



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

Burnbrae Primary Newsletter, April 2024

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Head Teacher Update from Mrs Clarkson

There is lots to look forward to this term. Please browse this newsletter and note events for you and your child or children.

Our P7 pupils are heading to their residential camp in Lockerbie Manor next week and we hope they have great experiences learning outdoors and build lasting friendships.

Following feedback from parents we will open the gates though the former provision in the morning as well as the afternoon to ease congestion. This part of the school has been redecorated and is awaiting a deep clean to be ready for use. The children have been suggesting new names for this area of the school to fit our vision to play, learn and grow together and link across the two Burnbrae buildings.

It was great to welcome Generation Science to Burnbrae yesterday to do a workshop on coding and robotics with STEM leaders in our school.

The Pupil Council game swap went well and thank you for supporting your children to participate. Any left over games will be distributed to classes for use by all.

Our class structure for next session will be 2 P1 classes and a P2/1, 2 P2 classes, 2 P3 classes, 2 P4 classes and a P5/4 class, 3 P6 classes and 3 P7 classes. The date for a transition taster session to experience their new class and meet teachers where possible will be on Friday 14 June. We are working hard to make sure we have a smooth transition for all children at all stages.



Staffing Update

- Welcome Mr Pete Carthy back.
- Mrs Dorothy Mellor, Learning Assistant, is having planned knee surgery this week and will be absent in order to recover. She is retiring at the end of the session in June after many years working in Midlothian. We would be happy to pass on any good wishes to her.
- Miss Shellie Smith is now Mrs Peck following her wedding over the Easter break. Congratulations!

Calling all Primary 7 parents!

As we draw closer to the end of the school year we are making our Primary 7 yearbook which means we are on the hunt for photos and need your help! We are looking for a 'first day of school', a baby photo and a recent photo for all the children. A 'Class Drive' folder has been created on Google Classroom for each Primary 7 class and we would really appreciate if you could upload any photos into your child's class folder.

Ms Lawrie and the P7 Yearbook Committee

Burnbrae Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th May, 6.30pm at the school. We would love to see some new faces there to come and see and hear what it's all about!



Burnbrae Primary School
Parent Council



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



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**Save The Date - Saturday
22nd June Time TBC**

**SUMMER
FAIR**

If you think you can help on the day with setting up, help with an event or clear up after, please let us know.

MORE DETAILS TO COME AS WE HAVE THEM! TO KEEP UP TO DATE, PLEASE FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

ELC News

Welcome to
Rowan
Nursery



Welcome to
Chestnut
Nursery



Welcome to
Oak Nursery



We are in the process of updating our ELC - P1 transition webpage. On the page you can access useful links and all the Mid Mouse information including stories to enjoy at home

[-https://burnbrae.mgfl.net/elc-p1-transition/](https://burnbrae.mgfl.net/elc-p1-transition/)

Can you knit or crochet mice for children starting Primary 1? -

https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/827/schools_and_learning/698/knit_a_mouse_for_our_p1s



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Celebration Dates

Oak Tuesday 18th June 1:45 - 2:45

Chestnut Wednesday 19th June 1:45 - 2:45

Rowan Thursday 20th June 1:45 - 2:45



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ELC Stay and Play

Monday 29th April from 2pm - 3pm - all ELC Parents/Carers are welcome to join us to stay and play



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



The Wee Brae

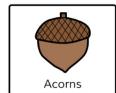
It has been lovely welcoming our learners back after our Easter break. We are looking forward to the term ahead.

We have transition programs starting for Primary 7 pupils.

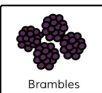
Our Acorns class will be introduced to Forest Schools over this term.

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We are in the process of planning our annual “Sports Day.” This will be a morning of fun and games for all the family.



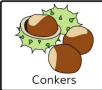
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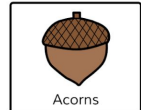
Thank you to families who attended our Drop In Coffee morning with the School Nursing Team. Please look out for a feedback form coming home in school bags.

Key Dates

Monday 29th April 2:15pm - Shared Learning

Friday 31st May - The Wee Brae Family Fun Sports Day (time tbc)

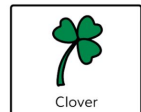
Thursday 13th June 2:15pm - Shared Learning



