



# Borestone Primary School Newsletter



December 2018

## Dates for your diary:

### December

17th—Christmas Assembly  
P4/3 & P4 @ 9.30a.m.  
17th—P2O & P2McK  
Christmas party p.m.  
18th—P3, P4/3 & P4  
Christmas Part p.m.  
19th—Nursery Christmas  
Party 10.30a.m.-1.30p.m.  
for ALL Nursery Children  
19th—P1DY & P1T Christ-  
mas Party p.m.  
20th—P6W, P6T & P7  
Christmas Party p.m.  
21st—End of term . Nurse-  
ry closes @ 11.55a.m. and  
school @ 1.30p.m.

### January

SNSA assessments for  
P1&P4  
7th-18th—Scottish Focus  
Fortnight  
14th—Parent Council Meeting  
@ 7pm  
18th Celebrating Success  
Assembly  
21st-31st—Nursery Family  
Fortnight  
25th—Burns Competition  
25th—Nursery Burns Day  
29th—Parent Council Family  
Ceilidh

Information for the whole  
school year is available on our  
website.

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW  
YEAR FROM ALL THE  
STAFF AT BORESTONE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is in full swing at Borestone with concerts completed, festive lunch devoured and parties most afternoons. It is a really busy time of year but also good fun.

Thanks to all who came to the recent parents night and for the feedback on the new set up. Based on this we will continue to offer parents night in this new format with a few tweaks to make it even more successful.

Parking continues to be an issue outside the school with congestion at pick up and drop off times. We have had some concern raised by residents who have had their driveways blocked and have passed these onto the community police. We would urge all parents to show consideration to others when driving or parking around the school and to consider parking a couple of streets away from school and walking the final few metres. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Please note the information around school enrolment on the back page of this news edition and please share with anyone you know who might need this information.

Finally can we ask that parents inform the school office at the earliest opportunity if their child is absent from school or running late. This allows us to keep accurate records on attendance and saves office staff time following up on pupils marked as absent from school with no explanation.

### **Christmas Nativity**

Our Christmas concerts were a great success with all classes including our youngest nursery children performing in-front of large crowds of parents and carers.

They also did a special performance for a group of invited OAPs who were then able to stay for a cup of tea and a mincemeat pie.

A Wiggly Nativity was performed by pupils across the P1-3 classes and as usual they stole the show.

The children impressed the audience with clear voices, musical expertise and a full repertoire of songs that they had learned off by heart.



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Dear Borestone Parent,

We can't believe it's approaching the end of term already! It's been a busy few weeks. A big thank you once again to all the parents, pupils and staff who have supported Borestone Parent Council activities over the last month. We estimate that our total profit from our Xmas fundraising activities this year has been an amazing £2049 (£520 Xmas Cards; £738 Xmas Concert Raffles; £791 Xmas Fayre). Thank you everyone!

We were delighted to be able to take advantage of a good offer and paid £250 for the Hopscotch Theatre Company to perform Beauty and the Beast for the whole school this term – the kids really enjoyed a new telling of an old story. We have also recently paid for Celebrating Success Prize books and Xmas books for the nursery, P1 and P2 children.

Christmas card orders were distributed out to children at the end of November, thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser, we hope your friends and family will enjoy receiving personalised gifts and cards with your children's xmas designs on them.

Our first ever Christmas Fayre was a great success, with lots of great stalls, crafts and games – there was a lovely community feel to the whole event, and we estimate well over 400 people came along – thank you for your support! A big thank you also to the Xmas Fayre committee for organising this great event, we hear they already have lots of ideas for next year!

This year we also had 3 Christmas raffles, one at each of the xmas concerts (including the senior citz concert). Again, thank you to everyone who helped us sell tickets for the concerts and raffles; also to all our parents for supporting the raffle, buying tickets and donating prizes. We would like to say a special thank you to the many local businesses that supported us with raffle prize donations – which were very much appreciated.

Our next event will be a Burns Night Family Ceilidh on Tuesday 29th January, which will include children performing their Scots Poetry during a break in the dancing. We have booked CeilidhKids (Edinburgh) to come along and host the ceilidh for us – they run regular school and family events including at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and it promises to be a great night. Please SAVE THE DATE, and look out for more details nearer the time.

