



# Borestone Primary School Newsletter



October 2018

## Dates for your diary:

### October

- 3rd - Shared Learning Event 1.45-3.00 all classes
- 4th - Family Connect session 4
- 8th - Celebrating Success & P5 Harvest Class Assembly
- 8th - Parent Council Meeting @7pm
- 8th - P6W Max in the Middle all week
- 10th - Powerful Play / LiFT @ 10.30a.m. & 2.00p.m.
- 10th—12th - P7s to Dalguise
- 11th - Family Connect session 5
- 15<sup>th</sup> -21st HOLIDAY
- 24th - 26th - School photographs
- 30th - Parent Council Halloween Disco

### November

- 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 P2McK assembly
- 27th—Parents Evening 6.00-8.00p.m.
- 29th & 30th—STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Information for full year is attached to the back of this newsletter. This is also available on our website.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first term seems to have gone in a flash! It has been very busy with class visits to the Edinburgh Book Festival, Engine Shed, Football Festival, Curling at the Peak and Dalguise.

We hope that you all enjoyed our Shared Learning event. Health and Wellbeing is an area we are developing in school this session and we hope that you got a flavour of the variety of work that was on display in the classes.

As the colder weather is approaching, can parents please ensure that pupils are wearing jackets to school? Wet intervals only happen if the rain is particularly bad and it is therefore important that pupils have the correct clothing for outdoors.

We are looking at trying to save paper this session and would like to send these publications out digitally as much as possible. We will be gathering email addresses from as many parents as possible over the next while to enable us to do this.

## emotion works

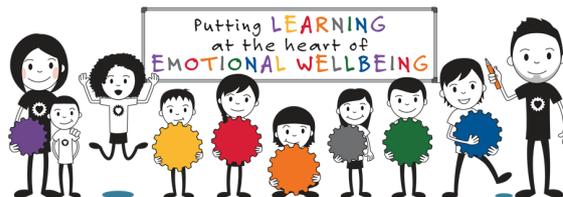
On Wednesday 3rd October, we were joined by Michelle Appleby, an Emotion Works practitioner, parents and carers at the launch of our new Emotional Learning Programme 'Emotion Works'.

All classes showcased their fantastic learning and had a whole host of different activities to share with our visitors.

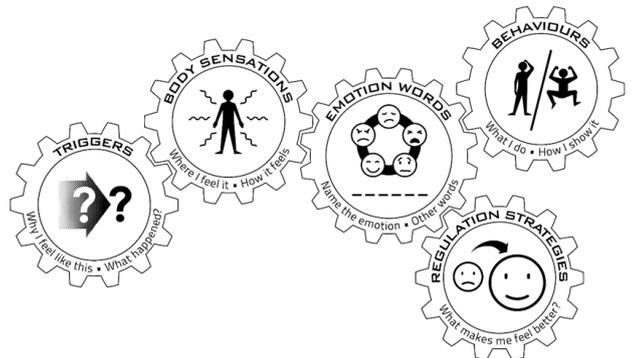
The Primary 6 and 7 choirs sang songs inspired by emotions, there was the opportunity to take part in some relaxing yoga, mindful colouring, story telling, art and French to name but a few of the activities!

The programme focuses on teaching emotional language and supports children and young people to understand how 'emotion works'.

The emotion cogs help children to understand the 5 important areas of emotion— Emotion Words, Body Sensations, Triggers, Behaviours and Regulation Strategies.



We look forward to fully embedding the practical ideas and building knowledge and skills within the children that contribute to them growing up happy and healthy.



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## Parent Council

Dear Borestone Parent,

A big thank you to all those parents who came along to our AGM on 3rd September, the meeting was really well attended with lots of great discussion. I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have elected 11 parent members on to our Parent Council for the 2018/19 session; they are: Lynn Malcolm, Abidah Hussain, Mary-Anne Wood, Vicki Dawson, Paula Freck, Denise Sinclair-Graham, Jennifer Mcewan, Gayle Reid, Lucy Fraser, Fiona McFarlane and Elaine Paterson. The elected Office Bearers for this year are as follows: Chair, Lucy Fraser; Treasurer, Fiona McFarlane; Secretary, Elaine Paterson. If you would like to receive a copy of our AGM reports or the minutes of our meetings then please email us at [borestonepc@gmail.com](mailto:borestonepc@gmail.com).

