



# Williamsburgh Primary School & Nursery Class February 2017



Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe we are hurtling towards mid term already! I hope you enjoy reading about the things that have been going on in school and nursery over the last number of weeks.

## Williamsburgh Winners!

Well done to Kieran Matheis and Alex Thomson, P7b who were winners in the I Am Me Competition. The boys won a visit from the fabulous Cinebus for their whole class. Keep Safe Sam, the mascot, also paid a visit.

Our school is very proud to be associated with I Am Me who do wonderful work promoting awareness of and protecting those facing disability hate crime. As you can see, classmates were thrilled to be included in the prize!





## Nursery News from Mrs Vandal

### **Registration**

If your child will be 5 years of age between March 2017 and 28 February 2018 and you have not yet registered for education, please contact your catchment school to do so.

### **Extra clothing**

It is helpful if you can provide some extra items of clothing for your child to use if required. These can be stored in your child's bag in the nursery.

We are short of stock of additional clothes for changing especially boys' trousers. If you have any items which your child has outgrown, we would appreciate donations to build up our stock again.

### **Learning to Talk/5 to Thrive – Tuesday 24 January**

We were delighted to welcome parents to these sessions. It was fun, friendly and informative and 2 lucky parents went home with hampers of goodies!

### **Staffing**

Heather Morrison left us on Friday 20 January to take up a promoted post. We wish her all the very best in her new position and thank her for the dedicated service she has provided to the children and families at Williamsburgh Nursery Class.

Anna will take over as key worker for the yellow group in the short term. I will inform you of the name of the staff member who will join us on a supply basis. They will share responsibility for the green group in the short term.

### **Feedback and Target Setting Meetings**

DATE	GROUP
Tuesday 21 February	Red
Wednesday 22 February	Purple
Thursday 23 February	Blue
Tuesday 28 February	Orange
Wednesday 1 March	Green
Thursday 2 March	Yellow

Please make an appointment with your child's key worker.

### **Donation**

A weekly donation of £3.00 is suggested. Last term this money paid for the following –

- Weekly dance sessions
- Christmas gifts
- Christmas party food
- Christmas entertainer
- Baking/Cooking ingredients
- Christmas craft materials

We greatly appreciate your contributions. All children benefit from this donation and it greatly enhances their nursery experience.



### Tesco Bags of Help Grant

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded £10,000 from this grant to enhance outdoor play for the Children. Mrs Wishart is leading this project and will send out more information when she has it. Great news!

## Fond Farewells

It has been a time of goodbyes recently in Williamsburgh as members of staff have moved on to pastures new. We have bid a fond farewell to:

Mrs Fay Welsh—we wish Fay a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Mrs Karin Semple—Mrs Semple has taken up a new post as a nursery officer in another authority. We wish Karin all the best in her new career.

Mrs Lyndsay Harvey—Mrs Harvey made a very brief return from maternity leave to leave us again to take up a new post in a school much closer to home. We will miss Mrs Harvey very much but can't blame her for wanting to be closer to her gorgeous baby, Noah.

Miss Heather Morrison—Heather left our nursery on 20 January to take up a promoted post in another authority. We wish Heather every success for her promotion. We are going to miss her!

Interviews for a new teacher, part time classroom assistant, nursery officer and additional support needs assistant will take place in the coming weeks and months and we will keep you posted as we welcome new staff on board.

# SAFETY ALERTS

Could I please draw your attention to two concerning safety issues?

**NURSERY DOOR HANDLE**—Could parents please ensure that they do not touch to top handle of the nursery door please as this interferes with the safety mechanism that keeps little people from being able to open the door. Thank you for your help with this.

## **CAR PARK**

We had a very near miss last week caused by parents parking in the car park and obstructing the way of the school bus.

I must once again insist that parents do not use the car park for parking or dropping children off. This is a staff car park and there are no additional spaces for parents.

The disabled space is of course available for anyone with a blue badge.

I appreciate that it is very busy out on Lacy Street for parking but East Lane can now be used as can the waste ground that faces the site of the old factory.

Please ensure that this request is followed to keep our children safe. I would hate to be reporting a dreadful incident. Thank you.





*A selection of photos showing our winners at the Inspired Art Exhibition.*

*Didn't they do well?*

# Burns' Supper January 2017

On Friday 27th January, P7 treated us to a fabulous Burns' Supper. We had haggis, (piped in and addressed by

Benjamin) neeps and tatties followed by apple pie and ice cream and then were treated to wonderful entertainment including Daniel on the cello; Jamie giving us the Immortal Memory; Irvine toasting the lassies and Aimee giving a very witty reply; P7 singing group; P7 class singing; a fabulous dramatization of the Comin' o' the wee malkies; an impressive display of highland dancing and a rousing chorus of Auld Lang Syne to finish off.

Thank you to all the staff who helped to serve and decorate; to Miss Russell for all her hard work; to parents and families for coming along to show their support and, of course, to our wonderful children who made it all look so easy! We hope you enjoy some snaps from the afternoon.



***Our GP Room transformed into a Scottish wonderland for Burns!***

***Andy Warhol inspired Burns' portraits by P7.***



***What talented children we have!***



### Parent Council News

2017 is already in full swing but Happy New Year from WPC! We have some exciting events lined up for the rest of this year including an event for P6 (they'll be asked to choose what this is!) and a Spring Fair.

Thank you to everyone who helped out last year, we genuinely can not do anything without your support. Our first meeting is on Tuesday 7th February at 7pm in the school staff room so come along with any questions about school life or ideas for fundraising you may have!

### Breakfast Club News

We have two pieces of exciting news about our breakfast club. We have been given a grant to buy additional equipment and resources so that we can offer children more games and a lovely quiet area to read or do their homework. We hope to move the breakfast club up to the GP room and **MAY** be able to offer a few more places.

At the moment our breakfast club is organised by Miss Russell and staffed by willing volunteers from school staff. Staff do this in their own time without payment and we are so grateful to them for providing this valuable service to our school community.

This week we have been delighted to welcome volunteers from our link church, Sherwood Greenlaw, who have agreed to come in and help us to staff our breakfast club in the mornings. Thank you so much to our wonderful friends at Sherwood Greenlaw for helping us in this venture. It is great to have the support of partners in our community.

### Celebrating Achievement

Please remember we are always keen to hear about your child's achievements out of school. You can pick up an achievement sheet from the wall pocket in the entrance of the school or your child can ask their class teacher for one.

You can also email or just drop a note to the teacher. We can then celebrate the achievement at assembly and put your child's photograph on our achievement wall.

I hope that you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Please do remember to keep up to date via our website, Twitter feed and Facebook page.

Kind regards

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