



Borestone Primary School Newsletter



January 2020

Dates for your diary:

February

- 3rd - Jackie Dupont starts block in Nursery
- 5th - Powerful Play Nursery am & pm
- 5th - Global Play Afternoon Primary
- 17th - **Primary School** closed for staff development and holidays
- 17th & 18th - **Nursery** closed for staff development.
- Open for the rest of the week.**
- 26th -P1-7 Parents evening 4-5.30p.m.

March

- 2nd - Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 5th - World Book Day 2020
- 9th - All week Nursery Parent Appointments
- 16th - Scholastic Bookshelf Arrives
- 18th - Shared Learning Event 1-3pm

April

- 3rd -Easter Assembly P6 & P7/6
- 3rd -**Last day of term for Primary School**

CAN YOU HELP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF

PANTS

SOCKS

TIGHTS

SCHOOL TROUSERS

SCHOOL SKIRTS



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all the pupils, staff and families who have so warmly welcomed me to Borestone Primary. It has been an absolute privilege to meet you, the children are just a credit to the school, their community and their families! I am so looking forward to working with you all and leading our school from strength to strength together.

I have been a teacher for 22 years and I am now in my 7th year as a Headteacher. I previously worked for Perth and Kinross for 15 years and am extremely excited to be starting this new phase of my career here in Stirling Council.

My vision for Borestone Primary is that we have excellent relationships with each other and that excellent learning and teaching is at the heart of everything we do.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me whenever you need to, my mission is to serve you all!

Kindest Regards, Linda Dawson, Proud Headteacher, Borestone Primary



P2 shared Learning

Primary 2M and Primary 2W had a fantastic afternoon sharing their learning with their parents and carers. The children showcased a range of their learning from their Scotland topic. During our topic we learned about Tartan and designed our own using horizontal and vertical lines and paper weaving. The children also enjoyed learning about the Loch Ness Monster and it was clear from the survey on the day that most of us believe Nessie exists. The parents and carers were treated to some handmade shortbread, tea and Irn Bru. The feedback we received has been very positive and most attendees liked the format of the afternoon.

Some of the comments included

“very informal and lovely afternoon”

“great to see the work the children have been doing”

“the children enjoyed showing off their work”

“lovely to see the kids so proud”



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Parent Council –

Dear Borestone Parent,

We are delighted to welcome our new Head Teacher Linda Dawson to Borestone Primary School and are looking forward to all parents having an opportunity to meet Linda later on this term.

We hosted a Burn's Night Family Ceilidh on Monday 27th January. Once again we booked CeilidhKids to come along and host the ceilidh for us – they run regular family events including at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and were fantastic at calling the dances for the kids. We also invited children who won the Scot Poetry competition at school to perform their Scots Poems during a break in the music. This was a family event and were grateful to all families who came along to join us.

As you will have noticed there is significant housing being built within the Borestone catchment area. Stirling Council have plans for a 2-classroom extension to our school to accommodate the expected increase in school roll. We are expecting the initial consultation and design stages for this school extension to start soon and will keep you updated as we hear more.

We wanted to give you a quick update on our spending: so far this school year the Parent Council have paid for purchases including: Football Goal Posts, Pantomime buses for a whole school trip to the Macrobert, Nursery Xmas Shows, School Literacy Stampers, Celebrating Success and Christmas books, and we have made a contribution towards the cost of the new Parentmail app.

Following on from the school's consultation around outdoor learning last term we have formed a working group of parents to create a proposal for the Parent Council purchase of outdoor play equipment. If you would like to get involved in this working group please drop us an email at borestonepc@gmail.com or leave a message for us in the school office.

All parents and carers with children at Borestone Primary School are very welcome to join our Parent Council meetings. Our next Parent Council Meeting is Monday, 2nd March, 7pm in school; we hope you can join us. If you would like to receive email updates then please drop us an email (borestonepc@gmail.com) and we will add you to our email distribution list.

