



# Williamsburgh Primary School & Nursery

## Newsletter

### October 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,  
It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of term 1 already. Where does the time go?



#### Diary Dates

A separate diary dates letter has been sent out and is on our website and social media pages. Lots of our parents like the printed version to keep on the fridge! Monthly newsletters are in digital format but there are some copies available at the main door. Please help yourself if you would like one.

#### Nursery News from Mrs Vandal



#### Forest Kindergarten

It was great to meet some of our new parents at our recent information meeting. The children are now out and about visiting Barshaw Park for their Forest experience. Parents can view the Forest Book in the nursery to see what the children have been doing or check on the blog for updates.



#### Outdoor Play

You may have noticed some cable reels in our nursery outdoor space. The smaller reels can be used by the children in their construction activities. The larger ones will be developed using ideas from the children. This may have to wait until the better weather as the reels need to be completely dry before painting.

#### Stay and Play – Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Parents and carer are invited to experience a play session with their child. Please refer to the monitor in the nursery for further information or speak to a member of staff.



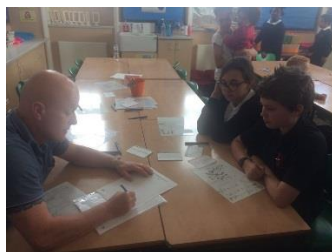
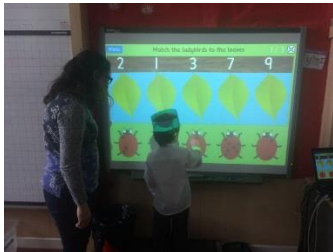
## Maths Week Scotland 2017

We had such a fabulous time during Maths Week Scotland and we know from all your comments that parents loved seeing the learning on social media and on our open afternoon.

We submitted a competition entry to Renfrewshire Council with some photographs and a film that my son, Fraser, had put together for our bid.

We were absolutely thrilled to learn that we had won the primary category for Renfrewshire. Our prize is £500 to spend on maths resources as well as a huge pat on the back for us! As our children had worked so hard they all got a merit sticker on their award chart, helping them get closer to their next merit award.

Here are some photographs of our Maths Week Scotland efforts for you to enjoy.



## **The Wee Dig**

Primary 5 & P6/5 classes enjoyed an educational outing to Paisley Abbey as part of their topic on Paisley.

They took part in the “Wee Dig”, an exciting, archaeological event. The children had a wonderful time, learning lots about the history of our town.

After the visit, Mrs Dunn received a lovely email from the organisers complimenting our children on wonderful behaviour and enthusiastic participation. How lovely! Well done everyone! Here are some of our wee diggers!



## **Williamsburgh Parent Council**

It was great to see some new members at our first Parent Council meeting in September. We are always happy to welcome any new members or helpers along.

The first Parent Council event of the year was a social event for our P1 parents. The “Scarecrow Drive” was great fun and highly competitive- amongst the adults at least! Here are some photos from the event.



Parent support is always welcomed at Parent Council. Last session the WPC donated almost £4,000 to the school which paid for a whole host of things including:

- Subsidising school trips to reduce costs for all
- Sound and lighting for school show
- Additional classroom materials
- A new projector and screen in the gym hall for use in lessons and assemblies
- New cameras for all stages
- Secondary school ties for P7

## **P7 Back the Bid for Paisley 2021**

We have supported the Paisley 2021 bid in any way we can and were delighted to be asked to send some children along to meet with some Elected Members to seal the final bid.

Here are some of our wonderful P7 children, representing the school beautifully and helping to support our town. Well done to (l-r) Cameron, Abena, Morgan, Sonny and Beau. Fantastic ambassadors for our town and our school.



## **European Day of Languages 2017**

Once again, we celebrated European Day of Languages with a packed, fun filled day. Of course, as a very diverse school, we have many languages spoken but we celebrated French and Spanish as these are the two that are formally taught.

Thanks to Mrs Wishart for organising the day superbly well and to the parents and carers who came along to help in the café, which was the most popular activity!

Here are some photographs to give you a flavour of the day.



**P7  
MacMillan  
Coffee  
Morning**



As a school, we try to organise one charity event per term. This term our chosen charity was MacMillan Cancer and the children in all 3 P7 classes planned and organised for us to take part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

The event was a huge success thanks to the hard work of the children, kind donations of families and the wonderful team work of staff. I am delighted to tell you that we raised an incredible.....

**£815.20**

Well done and thank you to everyone who made this possible. Another fantastic effort from Team Willybugs!



Jessica,  
Mirren,  
Shay and  
Douglas  
were  
thrilled to  
be winners!



## **Look at our learning!**

If your children are anything like mine were in Primary school, you might get the answer “nothing” when you ask “what did you do at school today?”

With that in mind, I thought you might like to see a selection of learning from the past month. As you can see, we are very busy when we are doing nothing!





**Chloe receives lovely compliments for being PATHS Pupil of the Day. What a star!**



**Learning to "Do Turtle" in PATHS lessons in the nursery.**



**Outdoor fun to learn about measure in the nursery.**



**Teamwork to learn about adjectives in P4.**



**Amazing artwork by Joe in P7a. Can you identify the historic American landmark?**



## **Primary 1 Transition Evaluation** **2017**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete this evaluation. Your feedback is valued and is considered carefully. We are always trying to improve the service we provide for our children and families.

**65** evaluations were issued and **20** were returned.

**100%** stated that their child visited our school prior to starting in Primary 1.

**95%** took the opportunity to visit with their child for lunch.

**85%** found our Transition programme extremely useful with **15%** stating that they found it useful.

You found the following helpful –

- Meeting the teacher several times.
- Reassuring for my child to see the environment she would be learning in.
- Information relating to Transition was explained well.
- Opportunity to have lunch together.
- Helpful for settling and to get atmosphere of class and school.
- All information and leaflets.
- Visiting with nursery.
- Everything.
- School handbook is excellent. Informative and clear.
- Numerous visits. My child seemed less nervous on day 1.

You felt that the following needs to be included –

- A bit more detail on homework.

- Opportunity to see a selection of hot meals.
- Information on after school care.
- Information for parents relating to helping prepare child for school.

Other comments –

- The Transition was really thorough and school staff were very welcoming. Thank you.
- I really appreciate 'First Friends'.
- Some sessions not very accessible to working parents.

What the children said –

- I like my new school and teacher very much.
- I really like school because we do different things.
- I am happy.
- I enjoy going to school.
- I liked visiting the lunch hall.
- I love school. I like to write and play with my friends.
- I like wearing my uniform.
- I enjoy gym.
- I like playing and meeting new friends

I hope that you have enjoyed our newsletter. Remember to like and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for up to date information and photographs of our learning, activities and outings.

Kind regards



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