

Tynewater Primary School

a thinking, caring, learning community

Information for Parents

Nursery to P7: email / copy per family via oldest child

Friday 6 September 2019



Silver Level



3rd Eco School Green Flag

Our School Aims We believe that each of us can confidently:

- Be **ambitious**, imaginative and creative
- Make healthy choices to take care of ourselves, others, and our environment
- Seek new challenges to learn together to achieve our goals
- Explore, be involved in, and build up our community

Modelling attitudes and behaviour; thinking before we do or say something:

Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it inspiring? (build up?) Is it needed? Is it kind?" t-h-i-n-k

Dear Parents / Carers and Pupils,

Please find the following item attached by email / enclosed:	For:
• Request for Parent Helpers	Nursery to P7
• A questionnaire to Parents / Carers of P1 pupils about their child's transition from Nursery to Primary 1	Parents / Carers of P1 pupils

09.10 to 09.50 Friday Assemblies for Nursery to P7 Pupils and open to any Parents
Class presentations as follows:

23 August	Head Teacher	6 September	P5*	4 October	P2
30 August	P7	13 September	P6	11 October	P1A and P1B Together Harvest Thanksgiving
* P5 are in Glasgow from 10 to 12 September		20 September	P4		
		27 September	P3		

Please note the new starting time of 09.10 to provide P1 pupils time after they enter school at 08.45, and the expected finishing time of 09.50.

Staffing - Welcome to:

Childcare Development Workers Ms Mharie Cook and Mrs Fiona Donaldson, who with Ms Melissa Turnbull CDW and Ms Jennifer Davie (Senior CDW), make up our full Tynewater Nursery Staff Team for our expanded provision.

Miss Keighley Smith, Early Modern Apprentice, training with us to January.

Mrs Anne Hardie, Kitchen Assistant, preparing lunches for our full-time nursery children.

Mrs Pamela Scott, Kitchen Manager

Ms Anne Jamieson, Facilities Assistant

Ms Danijela Rae, Newly Qualified Teacher teaching P1A alongside Ms Sophie Thorburn who is teaching P1B.

Mr David Woods, Newly Qualified Teacher teaching P5. Mr Woods was previously a Student Teacher at Tynewater PS for the 3rd and 4th years of his degree.

Mr Paul Christie as Learning Assistant with P2 and Mrs Amanda Hunter as Learning Assistant with P1A and P1B.

We look forward to discussing all children's progress and their next steps at the following Nursery to P7 Parent-Pupil-Teacher Meetings:

Monday 7 October 2019 from 16.00 to 18.30 (end of last appointment) **and**
Thursday 10 October 2019 from 16.00 to 18.30 (end of last appointment) **and**
Wednesday 30 October 2019 from 16.00 to 18.30 (end of last appointment)

Please note that to accommodate all P5 pupils, Mr Woods' last appointments will end at **18.45**. Mrs McCabe (Learning Support Teacher) and Mr Watson (Literacy Support Teacher) will take part in all three dates.

Our booking system went live on Tuesday 3 September at 19.00 and will be open to take bookings until Friday 20 September at 09.00. You are more likely to secure your first choice of days and times if you book early.

Our Priorities for improvement for 2019-2020

Nursery:

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- 1 Leadership for Change: a new team to expand and improve our provision
 - 2 Self-evaluation for improvement with focus on our environment indoors and outdoors
 - 3 Parental Engagement and Partnerships
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P1 to P7

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- 1 To complete a comprehensive policy for teaching / learning of Health & Wellbeing
 - 2 To practice the moderation of reading, writing, talking and listening, and numeracy; that is agreeing the standards needed to achieve Early Years Level, First Level and Second Level.
 - 3 Training Teachers in the teaching and learning of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)
 - 4 All Teachers fulfilling Practitioner Enquiries (as per their General Teaching Council Scotland Professional Standards) as part of effective cycles in evaluating the impact of their teaching.
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Well done to former P7 pupil Sophie Dewar who during the summer played for Scotland in the Under 14 Team in the Lord's Taverners Junior Championship wheelchair basketball competition in Worcester. Scotland played against Wales and four English regional teams and were silver medalists, losing to a very tough and experienced Midlands team in the final.

