



Williamsburgh Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter

February 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018. January passed in a bit of a blur but hopefully you managed to keep up with our latest news on social media or the website.

Nursery News from Mrs Vandal

SHARING THE LEARNING

There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's keyworker to discuss the progress of your child. This will also be an opportunity for parents/carers to view their child's Profile folder.

These meetings will take place as follows.

Monday 19 February	Orange Group
Tuesday 20 February	Red Group
Wednesday 21 February	Green Group
Thursday 22 February	Purple Group
Friday 23 February	Yellow Group
Monday 26 February	Blue Group

Please make an appointment with your child's key worker. If the date allocated

is unsuitable, please discuss with your child's key worker and they will be happy to offer you an alternative.

STAY & PLAY

An opportunity for you to share in your child's learning will take place on the week beginning 12 March. You will be invited in to 'Stay & Play' with your child. This will also allow you to see the resources your child uses in the nursery environment and how staff encourage and develop their learning. Please look out for further information which will be displayed on our screen in the nursery.

BURNS FOR BAIRNS

Our favourite visitor, Aiken Drum, will return to entertain the children on Wednesday 14 February. Primary one will also be joining us. This allow a further opportunity for children to have fun as they explore the Scots language and sing along to traditional Scottish songs.

BLOG

Please check out our blog – blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/wpsnursery/ to find out what the children have been up to. Looking at the Blog entries together is a great starting point for a discussion with your child about their learning.

Read Write Count Bags

Our P2 and P3 children recently received Read Write Count bags.

The Scottish Book Trust would be delighted if parents would complete a short survey.

The survey for **parents** can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ReadWriteCount17>

All parents who fill in this survey will be entered into a prize draw to win a personal Read, Write, Count goodie bag filled with books, games and activities for all the family to enjoy.

The deadline for completing the survey is **Tuesday 27 February**.

Road Safety



Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership have been working with our school to help to keep our children safe and well.

We are focusing on two important issues that affect health and safety of our children. **Dangerous parking and inconsiderate parking** causes congestion around schools and endangers the safety of children walking in, out or around the school premises.

If you are dropping or collecting your child at school, the safety team ask that you please follow these guidelines:

- Do not park on “Keep Clear” markings or yellow lines
- Do not park on zig zag markings
- Be considerate and do not stop in the middle of the road
- Do not park on pavements or across dropped kerbs
- Do not use the school car park or allow your children to walk through it

The second aspect is Engine Idling. Keeping your engine running while you are waiting near the school creates toxic carbon monoxide fumes which are harmful to children’s health. Idling is against the law and carries a fixed penalty.

If you are waiting to collect your child at school, please turn your engine off.

Community Wardens have been doing spot checks near the school recently and some parents were issued with fines. The wardens will continue to monitor parking and engine idling at various times at school.

A new Arrival!

I am delighted to share the good news that Miss McNeil safely delivered a beautiful, baby boy on Christmas Day! Mum, Baby Ross and Daddy Ross are all doing well. Isn't he just gorgeous?



More new arrivals.....

We have had some other new arrivals at school recently.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Laura McCarthy to our teaching team. Mrs McCarthy will be with us until at least June, teaching P1c while Miss McNeil is on maternity leave.

Also joining us this term is Miss Louise Bradbury. Miss Bradbury, an experienced primary teacher, is now a member of the Transition Teachers Team in Renfrewshire. From August until December, Miss Bradbury worked in Paisley grammar school, supporting the new S1s. Between now and June, she will be in each of the cluster primaries, supporting children with their learning in preparation for secondary school.

This also means that when P7s go to Paisley Grammar in August, Miss Bradbury will be there to help them settle.

Welcome to the team, ladies!

Burns' Supper

On Friday 26th January, P7 hosted our annual Burns' Supper. For the first time, this was held in the gym hall which proved to be a fantastic venue.

We enjoyed traditional haggis, neeps and tatties (well, some enjoyed it more than others!) and apple pie and ice cream.

Under the fantastic chairmanship of Joe and Alex, we then enjoyed some wonderful entertainment of singing, poetry, highland dancing, speeches and even a video presentation of a poem acted, filmed and produced by P7 themselves. Here are some

photographs of the event. A huge thanks goes to Miss Russell, Mr Smith, Mrs Gray and Mr Miller for all their hard work putting the Burns' Supper together.



Panto

We had a very last minute offer of a travelling theatre company to put on a performance of the pantomime, Aladdin for us in January.

It was a bargain price because it was last minute so we couldn't turn it down. We were only able to do one show so P1 - P3 were the lucky audience members.

The children absolutely loved it and, as you can see from the photographs, it wasn't just the children who had fun!



Fabulous Artists!

Some of our children took part in the Inspired Art Competition recently. We were delighted that 3 of our children had their work chosen to be displayed in the exhibition.

Huge well done to Evie Welch, Chloe MacLeod and Eva Mitchell. Great job girls!



At the end of last term, we were also delighted that two more talented artists won prizes for their artwork which will be used in Renfrewshire Council's Children's Services Plan.

A big well done to Robyn Welch, Year Group Winner and Hattie Dowds, Year Group Runner Up.

Willibugs has talent!



Here are some photographs of some of the amazing learning that has been going on in school recently, for you to enjoy.

Kind regards

Nova Scott

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Head Teacher

*P5b working on money in maths!
Counting coins games, total bill challenge and mixed money problem solving!*



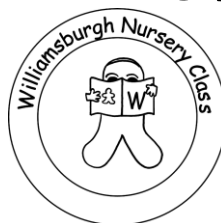
P6 using flour paint to make amazing moon pictures.



P1 exploring numbers.

P4b looking horrified to discover how easily germs are spread. This discovery was through a science experiment involving paint!

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**.....

