



Burnside Primary School

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Dear parents/carers, staff and pupils,

It is hard to believe November is here already!

Thank you for ensuring your children are coming to school in full uniform—it has such a positive effect on achievement and gives our pupils a real sense of identity and pride. Shirts and ties should be worn unless it's a P.E day, when school polo shirts are ideal.

Plans are on track for the building of a wonderful new Burnside Primary! Representatives from the SLC Schools' Modernisation Team will meet with the Parent Council on Thursday 13th November, 6.30-7.30 pm to share plans and our Roadshow will be open to all parents/carers and neighbours on **Wednesday 19th Novem-**

ber when you are free to drop in between 3 and 6 pm.

Thanks to your support, over £1000 has been raised for Poppy Scotland through the sale of handmade poppies made by a staff/parent team—Mrs. McLean, Mrs. McAllister, Mrs. McDowall and Mrs. Inglis. Room 11 pupils did a super job of putting the poppies together (each one unique, with a donated centre button) and selling to pupils, friends and families. A wealth of skills have been developed in Room 11!



Following our exciting visit last week from Pudsey and Blush, we will be having a 'PJ's for Pudsey' day this **Friday, 14th November**. A £1 donation for **Children In Need** is suggested to come to school in pyjamas.



Physical Activity

This session we will be aiming 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.

Please see our school **calendar** on the website for diary dates- the forthcoming weeks are going to be very busy! Our Christmas shows will take place on afternoons from Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 December. Letters will come home soon for ticket requests. As always, we are limited in hall space so tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Staffing Updates

It is with mixed feelings that we will say farewell to **Mrs. Mason** and **Mrs. McLean** at Christmas as they embark on retirement. Both teachers have been a positive influence on so many pupils, families and staff over the years.



We will miss you but wish you both all the very best for a long and happy retirement!

New staff will be appointed following a recruitment exercise in the following weeks.

Assemblies

Focus for **October**:-

Citizenship and Secret Superstars awards.

October Highlights

We enjoyed a visit from Scholastic Book Fayre. Thanks to your support, £1,700 was raised through purchases. The commission earned will allow us to buy non-fiction books to support literacy.



P.1 parents came along to Literacy and Numeracy workshops and an introduction to 'Massage in Schools'. We hope you found these sessions useful.



Pupils in Room 12 enjoyed a visit from Erene Grieve, 'Stamps in Schools'. The interactive workshop was linked to the children's studies on World War 2.

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.

Partnerships.....

Thank you to our team of parents who are busy organizing our annual Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 29th November**—let's make this the biggest and best yet!

Thank you also to our library team of parents and grandparents who have been working hard to support pupils with library visits. The children are always eager to tell me about their 'new' book! P.1 and P.7 Buddies will enjoy a story together this week, as P.1 pupils are introduced to the library.

Burnside savers have now banked £1000 of savings with our Credit Union. Well done everyone! Thanks also to our dedicated team of parents who organize the saving every Friday afternoon in school. Credit Union membership is a great way for pupils to develop understanding and responsibility of managing finances. Please contact the school office for information and a form, if you would like your child to join.

We will be having a focus on Scots language week beginning 24th November so will be learning some songs/poems etc. in school. We hope the children will find this enjoyable as well as learning about Scots. We welcome any support you can give at home whether is be helping learn a poem or sharing some favourite old Scots words or phrases.

50/50

Congratulations to 50/50 winners for August and September:-

Fiona Anderson and Tara Smith

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 and Ms. Mooney is the **Named Person** for Rooms 8 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 each 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.**