Thank you,

Lucy Fraser

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Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs at Borestone

Primary 5-7 pupils have started a block of after school clubs on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Wednesday club is focused on cross country running. The club will be running for 4 weeks in preparation for the primary 6 and 7 Stirling Schools Cross Country Championships which will take place on the 7th February. Well done to the pupils who attended the first week in wet and windy conditions. They all ran with a positive and enthusiastic attitude, persevering through several long circuit runs, even when they were getting tired. Mr Henderson was very proud and already can't wait for the next club session.



The Friday after school club for P5-7 is focused on netball and starts on 24.1.20. This club will be running for eight weeks, then a squad will be selected to play in the Stirling Schools 7 v 7 Netball Competition on the 1st of April.



Finally, a primary 3 multi-sports club is running on Thursday after school this term. This club is run by coaches from Active Stirling.

GOLD SCHOOL SPORT AWARD



During our weekly assembly on the 27th January, the school had a visit from Steven Coulter from Sport Scotland, who presented the Sports Committee with the Gold School Sport Award. Steven was very impressed

This is a great achievement for the school and shows how much work is being done, by all staff and pupils, to improve opportunities for our pupils in sport.

The Sports Committee presented to the whole school and reminded everyone of the sporting opportunities in the near future and our planned next steps to continue improving as a school in this area. We want to get every pupil at Borestone active and enjoying a sport and the Sports Committee are happy to help any pupils who want to get involved in a particular sport.

Let's make 2020 an even more successful sporting year for Borestone!

Well done again to all staff, parents and pupils!

Nursery News

We are busy welcoming lots of new children and their families to nursery. The older children have been fantastic friends in helping their new nursery friends settle into nursery!



We

are pleased to announce that we have now received both our Bronze and Silver Awards from NHS Speech and Language Therapy in making our environment Communication friendly. We are now heading steadily towards Gold!



We have now launched our Lending Library and we are keen to see what books are proving popular with the children. Please help yourself to a book in the corridor and remember to sign the books out and in in the folder beside the books.



We have been learning some new stories and rhymes linked to Scotland—ask us to sing Wee Jeanie McColl or tell you the Grufflao in Scots! If you go onto our Facebook page you will find Sue reading the story and you can learn it too! We are also beginning to learn about Chinese New Year.

Date for your Diary: we have Powerful Play on 3rd February at 10-11am and from 2-3pm./ We hope these times will be more suitable for you to come and find out what we have been learning about in nursery and to have a play.

Professor Eco

Our younger pupils benefitted from an enthusiastic and fun-filled performance by Professor Eco. Pupils engaged in singing, dancing, cheering and lots of exciting games. The children were exposed to a variety of current eco issues such as biodiversity, health, well-being and recycling and they now feel more equipped in tackling eco problems. An awareness of these issues will contribute towards Borestone receiving their Eco Schools award.

"It was fun to watch and listen to." Arron P5

"I liked when people got to take part on stage." Isla P5

"I enjoyed having to solve the eco problems." Daniel P5

"I liked learning things about eco because this will help us be a more eco-friendly school." David P4

"No school has ever got ten stars but we did!" Callie, P2

"He was really funny!" Zara P2



Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Linda Dawson to Borestone Primary School as our new Headteacher. Linda has joined us from Perth and Kinross Council and is really looking forward to working with the whole school community. If you have not had the chance already please make yourself known to her when you see her out in the playground as she is keen to get to meet as many of you as possible.



In addition to Mrs Dawson we have also welcomed Mrs Mullen who will be working alongside Mrs Wilson in P5. Mrs Johnstone has moved temporarily to P6 to cover the class while Mrs Wyper is in her seconded post.

P5/4 Bannockburn Heritage Centre Visit

P5/4W visited The Bannockburn Heritage Centre last month to finalise their topic on The Scottish Wars of Independence.

We handled armour and weaponry from that time and took part in an interactive 3D Battle Game of the Battle of Bannockburn. We had a fantastic day and the children's knowledge of the events leading up to the battle was commendable.