We have already started our Christmas Card Design Competition – and the children have created some amazing designs in their classes. We expect to have Christmas Card Order forms sent home after the October holidays. You will be able to order your own child's Christmas design printed on Christmas cards, gift tags, thank you note paper and mugs. Deadline date for orders will be printed on the order form.

The annual Halloween Disco will be held at School on Monday 29th October (please note this is a change of date). Tickets will go on sale after the October holidays. Helpers are needed to decorate the school hall, from 3:15-3:45pm on Friday 26th October, and also to support the Halloween disco on the night, Monday 29th October. Please get in touch and let us know if you can help out – our contact details are below.

We are planning a Borestone Christmas Fayre, for evening of Thursday 6th December, it's the first time we've ever done this and we're keen to make it a big success. Jen Mcewan will be coordinating the event – please get in touch with her directly if you can help out - more details in this newsletter.

All parents and carers with children at Borestone Primary School are warmly invited to attend all our meetings. Meeting dates are published in advance in the school calendar and also in the monthly school newsletter. The next Parent Council Meeting will be Monday, 3rd December, 7-8:30pm. Why not come along and see what we do?

With thanks and best wishes,

Lucy Fraser,

Chair, Borestone Parent Council

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## Football Festival

On Thursday 20th September, Primary 7 went to a Football Festival at Stirling High. For two weeks before this, Stirling High young leaders have been coming into our school to teach us football skills. The young leaders were Craig, Neil and Amy. Amy played some games with us to warm up and one of them was cups and saucers. I really enjoyed that game. Then Craig taught us some drills so we got put into three groups and then one of the drills was dribbling the ball with one foot. It was quite tricky and I didn't get it but I tried my best. Then Neil played small sided games with us.

On the day of the festival, we had to come to school in our sports clothes so we could walk to Stirling High. When we got to Stirling High, we got a sticker with a number on it and some of the young leaders had a white board with a number to organise mixed teams. They took us onto a pitch and we had to play against other mixed teams. In the team, it was people from various schools like St Ninians and Allans Primary. Overall, the Festival was amazing and the weather was fantastic. We learned a lot, met new people and had a great time.

### Cerys P7



## Silver Sports Award



We are delighted to announce that we have again been awarded a Silver School Sport Award in recognition of our school's dedication to putting physical education and school sport at the heart of a school's planning, practice and ethos.

The Silver Award also highlights that our school demonstrates an on-going commitment to increase young people's opportunities and engagement in physical education, school sport and leadership and provide clear pathways to life-long participation in sport.

We are continuing to develop our practice around and are hoping to announce this time next year that we have achieved our gold award so please watch this space!

## Nursery News

Children are showing an interest in superheroes and princesses in nursery. This is helping to develop friendships with peers.



"I'm Superman, he flies but I don't cause I'm not real. I'm just pretending."

We have worked really hard together and developed our charter. The children decided what was important:

Putting things back where they belong  
Let our friends play.  
Put our shoes in the red box.

There has also been lots of learning about emotions in nursery. We have been looking at our faces to identify feelings, talking about what makes us feel that way and learning to sing our feelings song. We have also been practising belly breathing for mindfulness.



Powerful Play: Wednesday 10th October .

Morning session is 10:30-11:55am.  
Afternoon session is 2:00-3:30pm.

## Parents in school

We have had a number of reports of parents coming into school and presenting at classrooms when teachers are either setting up learning situations for the day or once the children have already arrived at their classrooms.

We ask that parents do not do this but present at the office and make an appointment to see the class teacher at a mutually convenient time if there is an issue to discuss. If you are stopped by a member of staff from entering the classroom areas then please do not be offended. They are following school protocol to minimise disruption to learning and for the safety of everyone.

Similarly, at the end of the school day, there are a number of parents who are seeking items of clothing or packed lunch boxes from classrooms. This again should be done in consultation with class teachers as we need to be very clear about which adults are in the building and why.

