



Borestone Primary School Newsletter



November 2017

Dates for your diary:

November

2nd—Families Connect 6
6th—Parent Appointments
week (nursery)
7th—P5 swimming starts
8th—P5/4 swimming starts
9th—Families Connect 7
15th—Parent Appointments 4-
6pm
16th—Families Connect 8
17th—Children in Need
21st—Parent Appointments 6-
8pm
23rd & 24th—Staff Develop-
ment days, school closed to
children
18th—Nursery Powerful
Play 10.30-12.00
27th—P2 Read Write Count
(parents and children)
2.30pm
28th—P1 Bookbug (parents
and children) 2.30pm
30th—P3 Read Write Count
(parents and children)
2.30pm

December

1st—Whole school
Panto at MacRobert
4th—Parent Council Meeting
7pm
8th—Senior Citizens Christ-
mas Concert 9.30am
11th—Nursery Christmas
Fayre 11-12
12th—Whole school Christ-
mas Concert 1.30pm
13th—Whole school Christmas
Concert 9.30am (repeat)
13th—P3 & P4 party pm
14th—P5 & P5/4 party pm
14th—Nursery Christmas
Fayre 2.30-3.30
18th—Christmas service P4
9.30am
18th—P1 Xmas party pm
19th—P2 & P3/4 Xmas party
pm
20th—Nursery Xmas party am
& pm
21st—P7 & P6 Xmas party pm
22nd—End term, school closes
1.30pm

Information for full year is on
calendar handed out in Au-
gust. This is also available on
our website.

Dear Parent/Carer,

October has been another action-packed month! In this newsletter we share a flavour of some of the fantastic learning children and families have been involved in. Remember to check out our website, Facebook page and Twitter for more information about school activities.

During Book Week Scotland all children in P1, P2 and P3 will again be gifted a bag of books and activities to take home. We're inviting parents to come in and join us for these fun sessions with your children. Dates in "Dates for your diary" section on the left. We understand that many parents work and it's difficult to get time to attend events in the school day, so don't worry if you can't manage. All children will get bags to take home.

Children in Need—Spotacular Friday 17th November 2017



Our Pupil Council are co-ordinating our Children in Need fundraising this term.

Children can bring £1 on Friday 17th November and come to school dressed in something spotty—the more spots the better!



We're also having a "round pound" collection. Although these can no longer be used in shops, we're sure there are lots of them around. The good news is that we can collect them for Children in Need. We're going to have a challenge to see which class can collect most round pounds. Get searching!

Maths and a Munch

This term we have been working with groups of children and their parents to improve numeracy skills. We are working to improve maths mindsets to try to reduce the worry children can sometimes feel with maths.



We will be working with a number of groups of children and their parents from different classes throughout the year. The focus will be to work with the parent packs we shared.



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blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/
borestoneprimary/](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/borestoneprimary/)

Nursery News

Thank you to all parents who supported children's learning about Diwali. We learned about Rama and Sita, diya-lamps, rangoli patterns and foods. Hunnain's mum came in to make Ras-Malai which we ate for snack. Children also made Barfi and Tom and Olivia (from last year) donated traditional outfits which they had outgrown.



Children enjoyed welcoming their parents to Powerful Play. They shared their learning and interests and we enjoyed a Bookbug session with Barbara from St Ninian's library. The librarians also brought joining forms and issued children with library cards. Parents were consulted



about social media; there was overwhelming support for a nursery Facebook page and this is currently being built—search for Borestone Nursery.

Children are participating in fortnightly music lessons with Miss White. They are learning new song, percussion instruments and rhythm—ask them about the chopping song!

We have dressed up, giggled, scared ourselves, taken part in our fashion show and had chocolate for snack to celebrate Halloween. Children dunked for apples, danced and made Halloween crafts. There was some amazing facepainting from our talented parents. Well done to everyone.



Thank you to all parents for signing and returning their Language is Fun Together (LIFT) letters. Staff will be undertaking their next training during the in-service days in November with the Speech and Language Therapist, Stephanie Wood.

Our next Powerful Play are on 28 November 2017 at 10.30am and on 1 December at 2pm. We will be sharing information about Home/Nursery link numeracy sacks and Barbara from the library will be running a Bookbug session on 1 December.

Parentpay



Thank you to all those who have already signed up for Parentpay. Paying electronically by Parentpay is an easy way for you to keep a check on what you've paid and what payments are needed, and it also saves a huge amount of Admin time in school.

It's the most efficient way to pay for school trips, lunches, breakfast club etc.

Even if your child is in P1-3 and receiving free meals, there will be times when you need to pay for breakfast club or school excursions.

If you need help in signing up or have forgotten login information, please see Clare in the school office.

Our aim is to have as many parents as possible on Parentpay.

We've increased slightly to an average of 56%.

Can you help us increase this towards our target of 90%?

