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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our **February** school Newsletter.

**WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**Pupil Attendance at School**

The latest whole school attendance figure is 95.71% and the breakdown is as follows:



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| P1 | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | P6 | P7 |
| 97.41% | 90.85% | 94.22% | 96.33% | 96.62% | 98.18% | 94.84% |

**50:50 PRIZE WINNER**

Well done to Molly Stott who won £108 in last month’s 50:50 prize draw. The draw is £1 a go and the winner will be announced at Assembly on Friday 25th February.

**OPEN AFTERNOON**

On Tuesday 22nd March, 1.30pm, we will host an open afternoon for parents and families. Our enterprising children will be fully involved in setting up stalls and presenting information about the health and wellbeing and eco schools activities that go on throughout the year in our classrooms. There will be a variety of other health/sustainable development agencies and groups also represented in our main hall. This event will formally launch our annual Healthy Lifestyles Festival Monday 21st March-Friday 1st April. Come along for a stimulating afternoon and learn more about a healthy and sustainable lifestyle!

**CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS**

**Burns Night 2011**

Our annual Burns Night was a very successful event and was well attended by parents and pupils. Well done to all our confident performers! The following children were judged top performers on the evening by our esteemed panel of judges:

P3 Poetry: Georgia Carlton P4 Poetry: Chloe Reid

P5 Poetry: Heather Scott P6 Poetry: Jack Elliot

P7 Poetry: Winner of the Men’s Fellowship Burns Award 2010: Natalie Reid **Artist**: Cameron Dunn P6 **Singer**: Abby Park P6

**ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP**

**UNICEF DAY FOR CHANGE: Non-uniform Day for Guyana**

Well done to children and staff for donating money towards supporting people in Guyana to cope with the effects of climate change. The funds raised will be used to purchase water-harvesting tanks, solar powered fridges for storing vaccines. We raised a generous £242.27!

**SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS/EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTORS**

PRIMARY 1 Our P1 children enjoyed a visit to Scotland Street School to learn about toys and games from the past as part of their Toys topic.

PRIMARY 3M2 travelled to visit Stirling Castle to complement their learning about Knights and Castles.

PRIMARY 6C visited the oldest house in Glasgow, Provand’s Lordship and Glasgow Cathedral linked to their study of Tudors and Stuarts.

PRIMARY 6V enjoyed a fun lesson in Scotland Street School led by a very strict Victorian teacher.

PRIMARY 6C/V pupils learned about the ‘Clyde in the Classroom’ project on a visit to the Science Centre that they will develop into a major enterprise project later on.

PRIMARY 7 visited the Kelvingrove Galleries and participated in a workshop about endangered species.

Evacuee Day-Our P7s participated enthusiastically by dressing up as an evacuee from 1939 and going to the billeting hall in Mure Memorial Church where they listened to the experiences of two adults from Garrowhill who were evacuated during the war.

**Sportshall Challenge Finals**

Well done to our Primary 7 athletes who secured THIRD place in the city’s Sportshall challenge finals in the Kelvin Hall.

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

You can support your child’s learning in the classroom by visiting the local library and borrowing non-fiction texts linked to the current class topics. By discussing the content, you can extend your child’s knowledge and understanding. Our children and staff thoroughly enjoy their topic studies and you can encourage your child to share what they have learned so far.

**Garrowhill Primary School Fundraising Committee Discos**

The Committee has organised a series of discos to be held in school for all children at a cost of £1.50 each. The children require the exact amount of money sealed in an envelope for this event. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 22nd February 6.30-7.30pm: P1-P3

Wednesday 23rd February 6.30-8.00pm: P4-P5

Monday 28th February 6.30-8.00pm: P6-P7

We are desperately short of volunteer helpers. If you are able to assist with any of the discos please contact us. If you are interested in getting involved in the Fundraising Committee’s work, do come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 1st March 7-8pm.

**Parent Helpers**

We are currently severely challenged in locating sufficient helpers for trips and adults to accompany the swimming class in P5. If you are interested and able to support us, I would be grateful if you could complete the tear-off slip below.

**DAIRY DATES**:

* School Concert: Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th February 7-8.15 pm in Mure Memorial Church.
* Staff INSET day: Curriculum for Excellence: Friday 11th February. Children do not attend school.
* Mid-term Holiday: Monday 14th-Tuesday 15th February.
* INSET day 4: Wednesday 16th February. Children do not attend school.
* Children return to school Thursday 17th.
* Garrowhill Fundraising Committee Meeting Tuesday 1st March 7-8.00pm
* Parents’ Meetings to discuss children’s progress, learning and achievement:
* Tuesday 8th March 4.30-7.30pm.
* Tuesday 15th March 3.30-6.30pm.
* Spring vacation: School closes Friday 1 April at 2.30pm.
* Return to school: Monday 18th April.
* Additional public holiday on Friday 29 April 2011 for the Royal Wedding.

Yours faithfully,

Richard DC Buchan

Headteacher

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I am interested and able to assist the school in helping out with:

School trips

P5 swimming at Garrowhill Primary School during Session2010-11.

School discos: P1-3; P4-5; P6-7

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_