates below.

Tuesday 15 March Yellow and Red groups

Wednesday 16 March Green and Blue groups

Friday 18 March Purple and Orange groups

Information and updates

Please keep an eye on our screen in the nursery entrance. Information is displayed here for parents/carers to view.

Christmas Feedback forms

Thank you to everyone who returned these forms. I will inform you of the outcome in due course.

School Photographs

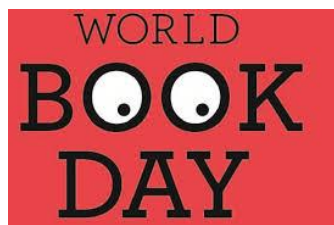
As you may remember from last year's consultation, we are going with a new photographer this year. Graeme Hewitson from Monument Photography will be in school on the following dates.

Monday 22nd February – Individual pupils

Tuesday 23rd February – Sibling groups and class photos (P1, P4, P5 and P7)

Wednesday 24th February – Nursery children

Proofs will be available the following week and there will then be a 7 day turnaround to order. We look forward to seeing our children looking particularly shiny and smiley that day!



World Book Day Celebrations

World Book Day is Thursday 3 March

2016. We are going to celebrate this on Friday 4 March. Children can, if they want to, come to school dressed as a favourite character from a book. Please do not go to any expense for this! There are some great, inexpensive ideas on www.worldbookday.com and Gillian from our Parent Council has kindly printed these on our PC noticeboard if you would like to have a look.

It would be great if children could bring along a book that is in good condition but that they are finished with on Friday 4 March.

On Saturday 5 March, the Parent Council will be holding a coffee morning with a book stall to raise money for school funds. Books that the children have brought in on the Thursday will be on sale at the coffee morning.

Feedback

Enclosed with this newsletter is a questionnaire seeking your views on various aspects of school and nursery life. We would be grateful if you could take time to complete this by Friday 19 February. (Please ignore the date of Friday 29 January on the bottom of the sheet as this is an error.) Our older children will also complete some questionnaires as part of class work. This will help us to gauge the areas that we need to work on. Thank you for your help in this matter.

EASI Project P4

Our P4 children recently worked hard along with their friends in P4 from St John Ogilvie Primary to prepare and present a Friendship Service in Sherwood Greenlaw Church. This was a lovely service, enjoyed by many of our parents and friends. As always we were welcomed at Sherwood Greenlaw and Rev Murning led the service along with Msgr Tormey of St Mirins Cathedral.

Well done to all the boys and girls and to Mrs Wishart and Mrs Smith for their hard work in organising this.



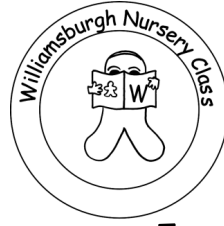
Hands of Friendship by P4

February Diary Dates

Tuesday 2 nd February	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
Thursday 11 th February	P7 Burns Supper-1.30pm
Friday 12 th February	In-service day- school and nursery closed to children
Monday 15 th February	School mid term holiday
Monday 22 nd February	School photographs – individuals
Tuesday 23 rd February	School photographs – siblings and class groups
Wednesday 24 th February	School photographs- nursery children
Monday 29 th February	Fairtrade fortnight begins Parent Meeting for P7 children going to Lockerbie Manor. 6pm
<i>Heads up for March!</i>	
Friday 4 th March	World Book Day – bring a book you are finished with and dress up as character from a story (if you wish!)
Friday 11 th March	Smoothie Friday and Wear Yellow for Fairtrade day
Thursday 17 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 23 rd March	Open Evening 4.30-7.30pm
Thursday 24 th March	Easter Service 10am Sherwood Greenlaw
Friday 25 th and Monday 28 th March	School closed – Easter weekend
Friday 1 st April	School closes for Spring Break holiday

Kind regards
Nova 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*.....



Large empty rectangular box for writing the achievement message.

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