First Minister's Reading Challenge

Our literacy community group has been finding out about the First Minister's Reading Challenge and has signed Borestone Primary up for a great year of reading! Children will come home with a reading passport soon. Please encourage and support your child on their reading journey to complete their passports by recording any books, magazines, recipes etc. they have read. We want to make sure all children enjoy their reading journey this year. Watch out for challenges along the way!

The literacy community group will keep you updated with any focus challenges or dares throughout our journey. Have a look at www.readingchallenge.scot for ideas and inspiration.

LET'S GET READING!



Making Maths Magnificent

Thank you to all who came along to our first Sharing Learning event of the year.

If you missed the event the information we shared is available on the school web-site.



Parent Council

Dear Borestone Parent,

The Halloween Disco this week was once again an enormous success. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out! Whether it was selling tickets, hanging decorations, helping out on the night or preparing your children's Halloween costumes please know that your support was very much appreciated...ohh and the kids had a great time!

Thank you also to everyone for supporting our Christmas Card fundraiser; order forms are now winging their way to the printers and we expect the cards / mugs etc back from the printers in the next 2-3 weeks. We will get them out to you as soon as they arrive.

At our last meeting Borestone Parent Council agreed to pay for the cost of coaches for a whole school trip to the Macrobert pantomime this xmas. This is a significant cost for us, please help us pay for this transport by support our fundraising. As usual we will be holding xmas raffles during the school xmas concerts. Last year we had some amazing prizes, and we will be contacting local businesses again asking for donations for raffle prizes; if you would like to help us collect raffle prizes, or if you know of any local businesses who would be willing to donate a raffle prize please get in touch via our email address below or message on facebook.

Finally, please get in touch if you have any questions, comments or suggestions. In particular, please let us know if you have any issues that you would like us to raise with school or ideas for fundraising. All parents are very welcome to attend all our meetings; the next Parent Council Meeting will be on Monday, 4th December 7-8:30pm. We would be delighted to see you there.

Best wishes,

Lucy Fraser,

Follow us on: Twitter: @BorestoneParent

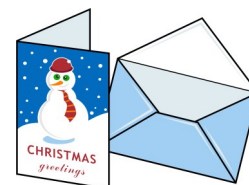
Facebook: www.facebook.com/BorestoneParents

Email us at: borestonepc@gmail.com

Christmas Card Competition

Children have again done fabulous designs for Christmas cards. Winners, judged by our Parent Council who organise the printing of the cards were:

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| Nursery | Freya Robertson | Bo Duthie |
| P1T | Liam Thomson | |
| P1DY | Jamie Lokhart | |
| P2 | Jessica Nicol | |
| P3/2 | Sophia Duthie | |
| P3 | Olympia Smyk | |
| P4 | Dylan Gow | |
| P5/4 | Layton Brown | |
| P5 | Aoife Devey | |
| P6 | Lekiesha Healy | |
| P7H | Lennon Clark | |
| P7C | John Hill | |



Well done everyone!

Macmillan Bake Sale

Aoife, Ava, Emily, Jade and Innes from Primary 5 recently organised a bake sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer support. They raised over £155—a fantastic achievement. They showed fantastic initiative, organisation and commitment. Well done girls!



Attendance and Latecoming

Good attendance at school is a significant indicator of success and progress in learning and it is expected that most children will have an attendance rate of over 95%.

When children miss school regularly, it becomes more difficult for them to keep up with their classmates and leads to gaps in their learning. Regular latecoming also causes issues for the child and the whole class as they may arrive after lunches have been ordered. They also miss learning and instructions, resulting in the teacher having to repeat things for them rather than teaching the class or planned groups.

We are in the process of sending letters to parents of children whose attendance has fallen below 90%. Several of these are due to family holidays during term time.

We will continue to monitor attendance regularly and will ask to meet with parents if there is not an improvement in attendance so we can discuss what supports may be helpful in changing the situation e.g. involvement of school nurse for medical issues or referral to other services.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

P7's Dalguise Adventure

On Wednesday 18th October the P7s ventured off to Dalguise for 3 days of outdoor learning, fun and adventure.

On the first day when we arrived my first activity was canoeing, my friend Paige splashed me with water! We ended up getting stuck in the middle of the pond! Paige jumped into the freezing water and swam quickly to shore leaving me stranded. **Jocelin Currie**

The abseiling was the biggest challenge for me as it was very high, but I pushed myself to do it and I was proud of myself when I made it to the bottom. **Josh Swain**

The 3 days and 2 nights was a fantastic experience for all the students who were all challenged to try something new and work together as a team to overcome many challenges. The camp staff kept us all happy and singing throughout our time at Dalguise. A BIG thank you to Mrs Orr, Mr Henderson and Mr Cooper for supporting the students on their adventure and joining in the fun and learning.



Lost Property—a plea for help

We know how expensive children's school uniform can be. Since the start of term, we again have a huge amount of unclaimed lost clothing, none of which is named. Can you PLEASE put your child's name on all their clothing, lunch boxes etc. so that we can return it to them if it's left somewhere. This can be easily and cheaply done with a marker pen on the label.

