



Burnside Primary School

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We can't quite believe November is upon us! Already plans are underway for an extremely exciting and busy few weeks to Christmas! Details of our activities can be found on the website calendar and will be sent home. If not already registered for e-mail, you can sign up by visiting

burnsideprimary.org



With an ongoing focus on **healthy eating** we have started to celebrate Scotland's Year of Food and Drink. The 'Big Crunch' was really successful with 254 apples crunched – well done everyone! Next we will be embarking on smoothie making. We are grateful to Tesco Burnside who have do-

nated 3 blenders as well as seasonal fruit and juices to allow all children to make some smoothies in the coming months, starting with P6 and 7 pupils in November.



Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring you **phone the school office before 11 am to inform us of any changes to drop off/pick up regarding buses.** As you know there have been concerns raised about parking close to the buses as this creates a hazard for pupils and can hold up buses. Please continue to park away from pickup points and ensure dogs are kept on leads and away from pupils, thank you. Thanks also to parents who have offered to be

contacts for other parents in the case of any bus delays. Although there is a short distance between Burnside and the Spittal decant, notification of a delay can save any unnecessary worry. **Please get in touch if you can help, we still need some more volunteers for buses 1, 2 and 3.**

Absences should be phoned in by 9.30 am daily. Legally, we require notification of any absence with the specific reason.

We have streamlined our class updates to make them more user friendly via mobile phones etc. These will be uploaded to the website this week.

We do not hold money in the school so ask that Residential trip money comes in on Wednesdays and most other money is collected on Fridays. **Thank you!**

Physical Activity

We continue to aim to deliver a minimum of **2 hours weekly Physical Activity** in line with Scottish Government recommendations. So unless the weather is not on our side, the children may undertake additional physical activity outdoors on a weekly/fortnightly basis. A P.E kit can be kept in school for both indoor and outdoor sessions which can be taken home for washing. Gym bags can be purchased from the school office.

The school is closed to pupils on Monday 23 November as this is an in-service day for staff.

Staffing Updates

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs. Gilmour has had a beautiful baby girl, Evie. Mother and daughter are doing well!



Mr. Lewis Sadowski has joined us as the class teacher for Room 5 in Mrs. Gilmour's absence and has already settled in!

Assemblies

September/October have focused on:-

- School Rules
- Building Site Safety
- Eco
- Sharing
- Fairtrade
- Secret Superstars
- Wonderful Workers

Highlights from September/October

Thank you to P.1 parents who came along to our Workshops on literacy, and numeracy. We are glad you found the workshops helpful and enjoyed the introduction to our 'Massage in Schools' programme which we all found relaxing!

The children enjoyed their visit to our neighbours at Spittal Primary for an educational and entertaining anti-bullying performance.



Our pupil led committees (Pupil Council, Eco, Sports Council and Burnside Fairtraders) have been getting plans in place for their many projects this year. We will keep you updated of their activities and I am sure we will be looking for your involvement as always too!



Pupils from Rooms 10 to 13 enjoyed a health promoting visit from Glasgow Rocks Basketball Team. Rooms 12 and 13 are now enjoying coaching sessions with members of the team. In preparation for a tournament. This is the first of many activities our children will benefit from following a successful funding bid by Stonelaw Learning Community in conjunction with Clyde Gateway. We will keep you updated!

Well done to our P6 and 7 athletes who have all taken part in SLC's Sportshall Athletics festivals! They have represented the school extremely well and should be commended on their leadership and teamwork.

P4-7 pupils enjoyed a last minute performance of 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' from M&M Productions - a great success!

More Dates for the Diary....

Please see the website calendar at 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. 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.



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.

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, as we have pupils and parents who are immune compromised and could become very ill if infected.

Working Together

Library ~ thanks to our team of parent volunteers, library sessions are now starting. We are still awaiting some PVGs to come through but in the meantime volunteers will do their best to ensure visits. Over the next few weeks, P1 pupils will be introduced to the library with their big buddies - I don't know who is more excited...P1 or P7! If your child returned their bookbag at the end of last session, this can still be used. Otherwise, a replacement can be bought for £1. We can only issue books if



they travel in/out of school in the special bags to protect them. The library timetable can be accessed on the website.



Thank you to senior pupils, staff and parents for supporting Financial Education at Burnside by giving up their time on Friday afternoons to oversee the **Credit Union**, which is now up and running. This is a great way to encourage children to save. Application forms can be picked up in school. P.7 will soon be training our P.6 pupils if

see the Credit Union.

Thank you to all parents who helped out at the recent Halloween discos—great fun was had by all! Thanks also to parents who organised the P.1 evening party.



Thank you to all parents who purchased books from the Book Fair. All profits made allow us to buy more school books. I'll let you know of the amount raised soon.

Clubs at Burnside

MONDAY	P.3 Multi-sports	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P.4 Multi-sports	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P.7 J.A.M Club	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P.6 & 7 Athletics	3.00-4.15 pm
WEDNESDAY	P.5 Multi-sports	Lunchtime
THURSDAY	P.2 Multi-sports	Lunchtime
THURSDAY	P5-7 Stamp Club	Lunchtime
THURSDAY	P.5 Netball	3.00-4.00 pm
FRIDAY	P.1 Multi-sports	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!

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 Per-



son for Room 1 to 5, Mrs. McGovern looks after Rooms 6 to 9, while Mr. Campbell oversees Rooms 10 to 15. 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.

We will send out communication soon about this. In the meantime, if you are already signed up to the e-mailing list, you will continue to receive any whole school e-mails.

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

