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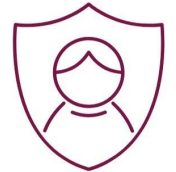
Burnbrae Primary Newsletter



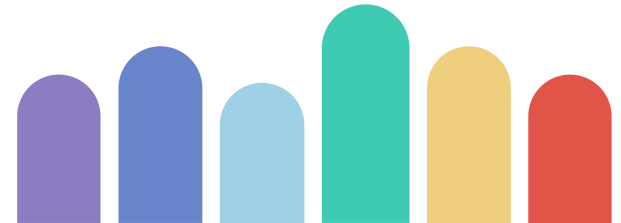
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# Head Teacher Update

It has been wonderful to welcome so many families to school for Sports Days, Shared Learning and volunteers for trips.

Our new tunnel, maze and climbing frame are almost ready for use. The children will get an opportunity to explore the equipment and learn the rules for safe use before including it in our playground rota.

We have been playing music on a Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime from 12:30-13:15 in the playground in response to requests from pupils as it encourages some children who otherwise find playtimes difficult or long to share a common interest. The feedback from the children is that this makes them feel happy and it encourages them to exercise. We have limited it to two lunchtimes .

We bought some fantastic resources with £750 from the money raised from the Danceathon to start our STEM area in the Blue (P1-4) atrium.

We are conscious that families may be experiencing cost of living difficulties. Please speak to the school office or member of SLT if we can support you to be included in school opportunities.



***You have the right to play!***

***Unite Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child: Article 31***



# Classes for next year



We will have three Primary 1 classes this year.

The three current Primary 1 classes will become two Primary 2 classes.

There will be two Primary 3 classes, a Primary 4/3 and two Primary 4 classes.

We have taken the opportunity to mix the current three Primary 4 classes into three new Primary 5 classes so that children can form relationships across the year group as they will benefit from extended friendship groups when they go to high school and mix with children from five other primary schools. We have ensured that we have taken friendship groups and distributed ages across the year. Other factors such as gender and Additional Support Needs are also taken into consideration.

We will have three Primary 6 classes and three Primary 7 classes.

Children going into P2 and P5 will get a note of their new class week beginning 12 June so that they can experience this on 16 June when we have our induction taster for next session. Where teachers have been identified they will also meet their teacher but it may not be possible for this to be in place for that day due to the decisions on staffing still to be made at Local Authority level.

## Staffing Update

- Anna Galway LA is moving to a new position in Harmony School and had her last day at Burnbrae on 8 June
- Louise Elliot LA is starting a course in Paediatric Nursing and finishes at Burnbrae on 28 June
- Aileen Burns PT has worked in Burnbrae Nursery for the last year and a half to support the team. She is now returning to a PT role with Midlothian Council working with lots of Early Learning settings.
- Sharyn McKenzie EY Officer, is moving on to a new post within the Midlothian Early Years team.
- Lucy Brogan LA is starting teacher training
- Joanne Dow CNC Class Teacher is moving back to N Ireland
- SCN team - Kiki Papadopoulou, Pauline Paine, Nick Evans, Lynne McLean, Katie Mitchell, Kymm Crawford, Lisa Reid, David Kelly and Erin Geddes, are moving to Hawthornden and a new purpose built ASN setting. This is a fantastic team who do a rewarding job working with our most vulnerable young people. We wish you all the best in your new setting.

## ELC Celebrations

Celebrations Days - To celebrate the children who are moving on to Primary One, the children who are returning to ELC in August and all the friendships we have formed, we are having a Teddy Bears Picnic in each room. Children are welcome to bring a teddy bear with them. We will also have a visit from the ice-cream van.

Two family members per child are welcome to join us for the celebration.

**Tuesday 20th June - Rowan**

**Wednesday 21st June - Chestnut**

**Thursday 22nd June - Oak**



## Medication

If your child has medication in nursery, please speak to a member of staff to arrange taking this home on the last day of term.

If your child is starting P1 in August please make sure office and P1 staff are aware of any medical needs. If your child is returning to Burnbrae Early in August, please inform ELC staff of any allergy or health changes which may have taken place over the summer break.

## Gala Day

Thank you to all the families, children and staff who took part in the Gala Day on Sunday 4th June. This was a lovely opportunity to represent our ELC together in the community.



