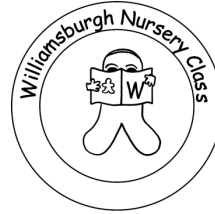


Williamsburgh Primary School & Nursery Class



Newsletter March– April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. It is always lovely to see brighter days and we look forward to the remainder of the Spring term before our final term of the year descends upon us.

Chicks!

P1 and P2/1 are studying “The Farm” as their topic this term. As part of this the children had the wonderful opportunity to see chicks from the stage of being eggs in an incubator to being fluffy chicks full of attitude! This was a super way for our children to learn about life cycles. The chicks were a big hit—with children and adults alike!

See some more photos and videos on our Facebook page.



Fair Trade Fortnight

There was lots of fun while helping a great cause during Fairtrade Fortnight. We sold out of chocolate to sell and the children also had the (somewhat healthier) option of smoothies. The children also enjoyed our wear yellow day and the opportunity to make iced cupcakes and decorate with fairtrade bananas and chocolate. A huge thank you to all of our children and families for supporting this venture.



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Pupil Equity Fund Engagement

Thank you to all of our parents who took the time to send in suggestions for the spending of our Pupil Equity Fund and also to the group of parents who attended the meeting to discuss. Thank you also to our Pupil Council who proved, once again, that the brightest ideas often come from the youngest minds! Finally thank you to staff for their input. All of these suggestions will now be considered within the boundaries of what the fund can be used for and draft plans will be sent to the local authority for approval. I will keep you posted once plans are finalised but in the meantime please know that your inputs were gratefully received.





Paisley First Mascot

We were delighted to be a part of the "Paisley First" mascot competition which was open to all Renfrewshire school children. Here are some of our hopefuls with their entries along with Alistair from Paisley First. Good luck to everyone and well

done for taking part and doing your bit to celebrate our wonderful town.



Williamsburgh Parent Council



Our next event is Monday 20th March and this takes the form of a movie night for P6 children. P6 children are all welcome to come along to this free event and enjoy a

film.

Our next major fundraiser is the Spring Fayre and we would love as many parent volunteers as possible. Do get in touch with us if you can spare a few hours.

We are always looking for helpers, please come along to any meeting, held in the staffroom on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm or get in touch via Facebook or the website.

P7 Learning about Evacuation

P7 recently had the privilege of two wonderful visitors to hear some real life experiences about what it was like to be an evacuee during the 2nd World War. The children were mesmerised by Mr Liam McGuire and Mr Alex McShane (Grandpa's of Alice and Sarah respectively). I will let the photographs and the quotes from the children speak for themselves.



Read about what the children had to say about this on the next page.

I thought it was fantastic and moving.

Andrew

It was amazing. I found it unbelievable that people could have gone through so much and I am very thankful. Leah

I thought it was very real and emotional. It was cool hearing their stories and holding the tin hat. It was an awesome experience. Irvine

It was very emotional and hard to think about what lots of families had been through. It made me think about how it has changed our lives forever. Aimee

It was brilliant hearing the stories from people who have actually lived through that.

Emma

It was brilliant. Very sad but it made me very grateful. Tegan



Nursery News from Mrs Vandal

Week beginning 13th March is Stay and Play Week. Please check screen in nursery for suggested dates and times.

Friday 24th March—Red Nose Day. Children can come dressed in red or wearing crazy hair. Any donations to Children in Need will be welcome.

Wednesday 29th March—Easter Hunt. Come along and join in the fun with your child. Please check screen in nursery for details.

Friday 31st March—Nursery closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break. Children return on 18th April.



Goodbye....and hello again!

On Friday 31st March we will be sad to say goodbye to Mrs Shelagh Howcutt who has worked with us for many years as a classroom assistant. We will be very sad to see Mrs Howcutt go but wish her many years of a happy and healthy retirement.

As you know Mrs Semple and Mrs Welsh left us recently. These posts have been filled temporarily by Miss Helen Coyne. Following competitive interview I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Moira Gibson will return to us to fill this vacancy. Mrs Gibson has worked with us before and we are thrilled to welcome her back. We hope that she will return to us after Spring Break.

Breakfast Club News

You may recall that we have some new volunteers from Sherwood Greenlaw Church to help us in our breakfast club. These ladies are doing a wonderful job and are a super addition to our Early Birds Team.



Miss Morrison, one of our lovely volunteers, has been showing the children how to make pom-poms.

Story time is a big favourite at Breakfast Club.

Please remember if you would like your child to attend breakfast club, you can speak to Miss Russell who co-ordinates this

service. We currently have a waiting list but hope to have more spaces in the new session. If you are ever "stuck" and need a one off place, don't hesitate to contact us and we will help if we possibly can.





World Book Day Celebrations at Breakfast Club. Above—David and Andrew enjoyed sharing a story.

Below—Lots of our children enjoyed sharing their story books with Miss Morrison.