Thank you for our Friendship Bench



Thank you to Mr Nicholas Perring, furniture designer and maker for helping over many weeks last year's Head Girl - Bethan; Head Boy – Jacob; Depute Head Girl - Mirren, and Depute Head Boy - Arlo make our wonderful 'Friendship Bench' over many weeks. Children, parents and staff can now enjoy using the 'Friendship Bench' in our playground. We also invite senior citizens within our community to do so as well.

Thank you to our Parent Council providing funding in addition to £308 from our school budget.

Pupils' Fruit Trolley Company



Could you and your child(-ren) please support our pupils' daily enterprise and efforts to promote healthy eating. Two or three types of fruit (in season) are sold each day before break times. Pieces of fruit generally cost 15, 20, 25, 30 or 35 pence.

Hygiene and trying to avoid the Norovirus ('winter vomiting disease')



Could we please make every effort to ensure that children wash their hands thoroughly after being at the toilet; before eating any food, and regularly throughout any given day. Also can we please encourage children to keep their fingers; pencils, and pens out of their mouth. We realize this is not easy!

Please remember children need to stay at home for 48 hours after the Norovirus symptoms have stopped to avoid it spreading further.



Could each and every pupil please bring a gym / PE kit to school?

On a Monday can each child please bring a gym / PE kit for Physical Education indoors and outdoors?

To be hygienic, could your child please take home their gym / PE kit each Friday to be washed each weekend, and brought back to school fresh and clean each Monday?

As per our Information for Parents A to Z:

- a gym kit bag (This can be ordered with pupils' uniforms.)
- black plimsolls or trainers
- plain navy blue / blue shorts / tracksuit bottoms – **not football team shorts**
- a white or yellow school polo-shirt or t-shirt – **not football team tops**
- plain white or plain coloured socks

Our Central Garden and our Vegetable and Fruit Garden for learning outdoors

On pages 6 and 7 of this Information for Parents you will find a plan of our Central Garden and a plan of our Fruit and Vegetable Garden.

As part our everyday curriculum, we really want ALL our children to be involved in maintaining, developing and learning from their garden throughout the year. To achieve this we need parental help each week to work with groups of six pupils at a time. **Can you please help our children to progress their learning by using these outdoor resources?** You do not need to be an expert in gardening. Teaching Staff and I will guide you in supervising six children at a time to carry out very simple planned activities.

If you can help even some of the time, could you please complete the Reply Form in response to our invitation for Parent Help by Friday 13 September?



Safe Driving



Accidents and injuries are caused. They don't just happen.

Please respect the **20 miles per hour** speed-bumps along Crichton Road and patiently give way to oncoming traffic.

Could you please ensure that you park your car safely and considerately along Crichton Road and residential streets leading to our school, and in our limited school car park? The school entrance and car park are continually recorded on video cameras.

Safe Parking



At the lay-by nearest the playground, priority is given to the school mini-buses that transport a significant number of children to and from our school. Before 15.30 / 12.25, 3 large cones show the area for school mini-buses. Please do not move or drive over and damage these cones.

Please do not block parked cars and leave your car – members of staff may need to leave school promptly at 15.30 for an appointment in another school or elsewhere.



Please ensure that the disabled spaces are available for those who need to use them.



Please ensure that your child(-ren) do not run out of the school playground and go straight across the road / car park to parents waiting in cars, just as other parents are speeding off. – An accident waiting to happen!



To ensure everyone's safety, bicycles and scooters must not be used in the school playground, or on the pavement or road leading out of the school grounds.

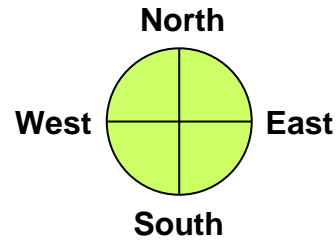
As always, please speak with me or your child's Teacher if you have any concerns, questions, feedback or suggestions, or simply need to talk through something. If you have an idea or can help with our pupils' learning, we are always happy to hear from you. Our school welcomes your approach to speak with us about any matter relating to your child(-ren), as we work with you each day to support your child(-ren)'s learning as much as possible.