# Gala Day



Thank you to the children who represented Burnbrae at the Gala Day

- Alexander and Sophie
- Jonathan and Lyla



## ELC - P1 Transition Information Page

<https://burnbrae.mgfl.net/elc-p1-transition/>

- Access to our updated virtual tour to view P1 learning spaces from home
- View the slides from the presentation on 1st June
- Watch videos of the P1 team reading stories
- Find useful information and advice for starting P1 in August



SCAN ME



On Monday 26th June, we will have our whole school picnic. All children, including Nursery, the CN and SCN provision will take part. Nursery and CN children will have their picnic in their own garden areas.

Children from P1 - 7 and CN are encouraged to bring a blanket and a teddy from home to these events.

**Nursery children do not need to bring anything.**



# Primary Seven

Primary Seven have been working hard on their acting and singing skills and are almost ready to showcase their leavers show - 'Hilarious Histories!'. There may be a few Bafta winning performances.

We are very much looking forward to seeing parents at both performances. There are unfortunately no remaining tickets for the night time show however there is still availability for the morning performance. Please get in touch with the school office if you would like to attend.

Please can all costumes and accessories be in school by Monday 12th June. If you are struggling sourcing anything or have any questions, please get in touch.



We have really enjoyed working with the Primary 7 children and are extremely proud of how hard they have worked throughout the year! We would also like to thank parents and carers for your support.

Please find a list of important dates for the remainder of term:

High School Transition Visit: 14th, 15th and 16th June

Leavers Show: 22nd June - 9.15am and 6pm

School Picnic: 26th June

P7 End of Year Trip: 27th June

Final Day: 28th June



Burnbrae Parent Council  
Fundraiser

# SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE

**1pm until 3pm**

Bouncy Castle and Assault  
Course / Ice Lollies / Food /  
Games / Beat the Goalie /  
Tombola / Face Painting /  
Hairspray & Tattoos / Home  
Baking & Drinks/ More to  
follow soon!

In the School Playground. Hope to see you there!!

Thank to Burnbrae Parent Council for all the different ways you have supported us over this school year. We are very grateful to Jen and the team for all they do. Thank you to Martin our Vice Chair for creating the new Burnbrae Parent Council website. Please make time to visit the website and find out more about the work of Burnbrae Parent Council. The uniform bank will be there to pick up items for next session.

We look forward to the Summer Fair on Saturday 24th from 1pm - 3pm and hope to see you there!

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## Welcome to Burnbrae Parent Council

Support our school through  
attending events, volunteering,  
fundraising and more!

<https://www.burnbraeparentcouncil.com/>





## Learning with and Through Technology



A huge thank you to our wonderful pupil leaders for supporting all things digital this year. We look forward to working with them again next year.

When pupils return in August we will have a focus on safe and responsible use of devices. Device will not be sent home until after the September weekend. We appreciate your ongoing support to make sure devices are used appropriately at home.

<https://burnbrae.mgfl.net/digital-technology/>

### End of Term Arrangements

- P1 - 6 and CN devices will remain in school
- P7 children going to a Midlothian High School will take their device home on Friday 23rd June and bring it with them, fully charged on the first day of S1
- P7 children moving outwith Midlothian should return their device to the school office by Friday 23rd June
- SCN ipads will be collected by the office on 19th June, chromebooks will be deployed to High School for SCN children starting S1 in August. The remaining iPads will be delivered to Hawthornden at the end of term
- **Please return all P1- 6 ipad and chromebook chargers plus chromebook cases from home to school by Monday 19th June to allow us to complete an audit**

**BIG  
ISSUE**



Organic Planet - the schools social enterprise - specialising in vegetable food production, community cafe and food waste, has been featured in The Big Issue magazines - schools special edition. Organic Planet attended a special event in Glasgow on the 30th May to celebrate their and other schools social enterprise work. Organic Planet is also going to Social Enterprise Academy - Scotland's awards on the 15th June in Edinburgh.

Organic Planet has done and is doing lots of work in the schools gardens, planting up loads of vegetables - partly to sell, but also to use in a proposed community café. Big thanks to Mark - a parent helper for watering the garden over the weekend - in the hot weather!

Organic Planet will be at the school fayre - selling the Big Issue magazine, but also giving tours of the garden and running activities to make money for their social enterprise. Come and meet the team and see how you could volunteer too!

# Can you Help?

Building on the developments in ELC and P1 we are revisiting play across both buildings from June 2023. This will enable children to benefit from rich and exciting play contexts within the blue atrium at Burnbrae Primary and Complex Needs Provision based at Burnbrae Early.

