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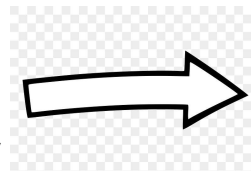
# Burnbrae Primary Newsletter, November 2023

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# Head Teacher Update



Thank you to everyone who attended the shared learning focus on reading during Scottish Book Week. We hope P1-3 are enjoying their packs at home. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers again on 8 December at 12:00 -1:20pm for our Christmas Fair. The Primary 5 children will open the Fair in the dining hall with singing Christmas Songs at 12:00. Parents will be invited to view P7 'Grow £5' enterprise stalls. They can collect children as usual at 12:25 and reenter the school via the corridor doors to see their child's stall at their class and visit other stalls. The children are making crafts to sell. It is not a large scale commercial event.

It would be great to see you supporting our Primary 5 choir singing at the Bonnyrigg switching on of the lights on Sunday 26 November at 1:45-2:15pm.

It was great to see some new members at the Parent Council meeting last night. We are looking forward to the library project gathering momentum and welcome any additional helpers interested to sign up via the Parent Council Website.

The P6A Assembly on Japan today demonstrated the learning and confidence children have developed in presenting. Thanks to parents and carers who came along.

Mrs Clarkson



# Severe Weather Arrangements

<https://burnbrae.mgfl.net/latest-news/>

Please make sure the office have a note of your most recent emergency contact details. In the event of a school closure your child can access home learning on our severe weather website page. Children are expected to login and check in with their Class Teacher, by liking a post on Seesaw or answering a check in question on Google Classroom.

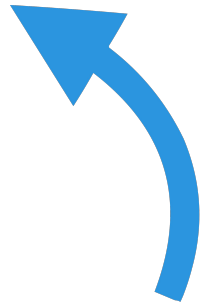
News of any closures will be communicated on our school website and shared with you by groupcall the app and Seesaw for our Provision and ELC.

Midlothian Council has a website page with further information about severe weather services -

[https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200270/severe\\_weather/571/winter - frequently asked questions](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200270/severe_weather/571/winter_-_frequently_asked_questions)



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<https://burnbrae.mgfl.net/severe-weather/>

## Welcome to Primary One August '24

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Welcome to P1' session on Wednesday 15th November. You can download the presentation here -

[ELC – P1 Transition – Burnbrae Primary School \(mgfl.net\)](https://www.mgfl.net)

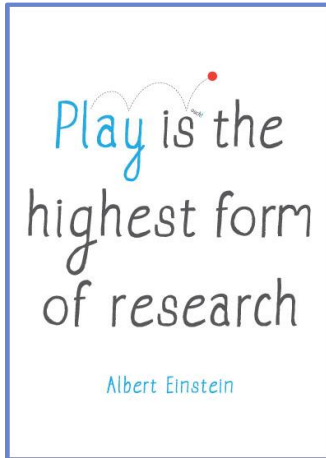
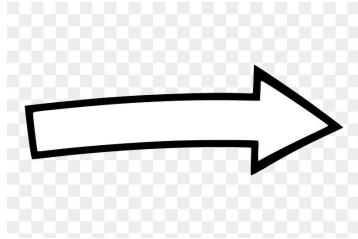


## Apply for a P1 school place

Your child can start school in August 2024 if their fifth birthday is between 1 March 2023 and 29 February 2025.

If your child is due to start Primary 1 in August 2024, they must be registered at their catchment school. Letters were sent on 6 November 2023 for children attending a Midlothian Council funded Early Learning setting or partnership nursery. The letter confirmed your catchment school. If your letter did not arrive, or your child does not attend a Midlothian Council funded setting or nursery, email [pupil.placement@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:pupil.placement@midlothian.gov.uk)

We would appreciate your support to donate good quality, pre-loved items.



