



**Education Resources**  
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**Burnside Primary School**  
Head Teacher – Ms. Gayle McDonald

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Dear parent/ carer,

### **Hello from Ms. McDonald (Head Teacher)**

Welcome back to all our families after the summer break. I hope everyone had a safe and restful holiday, and I would like to extend an extra warm welcome to those children and families joining the Burnside community for the first time.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself to you, as I took up the post of Head Teacher of Burnside Primary officially on Monday. I feel very privileged to be part of such a wonderful school, and to follow in the footsteps of Mrs. McGarvey, who has led the school so effectively for the last 21 years.

This is my first post in South Lanarkshire, having held senior leadership roles in schools in East Renfrewshire Council since 2015, and teaching for around a decade within several Glasgow City Council schools prior to that. I have been made to feel extremely welcome since arriving in Burnside, so thank you to so many of you who have come to say hello this week.

My intention is to send a newsletter to families at the end of every month, to share key information about the life and work of the school. One important piece of information I would like to share now is the School Leadership Team pastoral remits, so you know who your first point of contact within the school is, if you need any help.

**Primaries 1- 3** Mrs. Lynne Mullen (Depute Head Teacher)  
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**Primaries 4- 7** Mr. Scott Millar (Depute Head Teacher)  
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### **Meet The Teacher**

You are invited to come and see your child's classroom, and meet their teacher, on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August, from 2:30 -3:00. Please enter via the main door, and we will direct you to your child's class. Please note that this will be a time to meet the teacher and share in your child's learning, and the teacher will not have the capacity to discuss any individual concerns during Meet The Teacher. We would encourage you to get in touch the usual way if you require any support. I hope you are able to come along on one of these afternoons.

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## Dates for the Diary

We will include upcoming dates in each newsletter, but here are some dates that we already know about. Other dates will be firmed up soon (e.g. festive dates for later in the term) and we will add them to the list for the first newsletter in a few weeks' time.

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Meet The Teacher 2:30 – 3:00
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	September weekend- schools closed
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Work samples sent home to parents
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual and family photos
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
w/b 14 <sup>th</sup> October	October holiday- schools closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Inservice day 3- schools closed
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Pantomime in school
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes at 2:30
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School reopens at 9am

I look forward to getting to know you and your children as I settled into Burnside, so please get in touch if I can help you with anything at all. My email address is [headteacher@burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@burnside-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) and I can also be reached via the school office on 0141 634 1916.

Kind regards,



Ms. Gayle McDonald  
Head Teacher