



Burnside Primary School

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

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome to Burnside's Big Book Week!

This week there are lots of exciting activities to encourage reading. Please see the information sent home and on the app. We will celebrate the week on **Friday 8th March** when pupils are invited to dress up as or bring in something to signify a favourite book character (no need for expensive costumes). We look forward to seeing pupils during our school parade and there will be a certificate for everyone taking part!

This will also be a week of positive, growth mid-sets for us at Burnside as we welcome 'Live &

Learn' to provide exciting training for pupils, staff and parents/carers as part of the school's priority to improve mental health. We hope you are looking forward to coming along on **Wednesday 6 March, 5.30-6.15pm** for a fun and fascinating session on positive mindsets.

Beat the Street!

Well done if you have been out and about keeping fit, enjoying the fresh air and having fun clocking up points! We are currently in second place....let's see if we can make it to first!

Next week **HM Inspectors of Education** will visit the school to evaluate our work. We look forward to working with the team and would like to thank you for your

support in completing the online surveys.

We look forward to meeting with you at **Parents' Evening on Wednesday 27th March**. Invitations will be sent home on Monday. Campbell's Uniforms and the Scholastic Book Fair will join us also.

Our **Breakfast Club** continues to go from strength to strength! Please remember there is no parking facility in the staff car park, unless authorised by the school and pupils must arrive by 8.30 am as the club closes at 8.45am. Please ensure children are coming along to eat as the club aims to encourage good eating habits.

Just a gentle reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds at any time, thank you.

Helen McGarvey

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

Active

Respectful

Responsible

Assemblies

~ February ~

Star Writers
Golden Book
Playground Pals
Wonderful Workers
Secret Superstars
Anti-bullying
Beat the Street
Fairtrade & Eco

A big Burnside

Welcome

to new pupils

James Greer
Emma Greer

Holiday

School closes on **Friday 29 March at 2.30pm** and re-opens on **Monday 15 April**.

Enjoy the holiday!

We will also be closed for the **Easter Weekend on Friday 19 and Monday 22 April**.

The month ahead.....March 2019

- 4 Burnside Big Book Week begins.
7.10pm–Parent Council Meeting ~ all welcome!
- 5 Growth Mindset assemblies for all pupils, with Live & Learn.
- 6 Growth Mindset workshops with Live & Learn, for all pupils.
Selected P6 & 7 pupils take part in Cross Country event.
Afternoon–Room 3 visit Scotland Street Museum
3.15–Growth Mindset training for staff.
5.30-6.15pm–Growth Mindset workshop for parents/carers.
- 7 P.7 take part in the Stonelaw LC Heptathlon event at Stonelaw High.
5.00-6.00pm– Information session for parents of P.1 pupils, 2019-20.
- 8 Book character parades to celebrate World Book Day.
- 11 HM Inspectors of Education arrive.
Afternoon–Room 5 visit Kelvingrove Museum.
Afternoon–Room 14 take part in P.E at Stonelaw High.
- 12 Afternoon–P.7 take part in Easter Code event at Burnside-Blairbeth Church.
- 13 1.30–P.6 swimming lessons begin at Lifestyle.
Evening–P5-7 Dance Festival at Rutherglen Town Hall.
- 15 7.30pm–Take That tribute night in Cambuslang Rugby Club.
- 19 Afternoon–Room 6 visit Kelvingrove Museum.
- 27 Parents' Evening–appointment times to follow.
- 29 2.30pm–school closes for Spring break.

Healthy Burnside



Canine Companions

Although we appreciate dogs are part of the family, please be mindful that some of our pupils/families can be a little worried by their presence around the school. Please support us all by ensuring that dogs are not brought in to the school grounds at any point and are on leads if near to the school.

Medical information

Please let us know of changes to your child's medical information as it is vital that our records are up to date at all times.

Emergency contact information

Please let us know of any changes to addresses or phone numbers . We have tried to make contact with some parents/carers recently to find that numbers are obsolete~ thanks!

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. Please contact us in writing if your child no longer requires the use of an inhaler. 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.



Working Together



Thanks to the ongoing commitment of pupils, staff, parents/carers and our partners we have now applied for the school's **4th Eco Green Flag**. Fingers crossed everyone!

During our recent 'Big Blether' pupils had the opportunity to contribute to the application and suggest next steps on our journey....we'll keep you posted!

Anti-bullying

In last year's parental survey a small number of parents commented that as their child had not experienced bullying at the school, they did not know how we would deal with it. We then discussed this and our policy with the Parent Council and together we felt that our policy is comprehensive but our pupil voice could be clearer in this matter. We therefore invited our pupils to discuss this at our last 'Big Blether' and have shared their responses with them. Next, we will invite a group of pupils to compile a pupil friendly version of our policy.

School Improvements

During in-service, staff worked together to review our current reading programme to incorporate the school's introduction of **NL Active Literacy** approaches this year. We find that pupils are responding well to these approaches. Thank you to parents/carers who came along to our recent Literacy Information session ~ feedback was very positive and we will continue provide information on approaches used within school. We are also further developing nurturing practices with school.

MONDAY	P.6 & 7 Football	3.00–4.00pm
MONDAY	P.1 Dance	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P.7 J.A.M Club	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P.5 Rugby	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P.6 &7 Cross Country Club	3.00-4.15pm
WEDNESDAY	P.2 Tennis	Lunchtime
WEDNESDAY	P.5-7 Dance	3.00-4.00pm
THURSDAY	P.4-7 Choir	3.00-4.00pm
THURSDAY	P.3 Spanish Club	3.00-4.00pm
THURSDAY	P.4 Fairtrade Art	3.00-4.00pm
FRIDAY	P.3 Art Club	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 4, Mrs. McGovern looks after Rooms 5 to 8 while Mr. Campbell oversees Rooms 9 to 14. You can also use your child's home/school communication diary if easier.

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