



# Burnside Primary School

## February 2016

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*Hello February.* At last we have left January behind, although sadly the wet and windy weather continues! We are all looking forward to a busy term 2!

**Enrolment Week** was certainly a busy one with lots of new P.1 pupils on their way to Burnside P.S in August— very exciting!

Our **new Burnside Primary** is now under development as you may have seen - fantastic news! Planning information is available on the SLC website, 'Planning & Building Standards', app no. CR/14/0203.

We welcomed **Aileen Campbell, Minister for Children and Young People** to Burnside Primary last Monday morning. Her visit followed a government announcement regarding additional funding for new build schools. We were delighted to welcome Ms. Campbell on not only Burns Day, but the first day of our whole school Scots Week. Along with Jim Gilhooly, Executive Director, several other SLC representatives and Gerry McGhee, Parent Council Chair, Ms. Campbell was entertained and impressed by Room 13's Burns Supper—what talented children! Thanks also to our P7 pupil committee representatives for providing a tour of the school and an overview of our new

build plans (Katie Lynass-Coyle, Pupil Council; Lewis Dunn, Eco; Alice Welsh, Fairtrade; Abbie Paterson and Sam Harkin, Sports). See our photos on page 4.

Please remember to leave a message with the **specific reason for your child's absence** otherwise it will be corded as 'unauthorised', thank you.



Just a reminder ~ **please do not park (or drop off) in the staff car park for any reason.** This compromises the safety of pupils and staff vehicles have been damaged in the past due to unauthorised parking. I would be grateful if you would remind any other family members also.

*Lost property*

Please ensure all items are labeled with your child's name ~ we have several new but unclaimed uniform items, which we will shortly send to the charity shop. Please check at home for a missing school cardigan labeled with the name Hannah McGhee (approx age 6 to 7).

Please avoid your child bringing valued toys in to school, as these can go missing. You can help by checking your child's bag for any items accidentally brought home.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Kilgour**, School Support Assistant on her recent retiral. Mrs.



Kilgour has supported hundreds of children over the years and has led the school in Burns activities and achievements. We will miss you but we wish you well for a long and happy retirement!

### Assemblies

In January we focused on:-

- New Year Resolutions
- Secret Superstars
- Citizenship Awards
- People Who Keep Us Safe

School is closed to pupils for staff training on Friday 5 February. Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 are holidays. We look forward to seeing all pupils on Wednesday 10 February at 9 am.

*Enjoy the long weekend!*

## Highlights from January



P1 and P2 pupils were visited by PC Simpson who talked to the children about Road Safety and Stranger Danger.

P3 pupils enjoyed their Smoothie Making session ~ again, thanks to Tesco Burnside for ingredients donated!



Room 8 enjoyed an informative and enjoyable visit to the Science Centre as an introduction to their 'Clyde in the Classroom' interdisciplinary study.



The pupils of Room 3 entertained families at their fabulous Victorian Showcase.

Congratulations to our P6 and 7 athletes who came 2nd in the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Sportshall Athletics Competition who have now qualified for the SLC final on 12th February! Good luck to all involved!



Everyone enjoyed a week of Scots (thank you to Mrs. Yardley and Room 13 for organising) with every class studying a Scots text, enjoying a visit from storyteller Stuart McHardie as well as taking part in our Burnside Highland Games and Scots Treasure Hunt ~ learning certainly is fun!



## More Dates for the Diary....

Please see the website calendar at [www.burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://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. Please note children must bring inhalers to school if going on excursions. 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. **Mobiles should not be used on the school buses either.**



To maximise learning & teaching time within classrooms, children will now be encouraged to take snacks outside at morning interval. As we want to ensure your child is still able to exercise during break, we continue to advise that **one** healthy snack item is usually enough.

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. Thank you for your co-operation in these important matters.

## Working Together

### Get Social with the Burnside Parent Council!

The Burnside Parent Council now has its own Facebook page, featuring all the latest news and updates. Just 'like' this page if you want to receive news on what's happening at the school and Parent Council events.

[www.facebook.com/BurnsideParentCouncil/](http://www.facebook.com/BurnsideParentCouncil/)



Library ~ do you have any copies of 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' or any of the David Walliams children's books that you no longer need? These are in popular demand in school so we would be grateful for any donations.



Thank you to all parent volunteers over the last month:-  
...excursions....library.... Credit Union....clubs.....classrooms... Parent Council....

## Clubs at Burnside

MONDAY	P.2 Multi-sports	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P.4 Gymnastics	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P.7 J.A.M Club	Lunchtime
TUESDAY	P.6 & 7 Athletics	3.00-4.15 pm
THURSDAY	P5-7 Stamp Club	Lunchtime
THURSDAY	Gardening Club	Lunchtime
THURSDAY	P.6/7 Football	3.00-4.00 pm
THURSDAY	P.3 Lego Club	Lunchtime
FRIDAY	P.1 Multi-sports	Lunchtime
FRIDAY	P.3 Lego Club	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!

**Cheerleading and Dance Clubs will be starting next week!**

## 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 Person for Room 1 to 5, Mrs. McGovern looks after Rooms 6 to 9, while Mr. Campbell oversees Rooms



10 to 14. 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.

**School newsletters are posted on the school website at the beginning of each month and you can follow us on twitter @burnsideprim**

## 50/50 Club

**Congratulations to our latest winners**

**Lisa McKenna  
John MacKay**

Good luck in the next draw!



Monday 25th January 2015  
Burnside Primary welcomes MSP Aileen Campbell