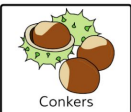
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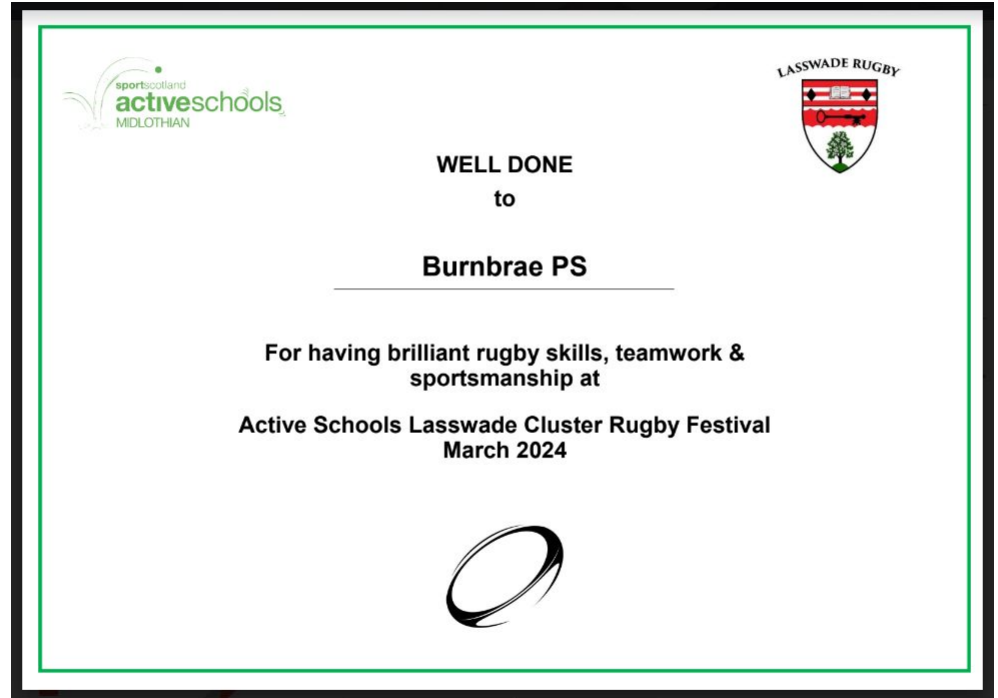
Fantastic Achievement



Isla and Savanna in P5B won a competition to design a poster in recognition of this Eric Liddell anniversary year. Our Mandarin Teacher entered the posters and they were selected from thousands of entries.

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A massive congratulations to Burnbrae 1 who took the tournament victory and a huge well done to all participating teams.



Active Schools Midlothian



ACTIVE MIDLOTHIAN ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

ACTIVITY BLOCK SUMMER TERM 2024

For all Active Midlothian updates please follow us on X/Twitter [@Active_mid](https://twitter.com/Active_mid)



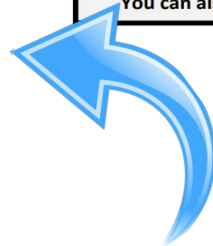
BOOKING INFORMATION

Active Midlothian clubs must now be booked online:

1. Go to <https://midlothian.legendonlineservices.co.uk/enterprise/program/index> or scan:
2. Enter the name of the venue/school in "Course Name" box and press "Search"
3. Scroll down and select relevant club.
4. Check the details then press "Register" at the bottom of the page.
5. Login to your account or sign up if you are a new user—if you experience any issues please contact your local leisure centre or Active Schools: activeschools@midlothian.gov.uk.
6. Follow the steps to book the club. You will then receive an email confirmation.



You can also book clubs by phoning a Midlothian Council leisure centre, up until the closing date.



<https://www.activemidlothian.org.uk/news/bookings-open-for-summer-term-clubs-1209>

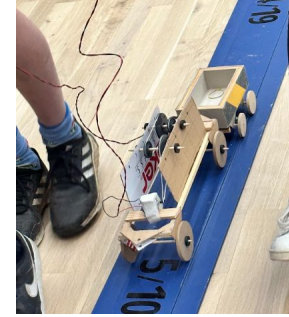
STEM



Primary Engineer®
...the first step



Well done to all Primary 3A and P7C pupils who have engaged in the Primary Engineer rail project this session. The classes worked collaboratively to create working locomotives, a selection of which were then showcased at a celebration event hosted by Edinburgh University.



During the event, the children were interviewed by a panel of engineers about their build and their design. They were given the challenge of test driving their locomotives around a series of challenges including, safely navigating obstacles, moving up and down ramps, navigating straight lines and their ability to tow loads of varying weights.

The celebration was rounded off with a special award ceremony which celebrated the hard work and achievement of all the young engineers. Kiara and Ada were awarded an 'excellent communication skills' medal and all participants were recognised with a participation certificate.'



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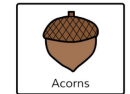


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The Conkers and Clovers had a visit from Miss Hutton, a Chemist from St Andrews University.

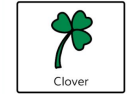
The children did some practical investigations using chromatography, oxidation and hydrophobicity. Families will have to ask their children what these mean!



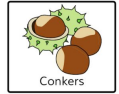
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Infection Control

Common medical conditions which require absence from school/nursery:

- . Sickness/Diarrhea - 48 hours after last bout has occurred
- . Chickenpox - until spots are dry
- Fifth disease ('Slapped-cheek') - one day after the onset of the rash
- Strep A - 24 hours after appropriate antibiotics
- Hand Foot and Mouth Disease - until blisters have healed
- Scarlet Fever - 24 hours after treatment is started
- Whooping Cough - 48 hours after appropriate antibiotics

Parents/carers, please note to the left a reminder of the exclusion criteria for common medical conditions.

