

Williamsburgh Primary School & Nursery Class

Newsletter



March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to March though I can hardly believe we are at this stage of the year already!

Diary Dates for March and April

Tuesday 1 March	Fair trade stall selling items priced between 40p and £5
Thursday 3 March	Josh Brown, Fairtrade to do workshops with P5-P7
	Childsmile in to do fluoride varnish from P1-P4
	P3a parents' appointments for some parents
Friday 4 March	World Book Day Celebration – Children can dress as a character from their favourite book. Children asked to bring a book from home they are finished with for selling.
	P7 away to "I Am Me" Launch event at Paisley Town Hall – am
	Josh Brown (Fairtrade Officer) leading assemblies
Saturday 5 March	Parent Council World Book Day coffee morning, 11am – 1pm in school
Thursday 10 March	P3a parents' appointments for some parents
Friday 11 th March	Wear Yellow for Fairtrade day (Donation £1 per family if possible)
Monday 14 March	Stay and Play sessions in the nursery this week
Tuesday 15 th March	Dental Inspections for P1 & P7 today
	Reid Kerr students delivering PE for P7 this morning
	P6 away to Safe Kids event at St Mirren Park -am
Wednesday 16 th March	Dental Inspections for P1 & P7 today
Thursday 17 th March	Parents' Evening
Monday 21 st March	P6 Movie Night run by Parent Council
Wednesday 23 rd March	Whole school Open Afternoon and Evening 4.30-7.30pm
	Nursery Spring Event – Easter Hunt for parents and children
Thursday 24 th March	Easter Service, 10am at Sherwood Greenlaw church
Friday 25 th and Monday 28 th March	Easter weekend. School and nursery closed
Tuesday 29 th March – Friday 1 st April	P7 residential trip to Lockerbie Manor and P7 activity week
Friday 1 st April	School and nursery closes for Spring Break- 2.30pm
Monday 18 th April	School and nursery re-opens
Friday 22 nd April	Smoothie Friday

What a busy month!



Closures for Elections

The school will be closed on Thursday 5 May as the building is being used as a polling station for the Scottish Parliamentary Elections.

It is also likely (although not yet confirmed) that the school will also be closed on Thursday 23rd June as it will be used as a polling station for the EU Referendum.

The nursery will remain open on both of these dates and will operate usual hours.

Inspired Artists!

Well done to our very talented children who had their art work chosen to be part of the "Inspire" exhibition in Paisley art gallery and museum. The children went along to the launch with Mrs McDonald and enjoyed seeing their work on display. Well done everyone!



Super Singers!

Miss McNeil and Mrs Bain took some of the Singing Group to the Memory Lane Club run locally for Alzheimers Scotland. The children sang for the residents and they were very well received. Well done to our lovely singers for this important input into the community.



Our P1 winners and the P1 & P7 winning pictures.



Burns Supper

Well done to Mrs Peden, Miss McCrear and our P7 children for a fantastic Burns' Supper last month. The children worked really hard to put everything together and all of our invited guests said that they had a super time. Thanks too to all the school staff who swapped their usual duties for waitressing!



Nursery News from Mrs Vandal

Stay & Play

This is an opportunity for parents/carers to spend some time with their child as they play at Nursery. Your child's profile will also be available to view at this time.

A number of nursery policies will be also be available for parents/carers to read. We would welcome any comments you may wish to make.

	0845-0945	1230-1330
Tuesday 15 th March	Yellow Group Red Group	Yellow Group Red Group
Wednesday 16 th March	Green Group Blue Group	Green Group Blue Group
Friday 18 th March	Purple Group Orange Group	Purple Group Orange Group

Music Workshops

Christine Cooper has been creating music with a group of our children on a Monday morning. As an experienced music facilitator, Christine is leading interactive and creative sessions involving percussion instruments. This initiative is for a block of 5 weeks and the children have been having great fun. Annemarie, who has been supporting, will share the suggested activities with other members of staff and children.

Mystery Storyteller

Thank you to Amy's dad who was our first 'Mystery Storyteller' this month. Thank you to all who have added their name to the calendar for dates in the future. It is a great experience for the children and we appreciate that parents/carers can give their time to the nursery. Please feel free to add your name to the calendar.

Book Club

Helen is involved with a group of parents and their children in our weekly bookclub. They have enjoyed relaxed sessions reading and discussing chosen books and sharing this experience whilst promoting the love of books with the children. Feedback has been very positive. This initiative is yet another way the nursery is trying to raise the profile of literacy with the children and families.

Outdoor Area

Now that the weather has started to improve...I hope, we aim to proceed with the next phase of improvements. We hope to establish a growing area for the children at the side of the nursery as well as a more natural barked area with a seating area for small groups to work. We have approached Tesco, hoping that they might donate some much needed resources to further enhance this area. One of our children has also helped to write a letter to B&Q asking for some donations for the growing area, so watch this space. If any parent/carer is aware of contacts that may assist us in our efforts to enhance the nursery environment, please speak any member of staff and we can explore the possibilities.

Staff have participated in training in order to implement a new Physical Education resource as part of our Health and Wellbeing Programme. Staff are due to trial the materials, aiming to enhance the children's outdoor and physical play experiences further. We will let you know what the children's views are in due course.

Feedback & Target setting meetings

This is an opportunity for parent's to discuss their child's progress with their key worker. If you were unable to attend, staff will be happy to offer you an alternative appointment. Please speak to your child's key worker or Mairead.

Easter Hunt

Parents/carers are invited to join us in the nursery on Wednesday 23 March for our Easter Hunt. Your child will give you a personal invite from them with a letter to accompany informing you of times etc.

Learning Wall

This is full of information for parents/carers relating to the learning experiences of the children. Please take time to have a look as this can allow you to have relevant and meaningful discussions with your child about their time in nursery.



The questionnaires sent out recently are in the process of being analysed and this will be sent out to you as soon as possible.

One of the comments that came up was about having an electronic version of the monthly newsletter and other letters.

With ever reducing budgets and rising costs of printing, this is something we are keen to explore. We appreciate though that not everyone may have easy access to the internet.

To gauge the general feeling, could I please ask you to complete the slip below and return it to school by Monday 14th March, indicating your preference for paper or web based newsletter?

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nova Scott'.

Nova Scott
Head Teacher

Newsletter Consultation

Name of Parent.....

Stage(s) of Child(ren).....

Please tick your preference

- I would prefer a paper copy of the newsletter.
- I would prefer to access the newsletter via the school website.

Please use this box to make any further comments or suggestions.

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 story.

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