- Small electrical equipment
- Carpet tiles
- Small tools
- Nuts and bolts
- Pallets
- Logs
- Wood
- Jugs
- Wheels
- Pipes
- Torches
- Lego
- Knex
- Bottle tops
- Corks
- Lolly sticks
- Buttons
- Curtain rings
- Pebbles
- Wool
- Pegs
- Log slices
- Pinecones
- Shells



# Bikeability Level 1

We were delighted to welcome Counsellor Alexander to Burnbrae on Tuesday 31st October to celebrate our recent Bikeability Award, and engage with the start of this year's Bikeability Programme.

Our Primary 6 children and older Wee Brae children enjoyed participating in Bikeability Level 1 training throughout November, which took place within the school grounds.

Our Primary 7 children are looking forward to engaging with Level 2 training in January 2024, which will take place within the local community.



Burnbrae pupils with Councillor Diane Alexander.



Well done to all the children from Clover and Conkers classes at the Wee Brae who took part in a bikeability session. This was an excellent opportunity to develop bike skills, work on following instructions and showing respect to others.





## P1 Nativity

P1 are practising hard for our Nativity. The children have written their own script and are learning lots of songs.

We will perform our Nativity to families on Thursday 14th December at 9.30am. Each family will be allocated 2 tickets for the performance.

All children will see the nativity during school time to help us get ready for the final performance.



BURNBRAE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Christmas Jumper Bank

BURNBRAE PARENT COUNCIL ARE LOOKING TO RUN A CHRISTMAS JUMPER BANK THIS YEAR AND WE WOULD LOVE YOUR DONATIONS!

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION FROM MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

Jumpers will be available to take away \*free of charge\* from Monday 27th November, ahead of Christmas Jumper Day and the School Christmas Fair on the 8th December!

Get ready to get cozy!

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



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# STEM



Our P5 classes enjoyed a microscopy workshop run by a team of scientists from Edinburgh University. They learned how to use a variety of microscopes and had an opportunity to ask questions about the wider world of science too.



Primary Engineer Programmes  
*...the first step<sup>®</sup>*



Mrs Roberts and Mrs Lawrie have attended training at Edinburgh University to learn about an exciting rail project that has been organised in partnership with Primary Engineer Programmes. The project will be a collaborative learning experience between pupils in P3A and P7C which will allow children to work together while developing, consolidating and expanding STEM skills and knowledge.



# STEM



Primary 6 have enjoyed participating in a STEM themed escape room this month. Their mission was to solve a range of puzzles which included maths, circuits and programming problems to find the combination and crack the code.



Primary 7 were delighted to have a recent visit from Tom Lucas. Tom and his company, Mott MacDonald, have supported the school significantly and last year donated a large amount of K'Nex Kits for our children to enjoy. Tom led the learning in P7 with three STEM based workshops; Think Like An Engineer, What Is Engineering and STEM space challenge. The Primary 7 children also enjoyed the use of a VR headset to encourage them to learn more about the wider world of work within engineering.

# ELC News



On Friday 8th December all children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or accessory to ELC. Parents and Carers are welcome to visit ELC rooms on 8th from 11:00 - 11:30 to join us for a Christmas fundraiser. We will have an ELC Christmas raffle and further details will be shared on Seesaw.

Burnbrae PS are also hosting a Christmas Fair on 8th December at 12:00, if you would like to collect your child earlier to attend the fair with older siblings please let the ELC team know.

On Thursday 14th December we will have our ELC Christmas lunch.

Families are welcome to join us in ELC on Friday 15th from 8:30 am - 9:30am to join us for our seasonal shared learning event. Please continue to regularly check Seesaw for further information.

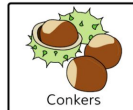
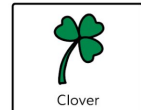
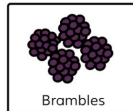
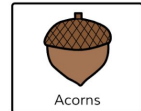
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from learning.  
Play is learning.



ELC rooms would appreciate donations of tinsel, tea towels, material, Christmas craft items corks, bottle top and items for making models. Many thanks in advance, Team ELC



# The Wee Brae News



The Wee Brae have started a new weekly Partnership focus.

Each week families are invited to share photos of their child taking part in a specific learning experiences via Seesaw.

This helps celebrate the achievements that take place out of school and develops the positive partnership between families and school.