We do much more than organising fundraising and social events. There is always lots of debate at our meetings – and all parents and careers with children at Borestone Primary School are very welcome to come along and join our discussion. At our last meeting the topics we discussed with school included: new Parents Evening Format, School Validated Self Evaluation, Parking and Travel and Communication with parents. Our next parent council Meeting is Monday, 14th January, 7pm in school; we hope you can join us.

Lucy Fraser

## P5 Strings Recital



Check out the concentration on the faces of P5 as they demonstrated their newly acquired skills as strings musicians.

Both P5 classes joined together this week to perform on stage in front of the whole school. They demonstrated some of their warm up and rhythm activities, their teamwork in playing notes together and their musicianship when playing as a whole group. The audience sang along to Jingle Bells and we were all very impressed.

P5 only started learning how to play their instruments in September of this year and this was their first public performance. The tutors commented on how well they had picked up on their playing and equally impressed with their performance.



## Country Dancing

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November our P3/4 Country Dancing Club joined P7 to participate in the Country Dancing Festival at The Peak. The pupils performed their demonstration dance, 'And For The Young Ones' to an audience from a number of other schools in Stirling. They displayed a great deal of confidence, a thorough knowledge of the dance they were modelling and a huge amount of enthusiasm.

Well done to all the pupils who attended. Their hard work leading up to the event really paid off!



### Nursery



**Powerful**

### Play

Thank you to all of our parents (and new siblings!) who attended. It was a great success as always! We were really pleased to have along the Parent and Family Support Team for some information on who they are, what they do and how you can contact them and also we had Mrs Fiona McFarlane our school family link worker, Mr Jamie Madden, our Speech and Language Therapist and a Health Visitor drop in. It is great to have professionals in for the chance for you to meet and chat to them informally.

### Christmas Concerts

The children in nursery have worked really hard at learning some Christmas songs and quite confidently sang their best at the concerts in school. All children participated with no stage fright which was fabulous. Nativity next year is going to be super! We have also been learning the story of Christmas. Please ask us to tell you all about it as we have refined our fine details and can tell you the start, middle and end of the story!



### Library Trip

Some children went a trip to the Mayfield Centre to the library. The children read lots of books and brought some back to nursery with them!



### Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be held on Wednesday 19th during normal session times. Parents are invited back at either 11:10 am or 2:40pm. **Children who are here all day on Wednesday—Parents are invited to the AFTER-NOON time for Santa visiting.**

Lastly, we welcome Jackie Du Pont, our nursery teacher back with us for the next 13 weeks on a Mon, Tue and Wed morning.

### Fun Athletics

Primary 5 took part in the Stirling Cluster Athletics competition on Thursday 13th December.

The pupils took part in a wide range of activities, including relay, obstacle course, long jump, high jump and the soft javelin.

All the pupils tried their very best and were great sports. We were very proud of our 4th place, having just missed out on third by 3 points.

### Bannockburn House

Primary 4/3 has a wonderful visit to Bannockburn House where they learned the history of the building and which famous people stayed in the house. The children even met Santa! Many thanks to the parent helpers.



### Tuesday Cooking Group

A group of 9 Primary 7 girls have been meeting after school on Tuesday afternoons to enjoy cooking a simple Christmas Dinner. Each week we have made one course of the dinner and some Christmas Treats. We've made lentil soup, roast chicken with veg and we're looking forward to making our pudding next. The girls have been excellent!



## Max In The Middle P6T

Swain and Lisa joined our class on Monday 19th November to tell us a little bit about what we would be doing during that week. They were very kind, funny, approachable and had loads of energy!

### Meeting Monday!

We played lots of 'Getting to know you' games. We made signature moves so Swain and Lisa could easily remember our names. We had loads of fun and this made us super excited about what lay ahead the rest of the week.

### Tasty Tuesday!

We learned about the importance of having a balanced diet and how to make quick, simple and healthy meals. We made oatcakes and cheese, salmon boats and tooty fruity crumble (straight from the jungle). Sophie also joined the class on Tuesday and we were all bursting with excitement to meet her!

