



Play, Grow, Learn Together - Kindness, Curiosity and Respect

Burnbrae Primary Newsletter, October 2023

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Head Teacher Update

Welcome back! Thank you to everyone who attended Pupil Progress Meetings. It is great to work in partnership with you. We invite parents and carers to share in **Scottish Book Week Celebrations 13-16 November** and read with your child at the start of the day - see details in date section below. Children in P2 and P3 will be presented with Read, Write, Count bags. Our Parent Council has been working with the Pupil Council and Library Champions to get their views on what a refreshed library could look like. They have exciting plans to enhance our reading culture at Burnbrae. The **Parent Council AGM is on 23 November at 6:30pm** and we'd like to welcome new parents/ carers in person to this meeting. The staff in service day included a focus on reading progression. The first Halloween Disco for P1-3 was a great success.

P1 Registration happens online from 13 November and we are inviting parent/carers of children coming to school in August 2024 to find out what to expect and how to prepare for this milestone on **8 November at 6pm**.

The Autumn weather has arrived. Please ensure your child has a coat/ jacket suitable for being out in all weathers. The benefits of fresh air and exercise mean that we do go out even if it is raining. This also means that indoor shoes are needed for safety at PE and to keep the environment clean inside.

This is **Black History month** and our children have been learning at Assembly about people who have achieved great things and are role models for all children in our diverse school.

Our **Harvest Food Bank** collection is open until Tuesday 31 October for donations. These will be gratefully received in the community.

Burnbrae Early - office hours signs will be on display at front door **9 - 2 Mon - Thu**, outside these hours please contact the main office.



P7 Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Primary 7 Quiz Night before the holiday. This was a huge success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Well done to the Primary 7s for their creativity and hard work in putting the quiz rounds together, and for their bravery in standing up to read and present their questions in front of hundreds of adults! We would like to thank all of the adults who attended for their enthusiasm, hilarious team names and generous donations, resulting in a very successful £836.90! Finally, thank you to all of our staff and parent helpers for giving up their evening to help - we couldn't have done it without you!

Results:

1st Place - Ladies & The Tramp
2nd Place - Rory & Sam's Allstars
3rd Place - The Cool Beans



Staffing Update

We welcome Ms Carrie Morrison to Burnbrae who is teaching in P2B Monday - Wednesday while Ms Johnson is absent and Ms Claire Mitchell is teaching on Thursday and Friday.

Miss Lara Jenkinson got married and is now Mrs Carr. Congratulations!

Larissa Purves Learning Assistant, has secured a new post related to her degree and her last day will be 17 November.

We welcome Lynne Simpson LA who will join the team at The Wee Brae from Monday 30th October.

Achievements/Good news

Well done to our P6 and P7 learners who represented our school at the inter-school football tournament on 10th October.

The children played with passion and pride, demonstrating a positive sporting attitude throughout.



We raised £131 for Child of Hope in Uganda - thank you and well done!



Achievements/Good news

Well done to our P6 and P7 pupils who took part in inter-schools cross country competition at Gore Glen Playing Fields.

The children participated enthusiastically while demonstrating our school values.

An extra special congratulations to our podium finishers:

1st Place - Bobby MacDougall

2nd Place - Louis Rayment and Mason McHale

3rd Place - Carli Shand and Blair Campbell



STEM



Burnbrae

Our STEM club, Burnbrae Builds, continues to be a huge success for learners across the school every Wednesday lunch time.

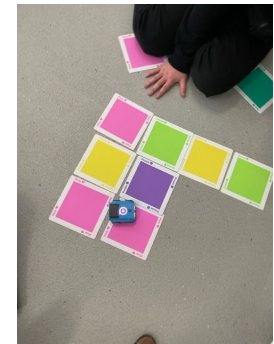
We will continue our celebration of Midlothian's October STEMfest, by continuing to work with Donna Hanley, Primary STEM and Sustainability Officer, throughout November.

Primary 2 have already enjoyed learning about coding and direction by exploring Sphero Indis and Donna will soon be back to host a STEM based escape room for our P6 classes.

Our P5 classes will receive a visit from Dr Paterson (Edinburgh University) who will explore microscopy with the children through a practical workshop.

The Wee Brae

As part of the STEMfest celebrations, our Conkers class have enjoyed a visit from Donna Hanley, Midlothian's STEM and Sustainability Officer. They enjoyed learning about coding and direction through the Sphero Indi workshop.



Donna will be back soon to host the same workshop with our Brambles class too.

ELC and The Wee Brae News



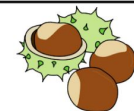
Acorns



Brambles



Clover



Conkers

ELC



We continue to be outdoors in all weather conditions, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor and messy play.

Play on Bonfire Night

Play Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have produced a guide to enjoying a safe bonfire night that is rich in valuable play opportunities.

<https://www.playscotland.org/resources/play-on-bonfire-night/>



The Wee Brae

Our next shared learning event is Wednesday 15th November at 2:15pm.

We look forward to families joining us then.





Burnbrae Primary
Parent Council

Tickets £2 available
from class teachers
(please bring correct
money)



Halloween Party

P1, P2, P3 Thurs 26th October 5.30pm - 6.30pm
P4 and P5 Mon 30th October 5.30pm - 6.30pm
P6 and P7 Mon 30th October 7pm - 8pm

🎵 Disco 🎮 Games with prizes 🎃

Burnbrae Primary Gym Hall
Enter and exit through side fire doors
(please do not wear full face masks or bring
weapon accessories)

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

Learning with and Through Technology

Supporting Your Child With Their Device

Digital devices can unlock a world of learning and potential.

Technology can help transform the way our children learn and help equip them for the world beyond the school gates.

On this page you will find practical support and resources to help you and your child get the most from their Equipped for Learning device.

<https://equipped.midlothian.education/devices/>



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Date	Event	Who is involved
Monday 30 October 5.30pm - 6.30pm	Halloween Parties	P4 - P5
Monday 30 October 7pm - 8pm	Halloween Parties	P6 - P7
31st October - 2nd November	Bikeability	P6
Thursday 2 November	Flu Vaccination	Whole School
Tuesday 7 November	Pupil Progress Meetings 3:30-5:50	P2B Parents/Carers
Wednesday 8 November	Pupil Progress Meetings 3:30-5:50	P2B Parents/Carers
Wednesday 8 November	Introduction to Primary 1 6:00pm	ELC parents of P1 children in Aug 24
13th - 17th November	Book Week Scotland	All
Wednesday 15th November	ELC Stay and Play	ELC
Wednesday 15th November	Wee Brae Shared Learning	The Wee Brae
Thursday 16 November	BPS Shared Learning 9:00 - 9:30	P1-7
Tuesday 21st November	Dental Inspection	P1 and P7
Thursday 23 November	Parent Council 6:30pm	Parents / Carers - welcome
Friday 24th November	P6A class assembly	P6A





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Friday 8th December	P3A class assembly to parents at 11am. Further info on app.	P3A
Friday 8th December	Christmas Accessory/Jumper Day Christmas Fair	All
Friday 8th December	Shared Learning	P2 - 7
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Lunch	P1-P4
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Lunch	P5-P7
Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December	P1 Nativity - times TBC	P1
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Lunch for ELC	ELC
Friday 15th December	ELC Seasonal Event - times TBC	ELC
w/b 18th December	Christmas Celebrations - days TBC	All
22nd December	Last day of term	