In the event that you have any questions about a condition that your child is suffering from, please contact the school office.

The office staff monitor outbreaks of all medical conditions which we are notified of, and liaise with Public Health Scotland as required.

Sports Days

Our Sports Days will take place on:

- **Monday 27th May - P4 & P5 (including P4/3)**
- **Tuesday 28th May - P6 & P7**
- **Thursday 30th May - P1, P2 & P3**

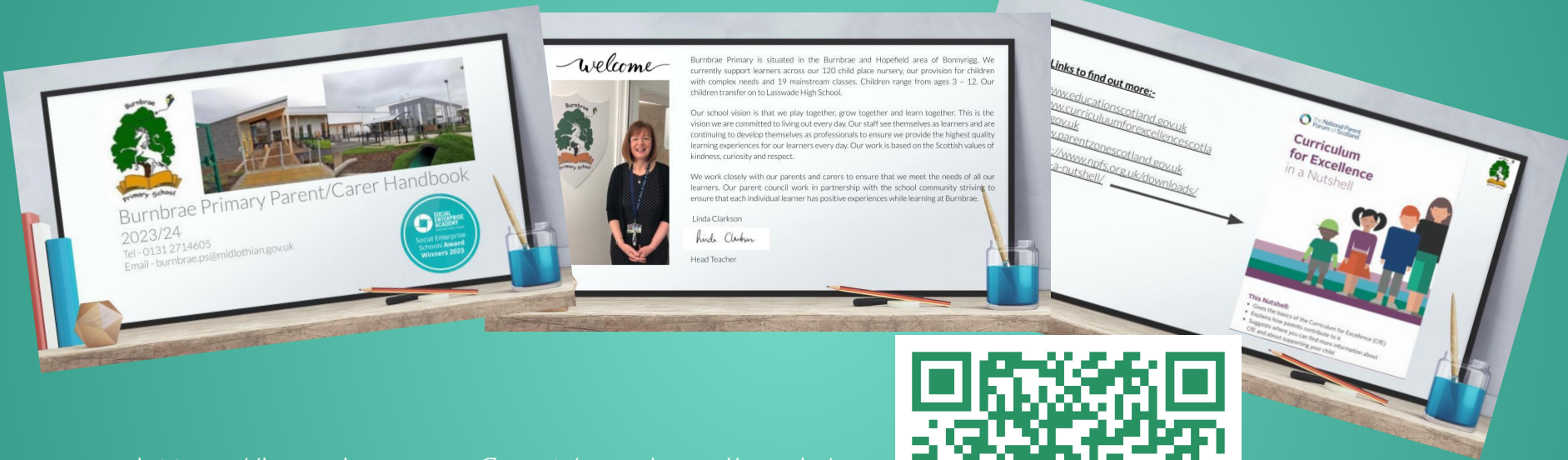


Our Sports Days will take place in the afternoons on the fields to the rear of main school building, close to the play park. The timing of the events has yet to be confirmed, but events are likely to start around 13:30, and families are welcome to attend.

Date	Event	Who is involved
Monday 29th April	ELC Stay and Play	ELC
Friday 3rd May	Class Assembly	P4/3
Monday 6th May	School Closed	All
Friday 10th May	Class Assembly	P5B
14th - 16th May	Rookie Rockstars in school	P1 - P7
Friday 17th May	Class Assembly	P2A
Monday 20th May	Staff Development Day	
Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd May	Rookie Rockstars evening performance more info to follow	P1 - P7
Monday 27th May	P4 & P5 Sports Day	P4 (incl. P4/3), P5
Tuesday 28th May	P1 Information Evening	P1 August 24 cohort

Date	Event	Who is involved
28th May	P6 & P7 Sports Day	P6 & P7
30th May	P1, P2 & P3 Sports Day	P1, P2 & P3
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	Transition Day	ELC and P1 - 7
18th, 19th and 20th June	ELC Celebration Days	ELC
Thursday 20th June	P7 Show	P7
Friday 21st June	Class Assembly	P6C
Tuesday 25th June	Picnic Day	All

Burnbrae Parent/Carer Handbook



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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCHOOLS AWARD WINNERS 2023

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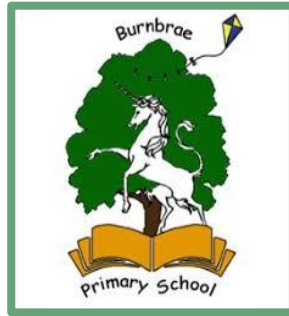
Learning Journals

Your child will have their own learning journal which will build up a story of some of their learning experiences at Burnbrae ELC. It consists of photos, observations, artwork and drawings by your child. These are available for you to look at any time.



<https://burnbrae.mgfl.net/elc-at-burnbrae-early/>





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