



# Burnside Primary School

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Welcome to Term 3, another busy time of year! Our **new Burnside Primary** is coming along well. Staff recently visited the site and it was great to see that the roof is now going on as well as our fabulous roof windows which will really brighten up our top corridor. A group of children will have the opportunity to visit before the summer and will be reporting back to us all.

We have lots of celebrations to report this month:-

**Celebrate!** I am delighted to let you know that our recent **Validated Self-evaluation** visit went extremely well. We were visited by colleagues within SLC to look at our pu-

pils' engagement in numeracy and the team were impressed by both children's engagement and their attainment in numeracy and maths. Well done to our wonderful pupils and hardworking, outstanding staff! I will be in touch soon with more detailed feedback. Our next steps are to share our practice with colleagues in the Learning Community and beyond. We also plan to share more information with you early in the new session about how we teach maths and how you can help your child at home.

We are so excited to share our **Fairtrade** news with you.....thanks to our pupils, staff, parents and especially Miss



Ferry and the Burnside Fairtraders....we have now been awarded full **Fair-trade Status!** We are proud of the hard work of all involved and look forward to continuing our work in this aspect of Global Citizenship.

Congratulations to **P7 Rotary Club** winners Calum Shearer, Olivia Thomson, Murray Bell and Zoe Redshaw. Their prize of £100 will go towards an end of session trip!

Another 'well done' to Hamish Gardner, Ben MacDougall, Olivia McGlone and Rebecca Ross who were worthy winners of the **Rutherglen Tennis Competition**. They are now looking forward to competing in the SLC final later in the month ~ good luck!

### Quick reminders

Please ensure all items are **labeled with your child's name** ~ we have several new but unclaimed uniform items, which we will shortly send to the charity shop.

Please avoid your child bringing valued toys in to school, as these can go missing. You can help by checking your child's bag for any items accidentally brought home.

**If your child is absent and normally picked up by an after school care provider, please remember to inform them of your child's absence.**

### WELCOME

to new pupils **Hollie Kirk and Robert Jamieson**. We are delighted you have joined us at Burnside!

#### Staffing Update

We look forward to welcoming back Mrs. Steele from maternity leave to Room 10 next week. I would like to thank Miss McPhee for all her hard work and support for Room 10 in Mrs. Steele's absence.

### Assemblies

In March/April we focused on:-

- Fairtrade activities
- Science Invention and Sportshall Athletics winners
- Secret Superstars
- Citizenship Awards
- Sharing

As always, if there are any changes to end of day arrangements please contact the school office **before 11 am**.

**May holiday:**  
School will be closed on Friday 27th and Monday 30th May.

## March/April Highlights .....

P7 had a wonderful time on residential at Lockerbie Manor. Well done to our children who were credited on their positive attitude! Thank you also to Mrs. Anderson, Miss Edelsten, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Gowran for keeping them safe and joining in the fun!

Pupils had great fun taking part in 'World Book Day' while dressing up as their favourite book characters and taking part in in-school activities.

Rooms 1 to 3 took part in smoothie making sessions while Rooms 4 and 5 visited Whitelee Wind Farm. Room 1 visited Summerlee Museum and Room 8 went on the Glasgow Tour Bus with Calderwood pupils.

Pupils of Room 8 and the Burnside Fairtraders organised a successful 'Big Fairtrade Breakfast' and we all enjoyed an educational and fun Science Week organised by our staff Science Working Group!

Room 8 pupils released their trout as part of the 'Clyde in the Classroom' science project.

P5 pupils attended a super Hospitality Event at Stonelaw High School, funded by Clyde Gateway.

## More Dates for the Diary....

Please see the website calendar at [www.burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

## Healthy Burnside



### Medicines

All inhalers should be kept with children within school bags however, for your child's safety, we would be grateful if you would send in a spare to be held at the office. Please note children must bring inhalers to school if going on excursions. If your child needs any medicine to be administered during the school day, a form must be completed before we can help. This can be picked up from the school office or sent home; unfortunately we are unable to add it to the website. Please do not send painkillers etc. to school in a schoolbag as this can pose a danger to other children.

We would prefer that children do not bring mobile phones to school. However, if your child has a phone in school, please remind them that it must be switched off during the school day and should never be used to photograph or film anyone in school. **Mobiles should not be used on the school buses either.**



To maximise learning & teaching time within classrooms, children will now be encouraged to take snacks outside at morning interval. As we want to ensure your child is still able to exercise during break, we continue to advise that **one** healthy snack item is usually enough.

Please do not send **nuts** in to school in any form. We have several children in school with life threatening nut allergies. Please also inform the school if your child has an infectious disease, especially chicken pox, as we have pupils and parents who are immune compromised and could become very ill if infected. Thank you for your co-operation in these important matters.

## Working Together

### Thank you to :

- ~ Our Parent Council members who organised a super Ladies' Night last week. A great night was had by all!
- ~ parent volunteers who helped out at the recent discos. We couldn't run these without you!
- ~ parents who met with our VSE team during our visit ~ it's great to hear such positivity about your children's learning.
- ~ family members who came in to school to support us during Science Week. Our pupils' evaluations say it all—loads of learning, enthusiasm and fun!
- ~ Thank you so much for completing the parental questionnaires You should now have received a paper copy of the collated responses which are extremely helpful in reinforcing what we are doing well as a school and where you feel we can continue to improve. We look forward to working with you on our improvements.

Thanks also to Karen Jarvie and Tesco for supplying snacks and prizes for the discos and to Sainsbury's for their recent lego donation!

Keep up will all the news at:-

[www.facebook.com/BurnsideParentCouncil/](http://www.facebook.com/BurnsideParentCouncil/)

## Clubs at Burnside

MONDAY	P.1 Dance	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P.7 J.A.M Club	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P.2 Dance	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P.6 & 7 Track & Field	3.00-4.15 pm
WEDNESDAY	P.3 Cheerleading	Lunchtime
THURSDAY	Gardening Club	Lunchtime
THURSDAY	P. 3 Lego	Lunchtime
FRIDAY	P.3 Lego Club	Lunchtime

### Thank you to all coaches and staff volunteers running clubs for children.

If you would like to run a club or even some taster sessions, or you have a particular skill or interest you would like to share with children, please get in touch to chat over your thoughts. We would love to hear from you!

### Lego

Thanks to all kind donations we will shortly be starting up our P.2 Lego Club.



## Staying in touch.....

Please remember no worry or concern is too small! You can contact us by phone or e-mail.

In line with GIRFEC (Getting it Right for Every Child) legislation, every child has a **Named Person** within school who has pastoral responsibility for them. I am the Named Person for Room 1 to 5, Mrs. McGovern looks after Rooms 6 to 9, while Mr. Campbell oversees Rooms



10 to 14. You can also use your child's home/school communication diary if easier.

As part of our ongoing commitment to Eco , we aim to use e-mail for most communication.

**School newsletters are posted on the school website at the beginning of each month and you can follow us on twitter @burnsideprim**

## 50/50 Club

**Congratulations to our latest winners**

**Kirsteen Dunn  
Holly Belcher**

Good luck in the next draw!