## Engine Shed

On Friday 28th September, P5JW and P4J had a fantastic visit to the 'Heavy Metal' event at the Engine Shed in Stirling.

The children had the opportunity to discover the crafts and skills of working with a range of metals, from hot iron to liquid bronze. Pupils saw demonstrations by blacksmiths and metal casters and discovered the secrets of Scotland's metalworking heritage. There were activities exploring metal work from coin striking to casting metal figures, and displays of records and artefacts of Scottish metalworking in days gone by. The children got to fire up furnaces with bellows, make necklaces and handle 300 year old cannonballs! The children were fantastic and a huge thank you to the parents who came along too.



## Curling at the Peak

P6 had a wonderful time taking part in Curling taster sessions at the Peak. They worked very hard on developing team building skills and had a lot of practice at 'sweeping' and being strategic!!!



*'Curling was awesome and I cannot wait to go back'*

Asmaa

## Holiday Fun

Monday 15 - Friday 19 October 2018

**Active kids October 2018**

Book now!  
01786 273553

Plenty of fun & activities for kids aged 5-13yrs

Book a 5 day camp and get one additional child half price!

## School Information Dashboard

Parentzone have launched a new school information dashboard. This is part of the Government's mission to support excellence and equity in education. They have updated the way in which parents can access information about their schools, making it more accessible, coherent and transparent. By logging onto the parentzone website, you can access the dashboard and filter out any school to look at data around a range of school factors e.g. attendance, attainment, pupil characteristics etc.



<https://public.tableau.com/profile/sg.eas.learninganalysis#!/vizhome/SchoolInformationDashboard-Primary/Introduction>

Please use the link above or log on directly through the parentzone website and take a look .

## School Carpark



Our school janitor continues to supervise the use of the staff car park in the mornings to ensure that there is no unauthorised use of this area.

At the end of the day, the barrier has now been closed over to prevent cars from using this area for pickup of pupils from school. A number of concerns have been raised by parents and staff around cars parking here including;

- Increased risk to pupils who are not allowed in the car park area
- Increased risk to pupils by cars exiting the car park when children are leaving school
- Alsorts van being blocked in and therefore late to pick up pupils attending this afterschool facility
- Staff cars being blocked and unable to leave to attend meetings

We ask that if you must bring a car to pick up your child from school that you consider the safety of our pupils and park considerately. We continue to look for alternative solutions to the traffic congestion around the school and ask that you support us in keeping everyone safe.

## Borestone Credit Union

A form for a Stirling credit union deposit slip. The form is titled 'Stirling credit union Deposit Slip'. It has several fields for information: Member Number, Member Name, School and Class, Amount Paid In, New Balance, Paid In By, Parent/Carer Signature, Office Use Only (with a dotted line), Teller's Signature, and Date.

Borestone Credit Union is going from strength to strength with nearly 70 savers already signed up. Pupils can deposit as little as 20p and are encouraged to develop a sense of financial planning which is a skill they can take forward throughout their lives. Parent volunteers invite pupils to make deposits on a Friday morning and are keen for more savers to join in the fun!

Can we ask that, when making a deposit, the deposit slip (pictured above) is completed and signed by a parent to confirm that you are aware that your child is making a deposit into their account.

If your child has not yet signed up and wants to get involved then please contact the school and we can get you involved straight away. Happy saving everyone!

***If any parents would like to get involved as a volunteer then please get in touch with Fiona McFarlane or Viv Hutchinson at the school.***

## House Captains

Congratulations to the P7s who took part in House Captain speeches recently. The following were successful in heading up their school house.

Bruce  
Captain—Cerys McQuillian  
Vice Captain—Liam Lyons

Stewart  
Captain—Cara Unsworth  
Vice Captain—Gavin Dick

Wallace  
Captain—Olivia Duthie  
Vice Captain—Conor Foote

McGregor  
Captain—Charlie Leister  
Vice Captain—Logan Morris

House captains will have a leadership role in organising and encouraging team spirit through our regular house meetings. They will also encourage others to follow the school values and model these in their own actions. We wish them every success in this important role.