## Christmas at The Wee Brae

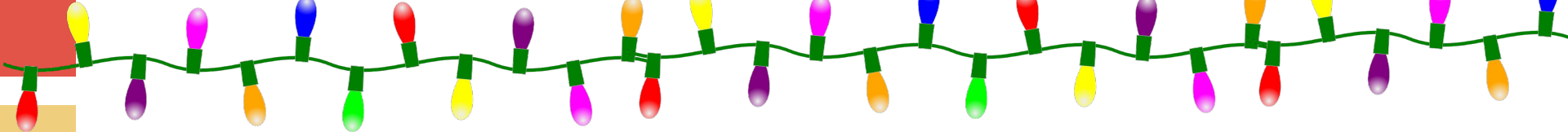
Friday 8th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 12th December at 2:15pm - join us for a Christmas Sing-a-long. 

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Lunch

We will be soon be selling raffle tickets to families for a chance to win a family hamper!  
Details to follow on Seesaw.

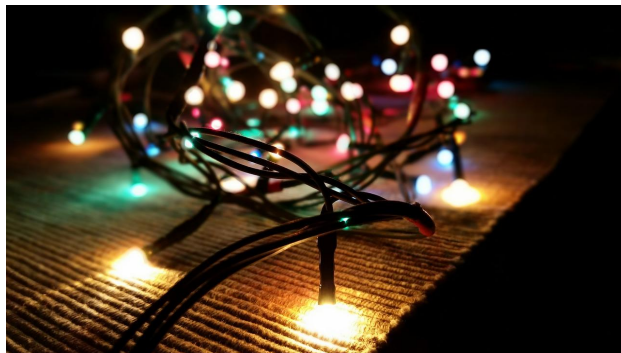




# Bonnyrigg Christmas Lights

## BONNYRIGG TOLL

Primary 5 children at Burnbrae Primary will be singing at the Bonnyrigg Switching on of the Lights on Sunday 26 November from 1:45-2:15pm. All other local Primary Schools have a slot culminating in the lights being switched on at 4:15pm.



1.00 - 5.00pm Black Diamond Radio Road Show

1pm \_5.00pm ROVING ENTERTAINMENT

1.15pm Bonnyrigg Primary School

1.45pm Burnbrae Primary School

2.15pm Lasswode Primary School

2.45pm Hawthornden Primary School

3.10pm Kic Dance, Flash Dance

3.40pm St Mary's Primary School

4.15pm Santa Claus on stage

4.20pm Shop Competition Winners Announced

4.30pm Switch on the 2023 Christmas lights.

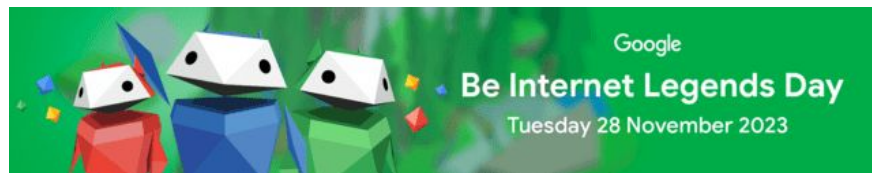
# Learning with and Through Technology

Seesaw has a new Highlights folder that enables students and teachers to showcase students' noteworthy work! While you're reviewing your child's work in the Seesaw Journal, just [filter for the Highlights folder](#). And don't forget to leave a [comment](#) on their posts!

New to Seesaw? Head to our [family resources page](#) to learn how to get connected!



Keeps everyone in the learning loop



Learning to convey kindness and empathy online – and knowing how to respond to negativity and hurtful behaviour – is essential for building and maintaining healthy relationships. These skills can help to reduce feelings of isolation which can sometimes lead to bullying, depression, academic struggles and other problems.

Be Internet Legends Day returns on Tuesday 28 November, with a brand new live-streamed YouTube assembly at 9.30am, themed around **Kindness** online. Families can join from home using the following link -

<https://youtube.com/live/1TZmvblu8pg?feature=share>



# Read and Write Toolbar



## [Read&Write Free for Families](#)

You may be aware of the literacy toolbar Read&Write. We use this toolbar in school to support learning and it is installed on all pupil iPads and Chromebooks. Midlothian Council was part of a video case study on the positive impact of Read&Write. You can watch the videos and find out more [here](#).

