



GARROWHILL PRIMARY NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers

STAFFING

A warm welcome to Mrs Ross (office staff) and Mrs Bell (pupil support worker) who have both joined the Garrowhill team recently. We are very excited to have them join our team and hope they enjoy working at Garrowhill.

TRANSITIONS

New P1 for 2022

Enrolment for children due to begin P1 in August 2022 will take place throughout the week beginning 1st November. Enrolment procedures are managed centrally through Glasgow City Council on-line process.

Please refer to the **Glasgow City Council Website "School Enrolment"** for further information on this process and on making a placing request.

P7s Transitioning to High School in 2022

Our associated secondary school is Bannerman High. Bannerman High is a delineated school which means it has a catchment area in the same way as the primary schools. Primary 7 pupils who do not live in the Bannerman Catchment area but who wish to attend the school must make a placing request to do so, even if they attend an associated primary school. Paperwork to begin this process was issued in October.

Please note, children who attend a school by a Placing Request are not entitled to free school transport.

SEE SAW

Please access this app regularly as this is the main way for sharing class learning and homework activities. Classes will be regularly displaying work through this app. Please take time to talk with your child about their learning. If you are experiencing any technical issues or have difficulty accessing a device, please phone the school office on 771 1235 so that we can help.

WEBSITE, TWITTER and SCHOOL APP

Our school website is updated regularly with information on events, holiday information and important dates as well as links to other documents you may need such as clothing grants etc. News, school events and diary dates are posted on our website and via our twitter account so please make sure you follow this.

The App is our main means of communicating news and events to parents/carers.

Please ensure you download this free app to your phone by selecting the Scot Ed App and Garrowhill Primary School. Through this you will receive notifications, letters and news relevant to your child's class. You will also be able to keep up to date with many other aspects of school life at the tap of a finger.

Diary Dates

1st November: P1 enrolment week:

1st November: P7b visiting Silverburn for Virgin Formula One sustainability event.

2nd November: P7 swimming sessions begin. (Catch up from P5)

5th November P7b Choir Glasgow City Chambers COP26

11th November:
Flu Immunisation
Remembrance Day

19th November:
Children in Need - Wear your pyjamas to school day!

3rd December: Carol Concert in school - pupils and staff

Various dates in December:
Digital Panto - Aladdin

Various dates in December:
Choir singing - dates will be posted on school app

Various dates for Christmas parties - dates will be posted on school app

Christmas/New Year

The school will close on Wed 22nd Dec at 2.30 pm. School will re-open on Wed 5th Jan.

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The entrance at Maxwell Road is one of two pedestrian entrances that we have, please do not stand at this entrance when dropping off as we have received complaints from the public that the footpath is difficult to pass. Mums with prams trying to access the nursery can find this particularly challenging. If you must observe your child in the playground before school, it would help if parents dropped children off and moved on further along the street or into the park.

All parents should continue to remind children that once dropped off at school they must not leave the school grounds. There are staff in the grounds to assist if they need help with anything.

Recently we have had a number of drivers parking on the Zig Zag lines outside the main gate at Maxwell Road. Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. Parking here blocks other road users' view of the school entrance and endangers the lives of children on their way to and from school. Please keep all of the children safe by finding a safe place to park when dropping off or picking up at the end of the school day.

COP 26 - SUSTAINABILITY

From Sunday 31st October until the Friday 12th November the United Nations COP26 Climate Summit is taking place in Glasgow, Scotland. This is one of the biggest events of its kind ever to be hosted in our country with 200 world leaders expected to attend. There is hope that the event will result in a truly historic agreement to limit greenhouse gas emissions and tackle the climate emergency.

Within Scotland's curriculum, Learning for Sustainability (LfS) is recognised as an entitlement for all learners and a recent international study showed that our learners are world-leading global citizens. The COP26 Summit provides us with a unique opportunity to further embed Learning for Sustainability and climate justice education in the curriculum.

This term all classes will be continuing their focus on Learning for Sustainability. We are also excited to announce that Garrowhill Primary 7b Choir have been chosen to officially open the Learning for Sustainability conference on Friday 5th November. During this event Glasgow City Council will launch its Children and Young People's Climate Charter. Well done to Mrs Bouch and all the children involved!

NUMERACY WORKSHOPS

Thank you to the small number of families who recently attended the 'Count on Us' Numeracy workshops with Chris McKenna. During these sessions we were able to share practical strategies with families to support children with numeracy at home. We were also able to give families more of an understanding of how to support progression in numeracy from P1 to P7. We hope that the families who were able to attend found these sessions useful.

HALLOWEEN AND MacMILLAN EVENTS

Recently every child in the school was given a cake to highlight the important work carried out by the MacMillan Cancer charity. Thank you to families who donated to this important charity through parent pay. The school have also donated on behalf of all families and a final donation of £500 has been sent to the charity.

On Friday 29th October pupils were invited to come to school dressed up (if they wished) for a Halloween Fun Day. The children looked great in their fabulous costumes and thoroughly enjoyed the day. We hope all of the children had fun.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER & CHRISTMAS

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to our annual school fund raising event in September. We will be using some of the funds to pay for a digital Christmas Panto and the class parties that all children participate in. The children will also be consulted through the School Parliament for any ideas they have to enhance their school experience. Once we have collated these ideas we will inform you of future spending plans.

On Christmas party days, children may come to school wearing their party clothes. The dates of the class parties will be posted on the school app and website. Mrs Bouch is also arranging for our choirs to visit a variety of venues to Carol Sing and notification of which groups of children are attending which venues will also be sent as an app alert for your information.

P1 and P6 have started to work on our school nativity. P1s will present 'A King is Born'. P6 classes will present 'The Bells Ring Out'. These performances will be sent out digitally on See Saw to P1 & P6 families.

FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME 2021

Over the last two years our school has participated very successfully in Glasgow's Flu Immunisation Programme. Vaccines will be given to all children with consent in place on **Thursday 11th November.**

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

We are planning to go ahead with a Carol Service for staff and pupils this year. Unfortunately, we are still unable to have parents into the school at this time. During this event we will decorate the Christmas Tree and each year group sings one of their favourite carols. Our Carol Service will take place on Friday 3rd December.

WATER BOTTLES

All children require their own **named** water bottle. As water fountains are not in use due to our risk assessment it may be useful for children to bring two bottles at this time. Also please be advised that children cannot drink juice in the classroom at any time.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please do not send nuts in to school in any form. We have children in school with life threatening nut allergies.

GOOD TO GROW VOUCHERS

For anyone who shops at Morrisons, we are collecting the 'Good to Grow' vouchers. To donate your vouchers, head to the My Morrisons app and click on 'Manage Grow Tokens'. Then select Garrowhill Primary to donate.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please remember school closes on Wednesday 22nd December at 2.30pm for the Christmas break and re-opens on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council **helps to create an environment where all parents know that their views matter.** They work on behalf of all parents to discuss educational matters that are of importance to all. Our next meeting will take place on line on Tuesday 9th November at 7pm. If you would like to attend, please contact the Chair of the Parent Council Amanda Giraud, using the following e-mail address: garrowhillpc@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,



Alan Young
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