### Workout Wednesday!

We learned about the six elements of fitness: strength, stamina, coordination, balance, flexibility and imagination. This helped us think about how we can maintain a healthy lifestyle. Additionally, we created some of our own dance and drama scenes. We explored emotions people might feel and how to resolve negative situations.

### Thinking Thursday!

We developed our dance and drama scenes. Furthermore, we recapped all the other learning that had taken place during the week. Finally, we prepared for our shared learning event.

### Finale Friday!

We shared everything we learned during the week with everyone who attended the event. Despite some pre-performance nerves, the event was a HUGE success and we're sure the audience learned a thing or two as well!

By P6T



## Cross Country

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December a number of pupils from P6 and 7 competed in the Stirling Cluster Cross Country Championships at Kings Park. Every pupil displayed resilience, determination and respect on the day and did Borestone proud. Well done to all the pupils who competed!



## Bubblegum and Fluff

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December Primary 5 were invited to St Columbus Church for their annual 'Bubblegum and Fluff' session.

This was a fun, interactive session where the pupils learned more about the story of advent and the importance of Christmas.

The first activity was a fun quiz where pupils had to work together to answer questions about Christmas and advent.

They then watched a fun puppet show about the story behind the theme 'Bubblegum and Fluff', before doing a sorting activity on the Advent story.

The main activity of the day was a superb arts and crafts sessions where pupils got to make pictures using tiles.

The day ended with a short play in the church and a discussion about the true meaning of Christmas.

Everyone had a brilliant time and would like to thank all the people at St Columbus church for all their hard work.

## **Enrolment Arrangements : Primary & Secondary School Education in 2019**

The 2019/2020 school year starts on 20 August 2019. This is the only date for beginning school education for that year.

All children who are five years old on or before 20 August 2019 are of school age and must start their primary school education on 20 August 2019, children who are five years old between 20 August 2019 and 29 February 2020 may start their primary school education on 20 August 2019.

If your child is starting their primary school education in August 2019 you must enrol him/her at their catchment school by 25 January 2019. Details of school catchment areas and further information on our enrolment procedures can be found by visiting our website [www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk) or by contacting us on 01786 233185. As part of the enrolment process we check the residency of all parents wishing to enrol their child at their catchment school, please bring your child's birth certificate, child benefit book/award letter, tax credit award letter, two recent household utility bills and a recent council tax bill with you when you enrol your child.

**The list of dates when schools are enrolling pupils will be available on our website [www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk) from 3 December 2018.**

### **Gaelic Medium Provision**

Gaelic Medium Provision is available at Riverside Primary School, Forrest Road, Stirling tel: 01786 474128 email: [rversdeps@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:rversdeps@stirling.gov.uk). Any parent wishing to enrol their child in our gaelic medium provision should contact the school for further information.

### **Notice to Parents and Guardians of Children due to Transfer from Primary to Secondary School**

Children currently in P7 will transfer from primary to secondary education in August 2019. You will receive notification of transfer arrangements through your primary school and your child will be automatically enrolled in their catchment secondary school. Should you wish your child to attend a secondary school that is not their catchment school a placing request must be submitted.

### **Placing Requests for Session 2019/2020**

In accordance with the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 as amended, Stirling Council hereby informs parents or guardians who wish to make a placing request for the school session 2019-2020, to do so in writing by no later than 15 March 2019. Your right applies to a request that your child be placed in a school other than the school which normally serves the area in which you live. It applies to a primary school or, where appropriate, the transfer to a secondary school, including a school providing for children with additional support needs. You can apply online at <http://my.stirling.gov.uk/ceakeforms/view/placingrequestapplicationform> or, alternatively, application forms and guidelines are available from Schools, Learning and Education, Wolfcraig, Dumbarton Road, Stirling on 01786 233185.

It is essential that you enrol your child at the school that serves your local area even if you are making a placing request for another school.

Please note that if your placing request is successful school transport will not be provided for your child.

### **Schools Information**

Information on local authority schools in Stirling Council is available on our website [www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk) or by contacting us on 01786 233185.

Parents wishing to apply for enrolment to Our Lady's RC Primary School, St Mary's RC Primary School, St Margaret's RC Primary School, St Mary's Episcopal Primary School and St Modan's High School should contact the school to discuss enrolment policy. Details are also available on the Council website [www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk)