



Borestone Primary School Newsletter



November 2018

Dates for your diary:

November

19th—P6T Max in the Middle all week

19th—Nursery Rhyme Week

20th—Powerful Play / LiFT @ 10.30a.m.

21st—Flu Immunisations

22nd—Powerful Play / LiFT 2.00p.m.

22nd Parents Evening 4.00-6.00p.m.

23rd - Celebrating Success and P2M assembly

27th—Parents Evening 6.00-8.00p.m.

29th & 30th—STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

December

3rd—Parent Council meeting

6th Dec— Parent Council Christmas Fayre 6-8p.m.

6th Dec—P5 Bubblegum and Fluff

7th Senior Citizens Christmas concert @ 9.30a.m.

11th—School Christmas concert @ 1.30p.m.

12th School Christmas concert @ 9.30a.m.

13th—School Christmas Lunch

13th—P5JS & P5W Christmas Party p.m.

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 Christmas Party p.m.

20th—P6W, P6T & P7 Christmas Party p.m.

21st—End of term . Nursery closes @ 11.55a.m. and school @ 1.30p.m.

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy term so far with lots of sporting activities, visitors to school and a super Halloween Disco.

We have parents night approaching and the teachers are looking forward to sharing the progress of your children. We are also gearing up with arrangements for the festive period with the younger classes starting to learn songs for their Nativity. Important dates are on the left hand side and some further detail on the back page.

We would like to thank you for your support in not using the staff car park, and for bearing with things during the recent road works around the school. We continue to discuss potential solutions to the congestion around the school and will share any progress with this matter when we can.



NSPCC Assemblies

Representatives from the NSPCC delivered an assembly at the start of this term to highlight their Speak Out Stay Safe campaign.

Radio 1 broadcaster Arielle Free came along to help children to recognise different types of abuse and to feel confident about speaking out to a trusted adult. They also raised awareness of Childline and the important support they can offer.

P6 & P7 classes all took part in a further workshop session back in their own classrooms.

Last session the NSPCC shared their message with more than **3,200 children in 25 schools across the Stirling area.**



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Parent Council

Dear Borestone Parent,

The Halloween Disco 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; the cards and mugs etc are now at the printers, and we expect to be able to hand them out to classes before the end of November. The designs that the children created this year were excellent, and we had a difficult job choosing between them, congratulations to the winners who are: Nursery - Hector Cumming; Nursery Maya Czartoryjska; P1T Chloe Quinn; P1YD Skye McDonald; P2O Cody Broadley; P2M Chloe Paterson; P3 Neena Jamieson; P4/3 James Unworth; P4 Reece Thomson; P5W Ellie Powell; P5JS Ryan Wilson; P6W Aoife Devey; P6T Oliwia Sawicka; P7 Gavin Dick

On Thursday 6th December the Parent Council will be hosting our first Christmas Fayre at Borestone PS, it will be open from 6-8pm, entrance on the door priced at £1 per adult, entry for children is free, though all children need to be accompanied by an adult. We would be very grateful for donations to our candy tombola, we are looking for items such as chocolate oranges, Toblerones and bags of sweets - please hand them in to the school office. And, we are still keen to recruit folk to help out on the night, please get in touch and let us know if you can help out. More info in this newsletter and on facebook @BorestoneParent.

As usual we will be holding X-mas raffles during the school xmas concerts. Last year we had some amazing prizes, and we have been contacting local businesses again asking for donations for raffle prizes; 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 us 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, 3rd December 7-8:30pm. We would be delighted to see you there.

Best wishes,

Lucy Fraser,

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Animal Man

Primary 5 had a fantastic visit from the Animal Man on Thursday 8th November. Using animals and reptiles rescued as unwanted pets, the Animal Man entertained, informed and delighted the children with an array of interesting species. First was a beautiful white rat called Polly who was an easy start compared to number 2— Tommy Tarantula!

Next up was a Corn Snake, a Blue Tongued Skink (who caused much hilarity by having a little 'accident' on Mrs Selmes' classroom floor), a Bearded Dragon, a sleepy Tortoise and finally, an 8 foot long Anaconda!

The pupils were fantastic and learned a lot about these interesting creatures and our roll in protecting them.



The Gathering

Two P7 Borestone Ambassadors, Ryan McCormack and Ellie Gourlay represented our school at the The Gathering Event 2018. This event was organised by the Stirling Youth Forum, inviting young people's opinions around 4 key themes: Transport, Mental Health, Education and Stirling City Centre. Pupils from 36 Primary Schools and 7 Secondary schools met together at Stirling University to do various activities exploring and discussing the main themes. Ryan and Ellie participated in Sport Leadership and A day in the life living in Stirling. They were excellent pupil ambassadors for the school. Well done!



Food and Farming Event

P6 had a great time when recently taking part in The Royal Highland Education Trust's annual Food & Farming Day in Stirling to learn about food, farming and agriculture.

The day started with a mock auction in one of the main rings at the United Auctions auction mart.



Bidding was off to a slow start with a beautiful pony named Fudge being the leading lot, but bids quickly ramped up when a colourful turkey, pygmy goats, sheep, bull, hens and a trusty sheep dog were brought into the ring.



After the auction, P6 were split into groups and rotated around different learning stations positioned around the auction mart and exhibition hall.

The learning stations covered a wide range of subjects including livestock, food mileage, meat production, dairy, honey, fruit, vegetables and cereals... Presentations and hands-on activities were also enjoyed by the children, including grinding wheat, tasting freshly made ice creams, learning about honey production, milking a cow...and many more.



"We had an awesome trip! Can't wait to go back again!"
Natasha



We are delighted to announce **Borestone Parent Council's first Xmas Fayre, on Thursday, 6th December 6-8pm** in school. Entrance on the door, £1 per adult & kids enter FREE (but must be accompanied by an adult). Please invite your friends and family and come along for a great festive night!

There will be fun for all the family: with great ideas for unique gifts at our Christmas Gift Shopping Stalls, festive craft activities and fun games: make your own reindeer dust, Santa's Teddy Tombola, Face Painting, Festive tattoos, Reindeer races, Santa races, advent games, decorate a x-mas card, teas, coffee, cake and lots, lots more. Please see facebook @BorestoneParents for more details – we will post info about the stall holders as they are confirmed.

In the meantime, we would be very grateful for donations to our candy tombola, we are looking for items such as chocolate oranges, Toblerones and bags of sweets. Please hand them in to the school office.

And, if there is anyone who would like to help out on the night, setting up, tidying up or helping out on a stall, then please get in touch and let us know – you can contact us via our facebook page or email boresontepc@gmail.com

Breakfast Club

Our very popular Breakfast Club runs from 8.15-8.45a.m. in the school hall. Now that our P1s have settled into school life we would like to offer the opportunity for them to come along too. It costs 50p per session which can be paid through Parent Pay and is a really fun way to start off the school day. There will be tea, toast and cereal available, the opportunity to meet up with some of your friends and even get your homework done. If you have not tried it yet why not come along!



Nursery News

We had a fabulous Halloween celebration with lots of lovely outfits. We all managed to dook for an apple too!



Children are beginning to welcome each other and doing the register by themselves. This has led to an interest in letters and reading names. We are planning on trips to the library to find some books to read and look out for writing outside on our way! We would welcome any parents who would like to be involved in this!

We are exploring climbing, both indoors and outdoors. We have had lots of talk and children are learning to risk assess for themselves by asking "Do I feel safe? How can I make sure I am safe?"



We are now learning the story of Christmas. We are learning the characters and sequence of the story:

"The angel told Mary she was pregnant."
"Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem to stay in a farm"
"The men on the camels brought presents, like shampoo"

You can see we are still learning the fine details!

We will not be holding a nursery fayre this year but we are going to be holding a raffle at the end of the Christmas parties. Any donations you would like to give for this would be most welcome. Thank You.

We are looking forward to welcoming Jackie Du Pont our nursery teacher back to work with us until February from 26th November.

We look forward to seeing you at Powerful Play!

Family Connect

Many thanks to the families who attended the Families Connect Programme. There were seven families who came along for 8 weeks and discussed topics like the importance of listening and praise, literacy and numeracy. It was clear that the children enjoyed spending time with their parents and doing the weekly fun activities. It was good to hear that the adults attending also enjoyed it and said that they had found the information useful when helping their children learn.



We hope to run another programme in the New Year. If you would be interested in finding out more, about Families Connect please get in touch with Fiona McFarlane, our Family Link Worker.

Max in the Middle

P6W welcomed Jo and Will from 'Max in the Middle' as part of a dynamic and experiential week where the children explored and reflected on issues such as being active, self-image and healthier eating. During 'Max in the Middle' week, the children had time to discuss healthier food choices and prepared and tasted a range of simple dishes.



Max in the Middle was a fantastic experience and we truly enjoyed every moment of it! - P6W class

Play and Lunchtime

We try to encourage outdoor breaks as often as possible but sometimes the playground can be wet or have puddles in it. It would be really helpful to SLAs if you could slip some dry socks/tights in your child's bag for them to change into if required and to send them with wellies for outside break on wet days. As always we do have a small selection of wellies and socks in school for pupils to borrow if needed.



Thanks!

Reindeer Trail



Well done to ALL the children in Primary 2 and Sophie in P4/3 for winning the recent reindeer design competition with Stirling Council. These huge reindeer will be displayed around stores in the Thistles Centre from mid November. We believe there will be 20 of these dotted around and the public can take part in a Reindeer Trail to find them all. We can't wait to go and try to spot our reindeer! Huge thank you to Sophie's grandmother and Mrs O'Hare for helping the children to get these completed. We think they have done a great job!

Dalguise

Primary 7 had an unforgettable outdoor learning experience at Dalguise Adventure Centre from Wednesday 10th October to Friday 12th October.



The pupils fully participated in a number of activities including canoeing, burn walks, climbing walls, archery, zip-wire and sensory trails.

Well done to all the pupils for challenging themselves, working well as part of a team, showing perseverance, showing determination, using their problem solving skills and displaying leadership qualities.



Bikeability

Well done to the group of Primary 5 children who have now successfully completed their Bikeability course Level 1. This ran for 7 weeks on a Wednesday after school and was delivered by Mrs McMahon and Miss Hutchinson.

Bikeability Scotland is a cycle training programme to give children the skills and confidence they need, both to cycle safely on the roads, and to encourage them to carry on cycling into adulthood. Bikeability Scotland is managed by Cycling Scotland. <https://www.cycling.scot/>

Before the course began Recyke a Bike <https://www.recyke-a-bike.co.uk/> about provided a safety check on the children's own bikes. If a pupil did not have a bike they were provided with one from recyke a bike.

The children improved their knowledge and skills in the areas of:

Appropriate Safety Clothing

Carrying out an 'M' check on their bike (to ensure it is safe to ride)

Starting and Stopping

Pedalling

Braking

Balance and Control

Signalling

Gaining this award has enabled the children to continue improving their level 1 skills and eventually moving on to Level 2 which they could undertake in Primary 6 or Primary 7.

Well done to our keen cyclists and keep on pedalling safely!



Parents evening

Our parents evenings are approaching and we would like to try something a bit different this year. Instead of parents going to classrooms we will host the event in the school hall with each class teacher having a station where they are based.

Parents will still have appointment times as has always been with a 10 minute allocation per pupil. There will be a small seating area allocated to parents waiting for their appointments. On the 27th November event we are also welcoming the Community Police and Community Council who will have a stand to promote a new defibrillator being set up within the area.

We are hoping that this will provide better continuity for those families who have multiple children in different areas of the school. Parents and staff will get the opportunity to evaluate the new set up and it can be discussed further at a Parent Council Meeting.





Christmas at Borestone

Everything you need to know about the Festive season!

Invites have gone out for the **Senior Citizens Concert** and this popular event that will kick off festivities on 7th December @ 9.30a.m. Our school will entertain with Christmas songs and Nativity, with our senior pupils hosting tea and mince pies at the end. Any families with very young children may also purchase a ticket for this event at a cost of £2. Teas and coffees for Senior Citizens only.

Tickets for the **School Christmas Concerts** will be on sale on 3rd, 4th & 5th December from 9-9.30a.m. in the Main Foyer. There will be a limit of 2 tickets per family in the first instance to ensure that every family can attend with the cost of tickets being £2 each. If you are not able to come in yourself on these days then you can send the money in with your child. No telephone orders please! Any leftover tickets will go on general sale on the morning of 10th December between 9-9.30a.m. Can we ask that parents with very young children who are likely to be unsettled come to the Senior Citizens concert .

The **Christmas Lunch** on the 13th December will be a selection of festive party foods. No red, green or blue tray on this day.

The **Primary Christmas Parties** are all in afternoon sessions. Pupils should come to school in their uniforms as usual in the morning and can bring party clothes to change into. If any parents want to get their children dressed can you please arrange for them to have a home lunch on this day. Parties are as follows:

13th Dec—P5JS & P5W
17th Dec—P2O & P2McK
18th Dec—P3, P4/3 & P4
19th Dec—P1DY & P1T
20th Dec P6W, P6T & P7

The **Nursery Christmas Parties** will be on the 19th December during the normal nursery session. Children should come to Nursery on this day dressed for their party. Children who do not access nursery on a Wednesday will get a special invite to attend one of the parties so that they are included. Parents will be invited for the last half hour to see their children receive a present from Santa! Please note that the Nursery will close on Friday 21st December at 11.55a.m. **THERE IS NO AFTERNOON SESSION ON THIS DAY.**

Each class showcases their learning in a class assembly and this Christmas P4/3 & P4 are teaming together for the **Christmas Assembly** which will be on Monday 17th December @ 9.30a.m. Parents from these classes will receive a text to remind them nearer the time.

End of term arrangements. The primary will close on Friday 21st December at 1.30p.m. Morning interval on this day will be from 10.30-11.00a.m. There will be an early lunch from 12.00-12.30p.m. with a **green tray only**. Afternoon attendance will be recorded at 1p.m. and pupils will be released from school at 1.30p.m. We would really appreciate it if pupils were not collected until this time.

Christmas Raffles We appreciate that this time of year is very expensive for families and we do try to minimise costs as much as possible. The parent council intend to run raffles at the Christmas Concerts. There is no obligation to donate but any prizes that you could offer would be gratefully received.