



# Burnside Primary School

## May 2015

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to term 3, our final term of the session and at the existing Burnside Primary. We can't quite believe we are in our final weeks here!

Thanks to those of you who have sent in your memories and photographs, please keep them coming! Contact us on the designated e-mail address above or telephone the school office. Keep an eye out in the Reformer for updates too.

Week beginning 15th June is when we will be busy across the school commemorating our school. **You are invited**

**to visit us to share memories, look around and take photographs on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June, 3.30-5.00 pm and at our Playground Party on Thursday 18th June, 6.00-8.00 pm.** We look forward to seeing you then! Thank you to Mrs. Inglis (parent) and volunteers for organising this year. Some other activities include:-

*Whole school photo—*  
Tuesday 12th May.

*Whole school art project—*  
thank you Mrs. Lonie (and Parent Council for joint funding).

*DVD—to be produced by*  
pupils with the support of SLC.

*Commemorative shopping bags—*more information to follow.

Children will also be busy in classrooms and playgrounds celebrating Burnside Primary since it's official opening in 1960.

**Calling all Scientists!** - If you are able to help us out during our **Science and Engineering awareness raising week, Monday 8th to Thursday 11th June**, we would be very grateful. Even an hour of your time could make a huge impact on the children's learning. Please get in touch and we will give you a call.

### 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

**Ms. Mooney** has been appointed Head Teacher of a school outwith the authority, so we will be appointing a new Depute Head Teacher soon. Congratulations to Maureen Mooney in her new appointment!

**Ms. Steele** has welcomed baby Oliver ~ mother and baby doing well!

**Miss Winton** got married recently ~ congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Gilmour!

#### Assemblies

Focus for **March/April:-**

Fair Trade  
GIRFEC (wellbeing) by R.11  
Secret Superstars  
Easter  
World of Life and Work  
Including others

## March/April highlights.....

Room 10 pupils released their trout into the Clyde.



Pupils in Rooms 2 to 9 enjoyed an educational and entertaining visit from Professor Eco.



Rooms 2, 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed their visit to Summerlee Museum while pupils from Rooms 5 and 6 visited Whitelee Wind Farm as part of their science studies on weather.

P.6 pupils have been taking part in swimming lessons while P.5 pupils took part in the Stonelaw Learning Community Netball Festival.

All pupils enjoyed finding out about various careers during our 'Skills for Life and Work' week—thank you to all participating family members!

Families of P.1 pupils enjoyed an entertaining 'Spring' showcase—well done to P.1!



## 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.

## Community Matters

**Speech & Language Therapy Drop-in Clinic** ~ If you would like some advice (Language, social skills, eating/drinking or speech) you are invited to pop along to Westburn Nursery on Tuesday 26th May, 10 am-12 pm.

### **Cambuslang & Rutherglen Rock 'n' Pop Chorus**



All keen singers, P6—S2 are invited to join this new local choir which will be run by parent, Suzanne Fowley on Wednesday evenings in the Old Parish Church Hall in Rutherglen, 6.45-8.15 pm and costs £3.

## Partnerships.....



Thank you to the P7 Leavers' Party Committee and staff for supporting the work of the children in their fundraising ventures. Pupils enjoyed the recent toy sale which raised £323.49 towards their P.7 party.

Thank you to all parent volunteers at the Pyjama Parties—pupils had a great time and we couldn't do it without you!

Thank you to Mrs. Kershaw and all parents who supported the Pamper Night in March. Which was enjoyed by all!



Last month's Cinema Club was again enjoyed by many pupils thanks to Mrs. Inglis and supporting parents. This is a great way for pupils to have fun while raising some much needed funds to support school activities. **The next session is planned for Friday 15th May.**

On behalf of all pupils and staff I would like to thank all parents who contributed to our 'Skills for Life and Work' week. Pupil evaluations say it all ~ we will share these with you very soon!



Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to come in to school to help out with our Science and Engineering awareness raising week, **Monday 8th to Thursday 11th June.** Even if you could spare an hour, we would be grateful of your time. Please return the reply slip issued earlier or give our school office a call if you can help.

Thank you to Mrs. Suzanne Fowley for giving up her time to run the school choir. Mrs. Fowley is going on to start a Junior section of the Cambuslang & Rutherglen Rock 'n' Pop Chorus and we would like to wish her all the very best in her new venture! If you think you might be able to help run a school choir, please get in touch.

Bags to School—Please send any remaining bags in by Thursday 14th may, when they will be collected.

## 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 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' Noticeboard 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 noticeboard 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:-**

**Stephen Daly**

**Linda Shearer**

