



Burnside Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

We are very busy in school this term with many exciting events such as **Fairtrade Fortnight** and our **Skills for Life & Work** week (beginning 30th March) when we will focus on skills for life and work through finance and careers. Watch out for invitations—our pupils would really benefit from your input and we would appreciate any support you can lend.

As our new website allows us to keep you better updated with events we will provide a newsletter every second month (rather than monthly) and review this later in the year.

Please see our school **calen-**

dar on the website for diary dates.

Should your child be unwell and unable to attend school, please contact the school office on the number above before 9.30 am and leave a voicemail message stating your child's name, class and the reason for absence.



Thank you for all returns regarding requests for transport for current P1 to P6 pupils while in the decant building from August 2015. More information will follow, once returns are collated. Parents of new P1 pupils will be contacted once places are

finalised in the summer term.



We do hope that you are planning to come along to our **Ladies Pamper Night on Thursday 12th March**; I am sure it will be a super evening as always! All proceeds will go towards the purchase of exciting new outdoor play equipment, such as dens, for use while we are in the decant and on our return to the new school.

We look forward to seeing you at **Parents' Evening on Thursday 26th March**. Invitations will follow and we will do our best to accommodate preferences.

Physical Activity

We aim to deliver a minimum of **2 hours weekly activity** in line with Scottish Government recommendations. So unless the weather is not on our side, the children will undertake additional physical activity outdoors on a weekly/fortnightly basis.

Your child can keep a P.E kit in school for both indoor and outdoor sessions which can be taken home for washing. Gym bags can be purchased from the school office.

Staffing Updates

While Ms. Mooney is recovering from surgery, Mrs. Yardley is Acting DHT in her absence. Mrs. Yardley will share learning & teaching in Room 14 with Mrs. Bashir.

Assemblies

Focus for **January/February**

Resolutions/promises

Burns talent sharing

Wonderful Workers Awards

Reducing litter competition

Awards for Sportshall and Bikeability

Our School Values

January/February highlights.....

Carys Kelly, Stonelaw High Captain, visited to speak with all pupils about a community litter campaign. Carys returned last week with Karent Jarvie, Tesco Champion, to award prizes to the winners of the poster competition



Our talented P6 and 7 Athletics team were a credit to their school and families as they came 2nd in the Rutherglen & Cambuslang final, then 3rd in the SLC overall final—well done to all involved!

Scots Week was a real success as pupils took part in a variety of activities e.g Burns Supper, poetry reciting, singing, Highland Games and a visit from Storyteller Stuart McHardy. The 'Wild about Scotland' bus was also a great hit with Rooms 13 and 14.



Room 13 enjoyed a special visit to Amazonia and Room 10 visited the Science Centre to begin their 'Clyde in the Classroom' journey where they have been growing trout eggs in the classroom.



Healthy Burnside



Please remember to check your child's head regularly for head lice. If you would like any further advice you can contact Dawn Lowden, our School Nurse on 0141 643-4459.

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, we have both pupils and parents who are immune compromised and could become very ill if infected. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

Medicines

All inhalers should be kept with children within school bags in order that they have them at hand at all times. 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 all 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.

Healthy snacks

We welcome your support in encouraging healthy snacks each day in school. Pupils should bring a drink, usually water, and **one** item to eat each day.



Community Matters

Friends of Overtoun Park are hosting a Family Fun Day on Saturday 14th March, 1—3 pm. There will be a variety of races, a tug of war, wellie throw (competitors need their own wellie boot!), bouncy castle and face painting. Monies raised will fund a visit to the park from Owl Magic.

Partnerships.....



While we are in the decant building, we are looking for some volunteers to give some of our plants a home. If you are in a position to 'plant sit' for us please contact the school office. All plants need to be removed by the end of March and sadly all those left, will be demolished.

Thank you to the P7 Leavers' Party Committee and staff for supporting the work of the children in their fundraising ventures. Pupils enjoyed last week's assault course and have some other fun activities planned. We will keep you updated of funds raised for their party—thank to everyone for support!

We would be grateful for any used stamps or unwanted, obsolete foreign coins you may have e.g pesetas, for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. Also, a parent has asked that we include some information about the MacMillan 'Helping Matters' scheme who are looking for valuable volunteers:-

The Macmillan 'Helping Matters' scheme is a service whereby trained volunteers provide emotional and practical support to people affected by cancer in their own homes. Our volunteers offer befriending, making a cup of tea, having a chat and providing some emotional support. The volunteer might also offer some practical support as well such as light housework, helping with shopping, walking the dog etc. This service is a lifeline for many people affected by cancer. The Glasgow and South Lanarkshire Helping Matters service is now seeking some more local volunteers to join the team. If you can spare a couple of hours a week supporting people affected by cancer in their own homes, this might be the opportunity to become part of something that really makes a huge difference to the lives of so many. Professional training will be provided and all expenses will be reimbursed. To find out more or have a chat please contact Anna Nugent on 07977 864289 or ANugent@macmillan.org.uk

Staying in touch.....

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

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. Currently, I am the **Named Person** for Room 2 to 6, Mr. Campbell is the **Named Person** for Rooms 8 to 11 while Mrs. Yardley (in Ms. Mooney's absence) has responsibility for Rooms 12 to 15. You can also use your child's home/school communication diary if easier and general feedback/

comments can be posted in the box on the Parents' Notice-board in the foyer.

School newsletters will be posted on the school website at the beginning of every second month. A copy is also displayed on the outdoor notice-board at the main entrance and in the foyer. Please ask for a paper copy at the school office if you do not have internet access.



As part of our ongoing commitment to Eco , we aim to use e-mail for most communication. In all cases, especially in an emergency, it is quicker. **If you find that you are receiving paper copies of whole school communication and would prefer e-mail communication, please contact our school office.**



Congratulations to recent 50/50 winners:-

Michelle Lamont
Debbie Stefani