

Pumpherton & Uphall Station Community Primary & Nursery School Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer,

January 2018

Welcome to our January newsletter. It has been a busy start to our new year with our inspection celebrations and learning about Burns through our Scots week focus. Although we have been very busy, we managed some time to play in the snow!

Mrs Cullum has left us for now to have her baby and we look forward to welcoming her back to visit us. Mrs McLuckie and Mrs McConville will share the Primary 3 class and Mrs Anderson has sole responsibility for teaching Primary 5.

Safer Internet Day is on 6th February and all classes are focussing on this event as part of our health and wellbeing programme. Look out for our learning on the blog and websites to support you with internet safety at home.

Miss Burton
Acting Head Teacher



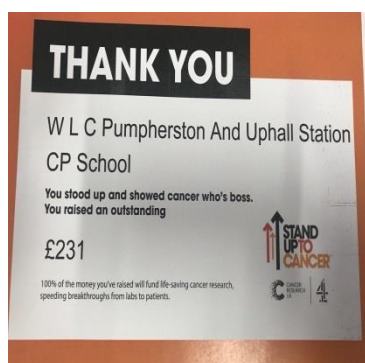
iAchieve: P5 Swimming

Our Primary 5 children recently visited Broxburn pool for their swimming assessment. Everyone enjoyed the session and represented our school in a **positive** way.




High School Transition

Some of our Primary 7 pupils attended a transition meeting at Broxburn Academy to discuss our transition programme and any questions we had. We have also received visits from the maths department who have been supporting us in our learning about fractions, decimals and percentages.



Congratulations!

A big congratulations to Miss Cave on the arrival of her baby girl, Flora. We look forward to them visiting us soon. Last week Miss Morrison popped in to visit us so we could meet baby Isla. 

Families Learning Together

Our Families Learning Together Session on Monday 19th February has been rescheduled to Monday 12th March at 9am. This will allow you to view your child's progress prior to Parents Evening on 21st and 22nd March.

Nursery parents and carers have been invited along to a book gifting event for the Bookbug Bags on Wednesday 14th February. Ante-pre school children will receive their Bookbug Bag and pre-school children will receive a book. Primary 5 pupils and a special visitor will be gifting the bags. We look forward to seeing you then.



Uniform

It is great to see so many children wearing the correct school uniform as it demonstrates their belonging to our school family.

The school uniform consists of:

- grey or black trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts
- blue check summer dress with a blue cardigan
- white polo shirt or a white shirt and tie
- a blue school sweatshirt or cardigan
- black sweatshirt or cardigan with school tie for P7
- sensible black shoes
- black indoor shoes



Scots Assembly

We held our traditional Scots Assembly to celebrate Scots poetry and Burns. We invited our grandparents along to share this special celebration with us. Two winners from P1-3 and a winner from each stage in P4-7 will be announced shortly and they will go forward to the West Lothian Burns Competition. A big well done to everyone who learned a poem, and to those children who were involved in the assembly. You can find out more by visiting our blog:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/puscpsnews/scots-celebration-assembly/>



Scots Context for Learning

Each class selected different famous people from Scotland to learn about during our Scots learning focus. You can find out more about our learning on the blog:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/puscpsnews/category/interdisciplinary-learning/scots-week/>



HMIE Inspection



During our recent inspection, the inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The high quality, inclusive ethos which permeates the school. As a result children, staff and stakeholders feel valued and respected.
- Happy, confident and caring children who are eager to learn. They have a strong voice and contribute enthusiastically to bringing about change in their school.
- The quality of the learning experiences in the nursery. As a result, children are making very good progress.
- The leadership of the headteacher, Mr Eagleson, in creating the conditions for staff to build on their strengths and take forward the agenda for school improvement.

You can find the full reports at: <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/west-lothian/5500028>

Quality indicators nursery class	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Securing children's progress	very good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good



Quality indicators primary stages	Evaluation
Leadership of change	very good
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Raising attainment and achievement	good
Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion	very good



We celebrated our inspection findings at an assembly and we even had a school cake: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/puscpsnews/inspection-celebration-assembly/>



We even appeared in the newspaper:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/puscpsnews/glowing-report-for-pumpherston-and-uphall-station-community-primary-school/>

Dates for your diary ...	
6 th February	Safer Internet Day
8 th February	P5 Handball Festival
12 th – 13 th February	February Holiday: School and Nursery closed
14 th February	Nursery Book Bag Gifting
23 rd February at 9:30am	P2 Assembly
2 nd March	PUSCPS Book Day – Dress as a character
9 th March	P6 Assembly
12 th March at 9am	Families Learning Together Event
21 st – 22 nd March	Parents Appointments
23 rd March	Easter Assembly
26 th March – 8 th April	Easter Holidays: School and Nursery closed
17 th April – 20 th April	P7 School Camp
7 th - 8 th May	May Holiday: School and Nursery closed
16 th May at 3:15pm	Families Learning Together Event
21 st May	May Holiday: School and Nursery closed
Week beginning 22 nd May	Developing Young Workforce Week
28 th – 29 th May	P7/S1 Transition Days to Broxburn Academy
7 th June	Sports Day (weather permitting)
20 th June at 5pm	New Nursery Pupils Induction Evening
20 th June	Parent Parents at PUSCPS Summer Discos
27 th June	P7 Leavers' Disco
28 th June	P7 Leavers' Assembly
29 th June	Last Day of Term

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