



**Education Resources**  
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Dear parent/ carer,

## **May Newsletter**

May has arrived- and with it, glorious sunny weather! We are making the most of getting outside to enjoy spending time in the sunshine, so please remember to pack those hats, water bottles and suncream to stay safe. The final term is always busy, but full of good fun and exciting opportunities for our children.

## **Outdoor Classroom Day**

Our annual 'outdoor classroom day' will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May. During outdoor classroom day, we try to do as much of our learning outdoors as possible, weather permitting! This year, we are teaming up with Active Schools and GROW73 to offer fun outdoor activities, as well as other outdoor learning opportunities in the school grounds with our classes.

## **Simon Lamb (poet) – Adventures in Poetry**

Simon Lamb will be making his rescheduled visit to P1- P4 on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Signed copies of Simon's book will be available to purchase for £10- more details to follow.

## **Parent/ Grandparent Helpers**

At a recent Parent Council meeting, it was shared that lots of parents had asked about opportunities to come in to school and help with our classes. We would absolutely love to have a team of parent/ grandparent volunteers to help with anything from reading groups, arts and crafts and supporting learning in general.

<https://forms.office.com/e/JShgTHvTMC>

If you would like to volunteer to come in and support the school after the summer holidays, please use the link above to leave your details, and we will be in touch.

## **Staffing Updates**

Congratulations to Mrs. Breslin, who was successfully appointed as Team Leader at Calderwood Primary. She will be fantastic, and we wish her all the best for her new chapter- although we will miss her very much.

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Best wishes also to Miss Laidlaw, who heads off on maternity leave at the end of May. We can't wait to hear the exciting news of a new addition! We will be in touch as soon as we have more information about who will be teaching her class for the final few weeks of term.

### Office Opening Hours

Mrs. Maclean will be staffing the school office on her own for much of the time until the summer holidays, when we hope that a recruitment exercise will have taken place to cover Mrs. Breslin's duties. Please bear with us at this time, and we would appreciate you being patient if we are unable to respond as quickly as usual.

Please note that *we will be closing the office for lunch each day between 11:40 and 12:20.* Please get in touch at other times during the day, and if you need to leave a message while the office is closed, we will deal with this as soon as possible when we return.

### Fundraising Updates

Our final total for the Sponsored Read-a-thon was a whopping £3022 (!!!) which has launched our fundraising campaign for the outdoor classroom. Thanks to the commitment of the Parent Council, this means that we are already halfway towards the total needed to purchase this item. Outdoor learning will be part of our school improvement plan for next session, so we can't wait to try to raise the rest of the money and get our outdoor classroom installed!

Our dress down day for the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) was also very successful, and I am delighted to say that the total raised from Burnside to support this charity was £538! Thanks to everyone who was able to support, your money will make a difference to the families of deaf children in the UK and beyond.

### Classes for next session

At this time of year, we begin to plan into the transitions into new classes for next session. At Burnside, we do tend to mix our classes up a bit each year, which has real benefits for our pupils making wider friendship circles and building relationships across the whole year group. The classification exercise is a huge job, and we consider many factors including (and not limited to!) ability groupings, social dynamics and additional support needs when making our decisions. As soon as we can confirm our classes and staffing arrangements for next session, we will communicate them to you and begin our transition activities such as 'Meet the Teacher' and extended transitions for those who need it.

### Dates for the diary for 2025

Here are the final term dates for your diary:

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Team of 14 out to the Landemer Cup @ Fernhill (afternoon)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	P7 transition session- Chaplaincy Team
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Track and Field Competition (time TBC)
23 <sup>rd</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday- school closed
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	New P1 visits (Burnside Butterflies)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Outdoor Classroom Day
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Buddy Lunch (moved from Friday due to P7s at football)

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Simon Lamb (poet) visiting  Football team at Cathkin High
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Car Boot Sale
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	P1 – P3 Sports Day (9:30 – 10:30) in playground  Summer disco  Library finishing today- all books to be returned
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day P4- P7 at Stonelaw High (P4 & P5: 11 – 12 then P6 & P7 1:30 – 2:30)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Council @ 7:10
10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Cathkin High new S1 induction days
11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Stonelaw new S1 induction days
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Reports issued to parents  Football team at Cathkin High
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Landemer Day (community fun day)
w/b 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition afternoon (meet the teacher) this week
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	House Treat afternoon  P7 leavers' party @ Cambuslang Rugby Club
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 trip to Electric Thrill– 12:30
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Buddy Lunch  Ice Creams for all (Parent Council providing)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	End of term service (church) 9:45- 10:45 P7 parents invited
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Close for summer holidays @ 1pm

As always, please get in touch if we can help in any way at all.

Warmest wishes,



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