



Burnside Primary School

March 2017

Learning together, growing together to be all that we can be.

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Dear Parents/Carers,
The countdown to the move to our wonderful new school is on! Excitement is in the air and boxes are in the corridors as we look forward to setting up the new Burnside Primary ready for pupils to start at **9 am on Tuesday 18 April**. We will issue further information about starting soon.



Our Parent Council have been working hard alongside Burnside residents, SLC Education and the Roads Department to ensure the safety of our children when we move back to Glenlui Avenue. Our Junior Road Safety Officers will

be in touch soon to remind parents/carers to park as far away from the school as possible at peak times.

As part of our commitment to continue to **raise attainment in literacy and promote a love of reading**, we



have been a busy bunch celebrating World Book Day. The Mannequin Challenge was a big hit as were the Readln and Speed Read activities, not forgetting a special visit from Badget the Mystical Mutt, for P1-4~ photos to be posted on Twitter, Facebook and the school website. **Please remember that our competition for reading in a 'weird and won-**

derful' place closes on Friday 24 March. Thank you for all entries to date ~ they are fabulous! Keep them coming either on paper or

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We look forward to meeting with you at **Parents' Evening on Thursday 23 March**. You should have received your invitation by now. Campbell's will be here for any uniform items needed as well as Usborne Books. Room 13 will also be offering some pre-loved uniform items in return for a small donation.

Please look us up on twitter @burnsideprim

We are posting photographs every week~ why not see what we have all been up to!

Vision & Values

Together at Burnside Primary we will:

Harness children's abilities, encouraging ambition and resilience through a varied, challenging and enjoyable curriculum. We will foster personal achievement and skills for life in an inclusive, nurturing, respectful and shared environment.

Happy High Fives

**Safe
Healthy
Respectful
Responsible
Active**

Assemblies ~ February ~

Children's Mental Health Week
Integrity
Wonderful Workers
Secret Superstars
Star Writers
Fairtrade Fortnight
Handwashing reminder—Room 3

EXCEPTIONAL CLOSURES

School closes to pupils at **3 pm on Tuesday 28 March** and re-opens on **Tuesday 18 April at 9 am** at our new school in **Glenlui Avenue.....we can't wait!**

(29, 30 and 31 March—exceptional closures for pupils as staff move out and in to the new school).

The month ahead.....March 2017

2	World Book Day ~ various fun activities for everyone.
3	Rooms 8 & 9 visit Vikingar.
6	Parent Council meet—all welcome!
9	'Foods of the World' themed lunch menu.
10	Obstacle Course run by P.7 (£1 suggested donation).
14	9.20 am -R.S.H.P meeting for parents of P.6 and 7 pupils.
16	Easter Code activity in school for P.7 pupils. 1.20pm—Room 10's Dragon's Den showcase for parents/carers
17	1.20pm—Rooms 8 & 9 Viking showcase for parents/carers.
18	7.30pm—'Old School Disco' for the grown-ups at Cambuslang Rugby Club.
21	Room 4 visit Whitelee Wind Farm. Room 14 visit Dynamic Earth.
22	Cross Country Festival for selected P6 & 7 pupils.
23	Parents' evening—appointment times to follow on Friday 17 March.
24	'Lots of Socks' day in aid of Downs Syndrome Scotland (£1 donation). Room 3 visit Whitelee Wind Farm. P.6 swimming begins pm.
28	3 pm—pupils say 'farewell' to the Spittal Decant Building.

Healthy Burnside



Medicines

All inhalers should be kept with children however, for your child's safety, we would be grateful if you would send in a spare to be held at the office. If your child needs any medicine to be administered during the school day, a form must be completed at the school office before we can help. Please do not send painkillers etc. to school in a schoolbag as this can pose a danger to other children.

Mobile phones

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. If your child is travelling on school transport, please support us in discouraging them from using their phone on the bus at all.



Healthy eating



Children are encouraged to bring any uneaten food within packed lunches home, so that you can see what they have eaten. **As P1-3 pupils are entitled to a free meal, if your child brings their own packed lunch to school, they are welcome to help themselves to soup, fruit, yoghurt etc.**

Toileting

Your child will always be allowed to visit the toilet when needed however staff will also encourage children to ensure they go at break times in order to establish good habits and minimise disruption to learning. We welcome your support in this matter. Please contact us if you have any concerns regarding toileting.

Working Together



Library sessions have now stopped and our library team of volunteers are packing everything up for the move. Your child should keep their book until after the move when library sessions will resume asap.



Can you help?

Our stock of socks has run out! We would be grateful if you have any to spare for those little school emergencies (both boys and girls).

NUMERACY

Thanks to those of you who were able to come along to our recent **Numeracy workshop** in school. I'm sure you will agree, our pupils did a super job of 'teaching' you. We hope you found the workshop helpful and we will run another one later in the session, for anyone who couldn't manage along (date tbc).

Please encourage your child to check for any lost property in school. We have many unclaimed items that we won't be able to take to the new school.

Community Links

Well done to local community group, Grow73 who recently secured £12k of Tesco Bags of Help funding to create a nature trail in Overtoun Park. Some of our pupils will be taking part in storytelling sessions on 21 and 28 March which will inform the trail. I'm sure this will be a great opportunity for them!

UTD Sports will be running their Multi Sports Camps during the spring break, 3-7 and 10-14 April. For more information contact 07738305195 or www.united-sports-limited.com/store

CLUBS @ BURNSIDE

MONDAY	P2 Dance Club	Lunchtime
MONDAY	P5-7 Badminton	3.00-4.00 pm
MONDAY	Room 7 Reading Club	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P6 & 7 J.A.M Club	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P6 & 7 Cross-country	3.00-4.15 pm
WEDNESDAY	P1 Dance Club	Lunchtime
WEDNESDAY	P4 Makaton	Lunchtime
WEDNESDAY	P5-7 Basketball Club	3.00-4.00pm
THURSDAY	P3 Lego Club-group 1	Lunchtime
THURSDAY	Whole School Gardening Club	Lunchtime
FRIDAY	P3 Lego Club-group 2	Lunchtime

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 3, Mrs. McGovern looks after



Rooms 4 to 9, while Mr. Campbell oversees Rooms 10 to 14. You can also use your child's home/school communication diary if easier.

Please follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/BurnsideParentCouncil/ and Twitter [@burnsideprim](https://twitter.com/burnsideprim)

School newsletters are posted on the school website at the beginning of each month.



Burnside Primary ~ the story so far..... February 2017

Almost there! Our school handover went without a hitch and SLC have been busy sorting last minute snagging. Staff will be working hard at the end of March to make sure we are all set up and ready to welcome pupils on Tuesday 18th April.

Our values tree at the rear of the school



Striking school hall



We can't wait to see these planters blooming and the next time we see these bankings the trim trail will be up.



School office just waiting for furniture to arrive.



Every cloakroom area is unique.



Something different for the stairwells.