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. Primary 1 and 2 performed the Nativity "Whoops-a-Daisy Angel" this year and as always 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.

All children worked really hard and they had a great time performing on stage for everyone.



Thank you for all your support in making it a brilliant show!

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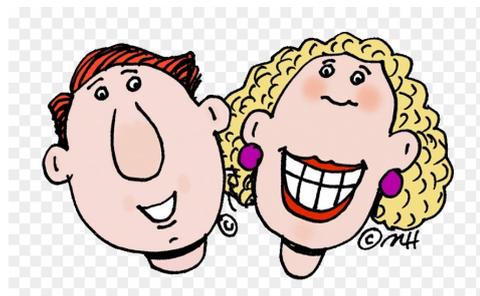
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Parents in school



Can parents please make an appointment with the CT if they need to discuss any aspect of their pupil's education. This should be made in person or by telephoning the main office.

CTs are unable to meet with parents at drop off times as they have their classes to prepare for and for safeguarding reasons parents are not allowed to go to their pupil's classroom during the school day. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation in this.

Scots Poetry

Our annual Scots poetry competition saw some amazing performances from children across the school. There were three representatives from each of the primary classes and a group performance from the nursery class alongside an outstanding singing solo from Meadow (check out our twitter page to see this!)

The results are posted below and a special well done to Anna in P7 who went on to represent Borestone at the Burns Bonanza up at Stirling High.

P1 First — Molly & Charley

Second— Nina & Innes

Third — Leah & Amelia

P2 First— Ruby & Callie

Second— Mia & Freya

Third— Niamh & Amanpreet

P3 First— Chloe & Summer

Second— Corrie & Jake

Third—Tom & Amelie

P4 & P5/4 First— David & Sophia

Second— Neena & Millie & Evan

Third— Eva

P5&P6 First— Olympia & Josh

Second— Craig & Freya

Third— Ruby & Sophie

P7/6 & P7 First— Anna & Ellie & Emily

Second— Maja & Craig & Joshua

Winners were invited to entertain at the Parent Council Family Ceilidh and were brilliant.

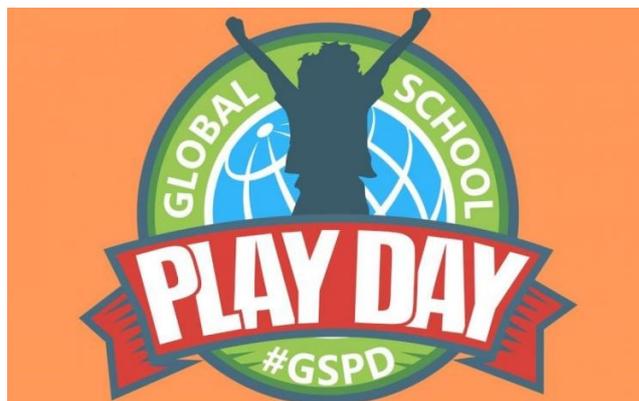


Global Play Day Wed 5th February

We are very excited to be taking part in the global school play day.

We will down tools, switch off electronics and have an afternoon dedicated to promoting the awareness of and necessity of unstructured play.

Children are welcome to bring in a non electronic toy from home and there will be lots of opportunities in school to unleash their imaginations.



Shared Learning Event

This is a save the date notice for our upcoming shared learning event. As part of our school improvement plan this session we are developing outdoor learning and making some improvements to our school grounds.

Please come along and find out what we have been developing and see our learning first hand. More information to follow nearer the time.

18th March 2020

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The
Date*



One of our pupils, Ellie Powell, has secured a part in this amazing production up at the McRoberts Centre. We would like to wish her every success and if you want to go along and see her on stage the details for booking tickets are below



Annie



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Book by Thomas Meehan
Music by Charles Strouse
Lyrics by Martin Charnin



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Box office 01786 466666

Group booking enquiries: sabosmusicaltheatre@gmail.com

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