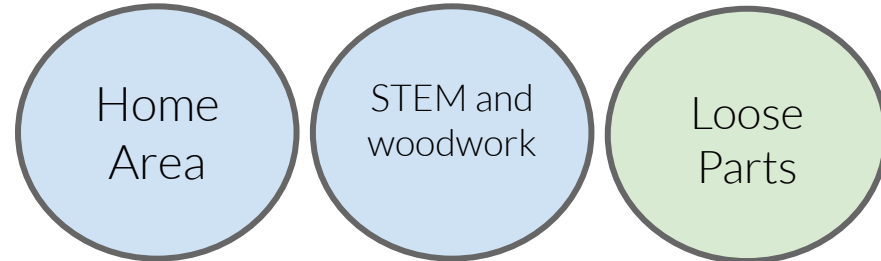
**We would appreciate your support to donate good quality, pre-loved items. Please see the list on the next page.**



We are initially focussing on three areas -

- Home Corner for CNA, CNB and inside the blue atrium
- STEM and woodwork for CNC, CND and inside the blue atrium
- Loose parts outdoors in the CN provision and in the small P2 play area

Later in the year we will begin to add further areas in response to individual needs.



*Staff at P1 appreciate and benefit greatly from their nursery colleagues' expertise. Together, they have created physical spaces both indoors and outside which enable children to learn in rich and exciting play contexts. As a result, all children are fully engaged in learning through play.*


*Burnbrae Inspection Report, January 2023*

Play is not a break  
from learning.  
Play is learning.





## Home Corner -

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- Pots and pans
  - Plates and cups
  - Small sofa
  - Cushions
  - Scales
  - A phone
  - Mirrors
  - Cookery books
  - Scarves
  - Hats
  - Artificial flowers
  - Photo frames
  - Clocks, calendars and diaries
  - Washing line and pegs
  - Tape measures
  - Wooden spoons

## STEM and woodwork -

- Small electrical equipment
- Carpet tiles
- Small tools
- Nuts and bolts
- Pallets
- Logs
- Wood
- Jugs
- Wheels
- Pipes
- Torches
- Lego
- Knex

## Small Loose Parts to use indoors -

- Bottle tops
- Corks
- Lolly sticks
- Buttons
- Curtain rings
- Pebbles
- Wool
- Pegs
- Log slices
- Pinecones
- shells

## Large Loose Parts for outdoors -

- Tyres
- Crates
- Logs and planks
- Pipes
- Cable drums
- Plant pots
- Artificial grass
- Pots and pans



In the Complex Needs Provision, pupils, staff and families have been consulted about our new name. Thank you to our families for completing our recent questionnaire. Your suggestions and feedback are valued and appreciated.

We are delighted to announce that the Complex Needs Provision will now be known as  
**“The Wee Brae.”**

## **Sports Day at The Wee Brae**

Our Sports Day will take place on Friday 23rd June at 9:30am. This is a relaxed event and families are invited to come along and join us.



## **Summer Fair**

We will be at the Summer Fair on the 24th June. Come and meet some of our staff and find out more about The Wee Brae. There will also be some nature based activities and treats.





# Sports Day



We have enjoyed a week of wonderful weather for all of our Sports Days this year!

A huge well done to all of the pupils who have participated across the school, competing in races, and cheering friends on. It was lovely to see the children supporting each other during the events.

Thank you and to the groups of children from Primary 4 and Primary 7, who were amazing in their leadership roles, supporting the administration of each others days!

A final thank you to all of the staff who worked hard behind the scenes, and on the days of each event to enable our Sports afternoons to run as smoothly as possible.



### Keep in Touch

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Date	Event	Who is involved
Friday 16th June	Meet the Teacher - induction to new class	Whole School
Monday 19th June	SCN P7 adventure week	SCN
Tuesday 20th June	Rowan Celebration Afternoon	Rowan ELC
Tuesday 20 June	Football Tournament	Football Teams
Wednesday 21st June	Chestnut Celebration Afternoon	Chestnut ELC
Thursday 22nd June	Oak Celebration Afternoon	Oak ELC
Thursday 22 June	P7 End of Year Show 09:15 and 18:00-19:30	P7 and parents - detail to follow
Friday 23rd June	CN Sports Day	CN
Monday 26th June	Whole School Picnic Day	Whole School
Tuesday 27 June	P7 Day Out	P7
Wednesday 28th June	Last day of term -15:15 finish	



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