



GARROWHILL PRIMARY

OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers

SCHOOL GROUNDS COMPLETION

The work to complete the school campus will take place during the October school break.

During this week the temporary vehicle access gate at the corner of Bakewell Road and Maxwell Drive will be removed and the fencing completed. The playground area at this gate will be filled in and landscaped and the work on the kerb at the new pedestrian entrance on Bakewell Road will be finished. All of this work has been scheduled for the holiday week to avoid disruption to children walking to school. The new pitch and play areas are all completed as is the car park itself.

On our return from the October break children will be able to make use of all of the new space and staff will be working closely with Forest Schools to develop our outdoor learning approaches.

DEPUTE POST

Congratulation to Mr Young who was appointed Depute Head Teacher on Friday 2nd October. Mr Young has been acting DHT since last August and we are delighted that he will be remaining with us.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

From October 19th the staff car park will be in use and the new pedestrian access on Bakewell Road will open for children and visitors to the school to use.

This gate is adjacent to the car park entrance, beside the bin and sprinkler housing building. The cycle racks are located beside this building. Children can enter by this gate and then through the large black gates at the end of the school building which lead to the playground. The gate we currently use on Maxwell Drive will remain in use giving two points of entry/exit to and from the school. Please keep the gates and pavements clear when dropping off to give children a clear view and safe entry to school.

Arrangements for pick up at 3pm remain as they are now. Parents/carers can access the playground from 2.50pm using either the Bakewell Road gate or the Maxwell Drive gate. Please do not arrive before this time as the gates will be locked and classes may still be using the grounds.

All visitors to the school must enter by the Bakewell Road gate and report to the main office. From the 19th October, no adults will be able to access the office via the playground.

The new staff car park does have a drop off point. While we are willing to allow parents/carers access to the car park to drop off children safely, this will be closely monitored by staff and the Road Safety Team.

If car drivers behave irresponsibly or abuse the drop off arrangements by parking or otherwise causing risk to children and pedestrians, then access will be stopped with no unauthorised vehicles being given entry to the car park.

Diary Dates:

Harvest Service

P4/3 & P4 parents/carers are invited to attend a rehearsal in the school hall on 5th October at 2.15 pm

6th October

Primary 2s - Visit from RNLI

8th October

Primary 2s - Visit from Police

October Week

Monday 12th - Friday 16th Oct

19th October

Bakewell Road entrance opens

22nd October

Primary 1s - Visit from Mrs. Faulkner Hearing Dogs

Hallowe'en Discos

P4 - P7 Thursday 29th October
7pm - 8.30 pm

P1 - P3 Friday 30th October -
1pm - 3pm

23rd October

P7 - Rugby Festival at Scotstoun

29th October

P4/3 - Trip to Baillieston Library

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

On 21st September children and staff worked closely with the Road Safety Team and Police Scotland in another effort to educate car drivers on how to safely drop off and pick up at school. While the majority of car drivers do behave responsibly, we have had very disappointing feedback from the Road Safety Team. This has included photographs of drivers parked across resident driveways, cars parked on the zig zag lines, cars parked for long periods on the corners and in the entrance to the park.

All of these actions put our children at risk. Parents/carers who would normally allow their child to walk along the pavement on their own are now afraid to because they have witnessed cars mount the pavement or reverse as a child is attempting to cross.

We will be requesting further police and traffic warden support and urging that offending drivers be fined. Please park your car safely in a neighbouring street as Glasgow City Council have requested and make it safe for our children to walk the short distance to the school gates.

School Improvement Plan

The school improvement plan focuses on three main areas this year; inclusion, learning for sustainability and planning assessment and moderation in social studies and the use of multi media. A summary of the plan is attached to this newsletter and the full plan will be available on the school website from next week. If there is any aspect of the improvement plan you feel you could help with we would be delighted to hear from you.

HEAD LICE

Head lice are very infectious and easily passed from one person to another in school. The best way to reduce the risk of infection is to regularly check your child's hair. If you do discover an infection, your local pharmacist will be able to advise you of the most effective treatment. Please check your child every week and take action if necessary.

Harvest Service

All children in our school will attend Mure Memorial Church at 11am on Friday 9th October for our Harvest Service. P4 and P4/3 are presenting this years' service to the school. As parents/carers do not attend this church service we have invited parents/carers of children in these classes to a rehearsal of their performance in the school hall at 2.15pm on Monday 5th October.



We would welcome donations of tinned & dried goods e.g boxes of breakfast cereal, tinned goods such as soup, meat, fish, vegetables, custard, rice & fruit. Tea bags, coffee (not decaf), sugar, tomato sauce, rice, broth mix, fresh/diluting juice, biscuits & pasta. All donations will be given to The Lodging House Mission.

GFC Hallowe'en Discos in School Assembly Hall



The Fund Raising Committee have organised a disco for children in P4-7 on the evening of Thursday 29th October. Children should be dropped off at the main entrance to school at 7pm where our registered helpers will sign them in and provide supervision in the school hall. Parents/carers should return to school at 8.30pm to collect children from the hall.



Children in P1-3 will have a small hallowe'en party on the afternoon of Friday 30th October. Children may come to school in fancy dress on that day as we will have a parade for P1-3 in the hall.

THE BIG COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and came along on 24th September to support MacMillan at our coffee morning. We had so many donations of cakes that we were able to offer some to parents/carers attending Parents Evening on Thursday as well!
The total amount raised was £566.27



Thank you!!

SCHOOL HOUSE MEETINGS

As our school parliament has had its first meeting we will have our first House meeting on Tuesday 6th October. All children in the school are encouraged to contribute to our improvement plans through their House responsibilities which are:

Arran with Mr Halewood, Mrs Dalrymple and Mrs Malloch: Outdoor learning and Physical Health & Wellbeing

Lewis with Miss Russell, Mrs McGrady, Miss Hendry and Mr Young: Rights Respecting Schools and Resorative Practices

Harris with Mrs Forrester, Miss Harris, Mrs Doyle and Mrs Fullerton: Fairtrade Schools and Expressive Arts

Mull with Mrs Chatham, Ms Byrne and Mrs Gardiner: Global Citizenship

Iona with Mrs Bouch, Miss Stewart, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs Clark and Mrs Vickers: Library Development and Healthy Eating

Skye with Miss Purves, Ms. Law and Mrs Rafferty: Expressive Arts

Bute with Miss Boyle, Mrs Martin and Miss McLeod: Science and Interdisciplinary Approaches to Learning

Tiree with Miss Carr, Mrs Elliot and Mrs Booth: ECO Schools and Travel Plan

If you feel you can help or contribute to any of this work, please let us know.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

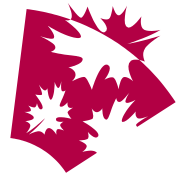
If your child has a planned medical appointment please let our office know in advance of the date of the appointment. This allows staff to populate the register with the appointment details and saves you having to phone the absence line on the morning of the appointment.

FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

Thank you to all parents/carers for the prompt return of consent forms for the flu vaccine programme. The nursing team will be in school on Thursday 19th November to administer the nasal spray vaccine to all children for whom consent was received.

Finally, our very best wishes to Miss Harris whose final day with us is Friday 9th October. We all wish her a very happy and relaxed retirement.

I hope you have a relaxing October Week holiday. School closes on Friday 9th October at 3.00pm and re-opens on Monday 19th October at 9.00am.



Yours sincerely,

Linda Logue
Head Teacher

Name: _____ Child's Name and Class: _____

Comment/Suggestion:

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