



Borestone Primary School Newsletter



March 2018

Dates for your diary:

March

1st—The Benefits of Glow, Digital Parents Workshop
6th—Powerful Play 11.00-12.00 & 2.00-3.00
8th—P3 Football Taster
15th—A Life Online, Digital Parents Workshop
16th—P2 class assembly & Celebrating Success
Wk beg. 12th—Nursery Parent Appointment week
20th Sharing Learning Evening (whole school) 6.00-7.30pm
Book Fair
23rd—Sports Relief
27th—Buddy Training for P6
28th—Nursery Easter Celebration am
29th—Nursery Easter Celebration pm
29th—End of term Easter Service 9.30am, P2 leading
29th—P3 Football Festival, Stirling High
30th—HOLIDAY

April

16th—Return to school
16th—Languages focus week
23rd—Parent Council Meeting 7pm
25th—Powerful Play, nursery
26th—New P1 Induction meeting 9.00am

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

Dear Parent/Carer,



We've had an eventful month even if we were 3 school days shorter than usual! The recent snowy weather brought its' challenges but we also saw an amazing community spirit, thank you!

Following a recent accreditation visit from Digital School Awards Scotland, we are delighted to announce that Borestone is now officially a Digital School. We received extremely positive feedback which recognises our commitment to digital learning. The report said *"Borestone Primary School exemplifies the embedding of ICT. Of particular strength is the shared vision of staff and students to integrate ICT for learning and engagement, and the excellent support, leadership and organisation that enables this. My visit to Borestone Primary School was very well organised enabling me to observe a wide range of classroom activities that demonstrated the high-levels of ICT-enriched teaching and learning. My discussions with staff gave a clear sense of a shared vision to inspire and support students through technology."*

We look forward to sharing some of our digital learning at our Sharing Learning Evening. More information below.

Tuesday 20th March 2018 **6-7.30pm**

Innovation Nation

This term children have had some very exciting learning experiences with a technologies learning focus. Children have had visits from professionals from throughout the technologies industry and have been involved in designing their own technology solutions.

The sharing the learning event will be an opportunity to come along with your child to see their work, take part in some of the activities they have been involved in and try out some of our new digital technologies we have been learning about in school.

As well as an opportunity to visit your child's class, you can visit all classes around the school and come to the school hall for our technologies fair. At the technologies fair we will have companies sharing how they use technology in their business, robots and programmable toys and Digital Champions from Stirling High will be showcasing digital learning at high school.



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Burns Poetry Winners

Our class winners from the Burn's Poetry competition impressed everyone at the recent school ceilidh with another rendition of their winning poems.

As ever they managed to entertain and deliver great performances to an audience of our attending families and we were proud of them all.



Schools Cross Country championships

We had a record number of pupils attending the event this year and our pupils from P6 & P7 did not disappoint with their performances.

They braved the cold and snow to complete the 1 mile course alongside hundreds of other pupils from schools across Stirling. Jack Dennehy, Jonathan McFarlane, Josh Swain, Quinn Robertson, Mylo Preston and Ryan McCormack all managed to record a score of under 8 minutes, and a particular well done to Gavin Dick who was a top twenty finisher and progresses to the Forth Valley Championships in March. Watch this space!



THANK YOU!

We would like to say a HUGE thank you for all your support over the recent snow days. We were really pleased with how many children engaged with learning via GLOW and through links on social media. It was also great to see all the igloos, snowmen and snow angels which were made. The turnout of parents, former parents, children, former pupils, staff and other community members for clearing snow on Sunday was really impressive. We are proud to be part of such a supportive community.

Rotary Club Primary School Quiz



Well done to Jenifer, Mylo, Kai, and Ryan for a confident performance in the Rotary Quiz..

The team had identified their category strengths and worked well together to get the majority of the answers correct.

They represented their school well and came in 7th place and only a few points behind the overall winners.

Schools Gymnastics Championships



We had 6 pupils attending the Stirling Schools Gymnastics Competition. They competed in vault and floor disciplines and got caught up in the excitement of this type of event. They are all pledging to return again next year!