With best wishes for our Autumn Term,

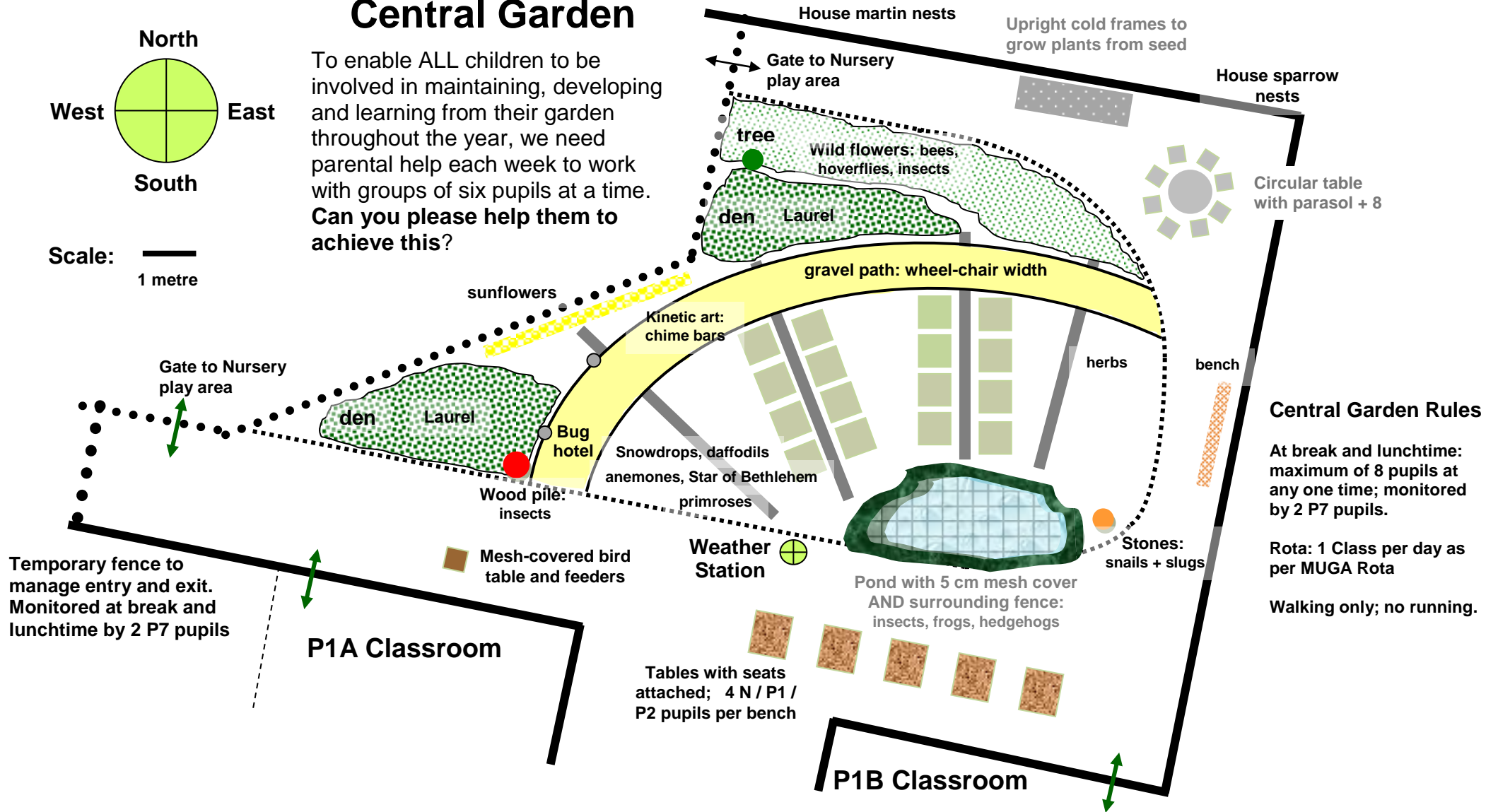
Douglas Lawson, Head Teacher

Vision for our Central Garden

To enable ALL children to be involved in maintaining, developing and learning from their garden throughout the year, we need parental help each week to work with groups of six pupils at a time. Can you please help them to achieve this?



Scale:  1 metre

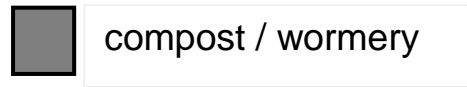


Central Garden Rules

- At break and lunchtime: maximum of 8 pupils at any one time; monitored by 2 P7 pupils.
- Rota: 1 Class per day as per MUGA Rota
- Walking only; no running.

Our Vegetable and Fruit Garden

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Current planting

