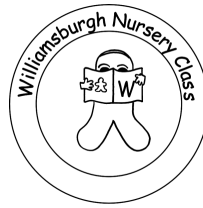


Williamsburgh Primary School & Nursery Class

Newsletter

October 2016



Social Media

Please remember we are now on Facebook and Twitter.



Find us @ Williamsburgh Primary



Find us @WBurghPrimary

We currently have 66 followers on Twitter. It is a great way of keeping up to date; sharing the learning and getting reminders about events and dates. We look forward to seeing you there!

Welcome Back Will!

We are delighted to welcome back "Will. I Lion" our lion that was part of the "Pride of Paisley" event. Will has been amusing the visitors at Renfrewshire House but is glad to be back among friends at Williamsburgh.



Media Stars!

Well done to Alex, Kieran, Kirsty and Lily from P7b who took part in a photo shoot to promote the Paisley Spree Festival which takes place in the town in October.

I am sure you will agree they are all naturals in front of the camera!

Sharing the Learning

We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to share your child's learning through their home link jotters. There have been lots of parental comments including:

- * Loved seeing my child's work!
- * Great variety of work. Thanks for everything!
- * Good to see what things I can do at home to help.
- * A very positive exercise.

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WILLIAMSBURGH PARENT COUNCIL



Parent

Council

2016/17 is up and running and we got off to a great start with our lovely new P1 parents and pupils at our Annual Scarecrow Drive. It was a fun night with just a slight competitive edge (but that was just the Dads!)

The following week we held our Annual General Meeting and were delighted to welcome those parents who came along to listen in and to participate.

The next meeting is Tuesday 4th October at 7pm in the school when we will be planning the next event, which will be the school discos on 31st October. Please come along - we need your opinions to be able to represent you!

Remember if you have something to say but can't attend on Tuesdays, you can also get in touch with us via Facebook.

Holidays during term time

Many parents choose to take their child out of school during term time for holidays. There are all sorts of valid reasons for this.

Please note that Head Teachers cannot now "grant permission" for pupils to be absent during term time. I do understand that family circumstances can make this unavoidable but ask you to be aware that you are writing to me to simply **inform** me that you are taking your child out of school, rather than requesting my permission as this is not mine to give.

I hope this helps clarify the position.





Nursery News from Mrs Vandal

October items

Invitation to 'Stay & Play' – Sharing the Learning

Parents/carers are invited to join their child in nursery. This is an opportunity to experience and share in their learning. Profiles will be available. You may choose to take the opportunity to look through your child's folder with them. This is also a great way for children to share their learning.

	8.45 – 9.45am	12.30 – 1.30pm
Tuesday 25 October	Yellow Group	Yellow Group
	Red Group	Red Group
Wednesday 26 October	Green Group	Green Group
	Orange Group	Orange Group
Thursday 27 October	Purple Group	Purple Group
	Blue Group	Blue Group

Feedback and Target Setting Meetings

These meetings will take place week commencing 7 November and 14 November. Details will follow inviting you to make an appointment with your child's key worker to discuss your child's progress.

Dance

Staff from Infusion Dance Company are once again leading our weekly dance sessions for the children. Children go over to the school on a Wednesday and participate in lively dance sessions to music.

Planning

We are entering a transition phase with our Planning this session. We are currently reviewing our procedures and are implementing new Planning and Tracking paperwork. We aim to make our planning more responsive to the needs and interests of the children and encourage the children to be more involved in their own learning.

Blog

Look out for our nursery blog at <http://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/wpsnursery> to share in your child's learning.

Visit to Waterstones Bookshop

As part of our aim to raise the profile of literacy within the nursery, some children will be visiting Waterstones this month to choose some books for the nursery. Look out for photos on our Blog.

Parents' Evening Evaluations

Thank you to those who attended Parents' Evening and completed an evaluation. Here is some of the important information that was gathered.

- * There was an overall turnout of 90% of our parents. Wow! Thank you.
- * 80% of parents stated that they liked the new format and the gym hall
- * 20% of parents did not like the new format. Reasons for this were it was too noisy; lacked privacy and that parents missed seeing their child's work and classroom.

Given the feedback we will possibly opt to go with this format for the later

Parents' evening and review it again then. We hope to address the concerns of the 20% of parents who didn't like new format by:

- ⇒ Home link jotters coming home once a term to share the learning
- ⇒ Open afternoon and evening later in the year to see the classroom with consideration of additional early open afternoon for next session.
- ⇒ Private appointments can be made available if there is something sensitive that you need to discuss with your child's teacher.
- ⇒ I'm not sure what we can do about the noise other than ask folk to chat quietly! A few parents did point out that the background noise meant that you weren't able to hear the conversations of other parents which sometimes was an issue previously.



Nursery children are looking for :

'Little Tikes' cars. The children in the nursery have added this to their wish list for outdoor play. As well as developing gross motor skill, the cars would be used to teach the children about road safety as well as giving them the experience of following

directions given by signs/other children. If you have a car, in good condition, please let us know.

Pieces of plastic guttering or pipe

which the children can use in their outdoor play.

Blocks of wood. Perhaps you know someone that could provide us with smaller sections of sawn branches which the children could safely use for building outdoors.

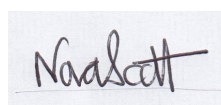
Planks of wood – not too heavy - that the children could use for creative construction

outdoors.

Off cuts of wood for the children to use creatively.

If you are able to assist with any of these resources, please contact Alison Vandal or a member of the nursery staff

Kind regards



Nova Scott

Head Teacher