Scores were extremely close with Emily Henderson coming out on top in the Pre Level 1 event and Hayden Graham in the Level 1 event.



Nursery News

Football Tasters

Children have started a six week block of football taster sessions run by Stirling Albion. Two footballers are visiting during gym sessions. Hector told us all 'they are called coaches!'



We are learning how to keep fit, dribble the ball, stop it with our feet and follow the instructions. We have transferred these skills outside into the nursery garden!

Learning

All Wednesday children enjoyed a visit from Epilepsy Awareness to learn about epilepsy and our brains. There were some really in depth questions which illustrated children's understanding of their new knowledge.

Language is Fun Together (LIFT)

We have launched our LIFT project to parents and were grateful for the support our Speech and Language Therapist, Stephanie Wood, and from the parents who were able to come along to our first Powerful Play/LIFT workshop.



We learned about not asking so many questions, following children's lead, commenting on what was happening and adding language

to their conversations. If you weren't able to make it and would like to know more, please speak to Mrs Tullis.



Parents' Appointments

Staff will be available to parents during the week beginning 19 March. Please speak to your child's key worker if you would like to make an appointment.

Eat Well & Waste Less

Eat well and waste less was the message from Linda, who works for Warburtons. The children discussed the Eating Well Guide and how to reduce food wastage. Not only did they have a chance to make their own delicious sandwich but were also given a loaf of bread to take home.



Science Fair—Stirling University

We have been asked to share information about a forthcoming science fair at Stirling University. It's free, there's no need to book and it's for all ages. Sounds good!

Science Fair
Saturday 17th March 2018

Atrium, Andrew Millar Building
(upstairs from the MacRobert)

University of Stirling

12noon- 4pm

Free entry, all ages welcome.

Lot of fun activities...Science is for Everyone



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Parent Council – March 2018

Dear Borestone Parent,

A huge thank you to all the families, friends, neighbours and staff who came to school at the weekend to help us clear the snow in the playground and car park - what an awesome achievement! We estimate that over 50 folk came along to help out – proving many hands make light work; and John Wilson's telehandler certainly made the job much easier. We're feeling very proud of our whole school community. Thank you!

This week members of the Parent Council will be attending the Schools Digitars Community Group to watch a presentation requesting funding for digital STEM resources to support whole school learning. We're really looking forward to seeing the children's presentation and understanding more about their request.

As you may be aware, there have been a number of road safety incidents near school recently. In the last month, staff from school and our Parent Travel Champion have met with Stirling Council to discuss proposed traffic calming initiatives near to the school. We will keep you updated as we have more information on this.

The Parent Council are starting to think about ideas for a sponsored summer event; please get in touch and let us know if you have any ideas.

If you have any comments, questions or ideas, please do get in touch with us via email or come along to our **next Parent Council meeting on Monday, 23rd April, 7:00-8:30pm in school** - everyone is welcome.

Thank you,
Lucy Fraser

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Youth Clubs—Primary 6 & 7

Youth Club at YT Club, Cultenhove for P6 and P7 starts back this week. It's on Fridays from 6.30-8.00pm.

For those who live nearer Hillpark, there's also a club there, also for P6 and P7 at the Community Centre from 6.15 to 7.45pm on Tuesdays.



Primary Poetry

Primary 5/4 were fortunate to have Smith's Art Gallery and Museum's resident poet (John Coutts) in class. The Children learned about various beats to the rhythm of poems. The children also had the opportunity to recite poetry along with John and impress him with their Scottish poetry recital.



Primary 7 Visit from CAD Technician

Primary 7 enjoyed a visit from CAD Technician and 3D Model user Kyle Greig from GHD Engineering.

Kyle demonstrated his superb design skills and the 3D models he has made using various CAD software. He also demonstrated how 3D modelling, Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality can be used to design buildings, cars, trainers, video games and movies. We even learned that 3D was invented in 1844! Kyle also told the pupils about the subjects he liked doing at school and how following the apprenticeship route has enabled him to learn and earn at the same time

It was a fantastic visit and has really inspired P7 with their technologies Toy Designs.