Our Dalguise Experience

Last Wednesday P7H and P7C embarked upon a never ending journey to Dalgauiise. I say never ending as I felt as if we were never going to get there because it took so long on the bus. When we finally got there, it took me a while for my numb legs to work, before we had to mountain hike up the hill to our dorms with a massive suitcase. I had a few ups and downs while at Dalgauiise, although an example of one of my highlights was having a room with all of my friends because we had fun in our rooms. Raft building wasn't that good because I almost froze to a cube but the zip-line was so energetic and one of my highlights. The giant swing, the evil monster that consumes people's souls, failed to consume mine because I had the time of my life. It was the first time that I actually felt alive! None of these activities were actually my favourite, I mean all of the activities were sensational but my real favourite was canoeing. I know it isn't crazy or anything but it was a nice calm boat ride, where Max had to do all of the work for the first five minutes because I had to hold onto the sides in fear of falling in.

Overall, I learned a number of new skills and reached out of my comfort zone. I'm glad I did! The future p7's will have a great time at Dalgauiise. It is an incredible experience and one that I will never ever forget.

Kai Ross, P7



PreWired [Stirling]

- Wednesday, November 1, 2017
- 5:30pm 7:30pm
- CodeBase Stirling

Are your children interested in coding. Would you like them to get involved? CodeBase Stirling have organised a weekly club where children can go and develop their coding skills. If you would like to book tickets you can do this through the EventBrite app or the following website. <http://bit.ly/2y9ekjJ>

Poppy Appeal

Primary sevens will be collecting donations for The Scottish Poppy Appeal over the next week to raise money for this great cause. They will be in the playground before school if you wish to donate and will visit classrooms daily .
Any donations will be greatly appreciated.



Enterprise Group

Our Enterprise group is now well and truly up and running. The children have been participating in a variety of challenges to help them develop their skills in teamwork, trust, memory and creativity. They are being encouraged to think about what they are good at and the skills that they can share with their team members. We have been creative too and the children have enjoyed experimenting making slime.

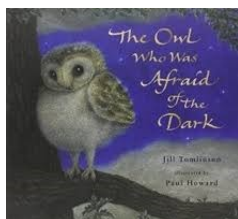
We have been charged with the task of raising £100 towards the postage costs of sending the Christmas Appeal shoeboxes away and we are holding a Halloween themed cake stall to help towards this goal. The children themselves have done some baking and decorating towards this.

Next month we will continue with some fun challenges and start to think about further ideas for fundraising, this is will include some ideas for Christmas presents, so please watch out for fliers coming home!

P1 Tapsalteerie Theatre

P1 classes recently had a visit from Tapsalteerie Theatre Company who performed "The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark" to support their Night and Day learning context.

"I liked the end when the owl flew to the moon." - Ander
"I liked when the owl wasn't afraid of the dark any more." - Olivia
"I liked when the boys started a fire." - Rogan
"I liked when we were dancing." - Summer



Lunch Club

Lunch club has now been running since the start of the Autumn Term organised by SLAs Mrs Wells and Mrs Hutchison. We started with a rotation of taster sessions for Primary 2-7 to find out what the children would like to do as a lunch club activity.

This included the following:

Reading Rockets - Choosing a book or magazine to read in the library and reading as a group or individually or listening to a story as well as discussing favourite books.

On National Book Day we incorporated Art and the children drew a picture of the cover of their favourite book or characters from a book.

Construction Crew - Lego and magnetic construction games. Activities also included using Beebots and the Beebot App for the mathematical enthusiasts!

Board Games - A variety of games including Ludo, Draughts, Dominoes, Guess Who I Am, Build a Word and Connect 4 to mention but a few!

Borestones Got Talent - Budding stars of Borestone showed us their top talents with singing, dancing, miming and more!

Our outdoor activities have included:

Rounders

Parachute Games

Obstacle Course

Chalk Art - one session the Primary 6 girls suggested

Chalk Art Emojis which cheered up the playground.

The request that hit the top of the chart was 'Slime Making'! Each class got a chance to attend a 'Slime Making' Session which also involved making Salt Dough and 'Sell Your Slime' posters!

We had some very enthusiastic Primary 6 and Primary 7 helpers including Morgan and Jayden who proved to be experts of serious slime making!

Following on from this has been Halloween Crafts which proved another great success this week with the children's marvellous creations of glitter bats, black cats, mummies, pumpkins and skeleton hands appearing after lunchtime! Mrs Wells' magical bag also produced a cauldron of Halloween Costumes, so we saw the children turn into skeletons and witches and draculas!!

The lunch club also provides opportunities for the Primary 4 - 7's to build on their leadership and teamworking skills and we have seen some great work - well done, keep it up!

Mrs Rae, Mrs Waddell and Pamela Docherty our school volunteers have been a great help during lunch club sessions. Thankyou!

On Monday the Primary 1's will be able to attend their first lunch club and we are starting with Reading Rockets in the library and some storytelling.

Another exciting activity coming up soon is Curling. The children will be able to try out some indoor curling with equipment provided by Active Stirling and learn some new sporting skills!