



Williamsburgh Primary School & Nursery Newsletter March / April 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

A joint March & April newsletter this time, mainly because I have just got round to doing one for March and we are not here much in April!

Sad Farewells!

Two very valued members of our team will leave us on 29th March

We are very sad to be losing Mrs Maria Chittick who is something of a Williamsburgh legend, given the almost 25 years of loyal service she has given to our school office!

I know that many parents are grateful for Maria's smiley face and helpful attitude in the office.

Mrs Chittick is retiring on 29th March and is looking forward to spending time with her hubby who is also retiring.

We will miss her very much but wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.



Mrs Judith Brown, Additional Support Needs Assistant, also leaves us on 29th March. Judith is leaving to take up a new post in the financial sector. We will miss her positive attitude and sense of humour but wish her every success in her new venture.



Happy Beginnings!

Congratulations to Miss McNeil and her fiancé Ross, who became Mr & Mrs Neilson on Saturday 24th March. We wish them many happy years together and Mr & Mrs Neilson.



A few wee ~~moan~~ reminders!!

I don't like to moan (though my teenagers would tell you differently!) but could I make a few pleas?

Dogs in the playground

Nobody loves dogs more than me! However not everyone feels the same and some children are quite scared. Could I please ask that all pooches are kept outside the playground? I appreciate that very young puppies need to be carried and as long as they are kept in an adult's arms that is fine. All puppies should also be brought to Mrs Scott's office for a cuddle!

Parking

You will know that the Wardens have been around the school recently and some tickets were issued for illegal parking. Please remember that the car park is for staff only and that the bus bay should be kept clear. Although we don't have a school bus, we do need this space when trips and coming in and out. Please park considerately so that as many people can get a space as possible. Thank you.

Ready to Learn

We have a very smart school uniform and ask that you support us by encouraging your child to come to school wearing uniform. It makes such a difference to the sense of belonging and community in the school. Please also ensure that your child has an appropriate PE kit of indoor shoes, shorts or leggings/joggers and a top.

Finally, can you please ensure your child has all they need for their day with them when they arrive in the morning? parents to ensure that their child is dressed to access outdoors. I appreciate that some children are brought by car

Thank you for your support in all these matters; it is greatly appreciated.



Nursery News from Mrs Vandal

Easter Event Wednesday 28 March

Parents are invited to join their children in nursery on Wednesday 28 March to participate in an Easter Hunt.

Times to come along and join in -
0915-1015 1100-1145 1300-1345 1345-1430

We need your help

We are presently introducing a new style of Profile for the children who are starting in nursery. In order to personalise each folder, we are looking for ribbon that the children can use to decorate. We would like you to save any ribbons that you may have from packaging and gifts – even short lengths can be used. All donations will be gratefully received.

Thank You

We would like to convey our thanks to Rhyann's dad, who has been helping staff to enhance our outdoor area for all the children.

We really appreciate the support from all our parents.

Outdoor Play

The outdoor area is available for the children to explore and play in every day – unless the children/staff assess this as too risky. We would therefore ask

but this can mean that they do not have their coat on and therefore are not dressed properly for playing outside.



We can't believe it's the end of term already! The snow has

caused chaos this month but it didn't stop the WPC film night for P6. They loved watching Labyrinth so thank you to everyone who helped make it happen! Next term brings our big fundraiser, the Spring fair so watch this space to see how you can help us raise more money for the school!

Thanks as ever to the staff for their support and to all the members of the WPC who come along and contribute to our monthly meetings!

Please find us and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for regular updates!

Ros Hay, Chair

Williamsburgh Primary Presents:



Into the Woods Jr

Williamsburgh students across p4-7 auditioned for the show, singing the Into the Woods prologue. The level of talent was incredible! After careful consideration and call backs we can reveal the 2018 school show cast!



Into the Woods Jr is a fun, family friendly, adventure fairy tale which joins many classic tales into one! Join us, Cinderella, Red Hiding Hood, Rapunzel, the Witch and many more at Williamsburgh Primary School show!

Rehearsals will be in full swing after the Easter break and we hope you will come to see our performances on the **6th and 7th of June!**

If you are interested in supporting the school show with costumes, set design or stage production please leave your name and number with our lovely ladies in the office.

Thank you.

*Mrs Murray and
Mrs Balmer*





Seeking your views

Recently we posted details of a couple of online surveys that we had set up to ask your views on the pledge diaries and homework.

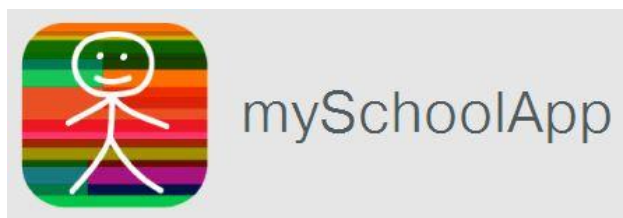
There wasn't a great response with just 37 responses on Pledge Diaries and 49 on homework.

These will now be analysed and reported back in the new term (an Easter holiday job for me!)

Coming

Soon.....

We have a couple of things in the pipeline to let you know about.



School App

We are very excited to let you know that we will soon be launching our very own School App.

This will enable you to have an app on your smartphone that will give you instant access to an up to date school calendar, access to photographs, school letters and reminders.

More information will come out to you after Spring Break to allow you to get registered.

We plan to populate the app during the holidays (another job for me!) and launch soon after we come back to school.

We hope this will be a really helpful communication tool.



Growth Mindset

Staff have been taking part in professional Learning around the concept of Growth Mindset and resilience – both things that is often lacking in our society today.

We have worked with Dr John Paul Fitzpatrick from a company called TeachMindset and have some more work planned for after Easter.

In the new term, John Paul is going to work with a group of 8 senior pupils for a day to develop a drama piece about growth mindset. The children will then perform this piece at our Open Evening on Thursday 26th April.

Even more exciting news is that John Paul will be bringing along actor and musician, Tom Urie to work with the children on the drama. Tom is a former pupil of Williamsburgh and is delighted to be returning to give something back to the school.



John Paul Fitzpatrick & Tom Urie

I hope that you have found the information in this newsletter helpful.

Remember to follow us on our Twitter feed and Facebook page.

Finally, here are some photos of learning experiences from this past month for you to enjoy.

Kind regards

Nova Scott

Nova Scott
Head Teacher





Wishing all of our children and families a healthy, happy and restful Spring Break.



I Did Nothing Today

Author Unknown

When children come home at the end of the day,
The question they're asked as they run out to play
is "Tell me what did you do today?"
And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay.
"Nothing, I did nothing today!"

Perhaps "Nothing" means that I read a book,
Or...with a teacher I got to cook.

Maybe I painted a picture of blue,
Or heard a story of a mouse that flew.

Maybe I wrote in my journal myself,
Or found a great book on the library shelf.

Maybe I helped a friend today,
Or went to my favorite area alone,

Maybe today was the very first time
That my scissors followed a very straight line,

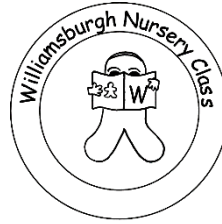
Maybe I sang a song right to the end,
Or worked with a special brand new friend.

When you're three, four, or five your heart has wings
And "Nothing" can mean so many things

We liked this poem and wanted to share it with you! If your child comes home and says they did "nothing" at school today, then you might enjoy this poem!

As you can see from our photographs, our children are kept very busy with a wide variety of learning!

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*.....