The very exciting news is that Midlothian has negotiated a world-first deal that means you can now download the Read&Write toolbar at home, on up to 5 devices for free! Please [use this link](#) to download. You will be asked for the school's postcode and then be given instructions on what to do next.



Have a look at this [feature tour](#) to see all the things Read&Write can do and ask your child to show you how they use Read&Write in school!





**THANK  
YOU**

**BURNBRAE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

for raising a fantastic

**£272.00**

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

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## *Shine A Light Burnbrae 2023*

Shine A Light is a fun activity to help you decorate a window for Christmas!

The craft pack is free but we are limited to 100 bags.

Each craft pack will contain black paper, coloured tissue paper, a Christmas theme paper square, some pipe cleaners, lengths of ribbon, winter themed stickers, a glitter bow, snowflakes, blue tac and a glue stick.

All you need to do is decorate a window at the front of your house, take a picture of your window and send it to our Parent Council Facebook page.

Any child would like a bag to join in will be asked to put their name and class on a piece of paper in a box at school and 100 will be pulled out at random. We ask that you please only apply for a bag if you really need one and are going to use the items on a Festive window!

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Date	Event	Who is involved
Sunday 26th November	P5 Choir singing at Bonnyrigg Christmas lights switch on	P5
Friday 8th December	P3A class assembly to parents at 11am. Further info on app.	P3A
Friday 8th December	Christmas Accessory/Jumper Day ELC Fair 11 - 11:30 Christmas Fair 12.00 - 13.20	All
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Lunch	P1-P4
Tuesday 12th December	Wee Brae Shared Learning - Christmas Singalong	Wee Brae
Wednesday 13th Dec	Christmas Lunch	P5-P7
Thursday 14th December	P1 Nativity 9.30	P1
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Lunch for ELC and Wee Brae	ELC / Wee Brae
Friday 15th December	ELC Seasonal Event - 9.30am-10.30am	ELC
w/b 18th December	Christmas Celebrations - days TBC	All
Friday 22nd December	Last day of term	All

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Who is involved</b>
Monday 8th January	In Service Day	Staff
Thursday 25th January	ELC Stay and Play	ELC
Friday 26th January	P7 Burns Brunch	P7
Friday 2nd February	Scots Poetry Competition	P1 - 7
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day	All
Friday 9th February	Class Assembly	P2B
12th - 16th February	School Closed - February Break	All
Friday 1st March	ELC Stay and Play	ELC
Friday 8th March	Class Assembly	P5A
12th and 14th March	Parent/Carer Consultations	All
Friday 15th March	Class Assembly	P4A
Friday 22nd March	Class Assembly	P6C

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Who is involved</b>
Friday 29th March - Monday 15th April	School Closed - Easter Break	All
Tuesday 16th April	Back to School	All
Monday 22nd April	P7 Transition Lasswade High 7pm	P7
Monday 29th April	ELC Stay and Play	ELC
Monday 6th May	School Closed	All
Friday 10th May	Class Assembly	P5B
14th - 16th May	Rookie Rockstars in school	
Friday 17th May	Class Assembly	P2A
Monday 20th May	Staff Development Day	
Wednesday 22nd May	Rookie Rockstars evening performance	
Monday 27th May	Sports Day	

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Who is involved</b>
Tuesday 28th May	P1 Information Evening	P1 August 24 cohort
29th and 30th May	Sports Day	
Friday 31st May	Class Assembly	P5C
Friday 31st May	Sports Day	Wee Brae
Sunday 2nd June	Poltonhall Gala Day	
Friday 7th June	Class Assembly	P6B
12th and 13th June	P7 Induction Visits	P7
Friday 14th June	Class Assembly	P3/4
Friday 14th June	Meet the Teacher	P1 - 7
18th, 19th and 20th June	ELC Celebration Days	ELC
Thursday 20th June	P7 Show	P7
Tuesday 25th June	Picnic Day	All