



November/December Newsletter

Partnership With Parents—New Books!

Thank you to all parents who helped and who purchased books at our Book Fair in November. Over the last three sessions we have raised money towards class sets of 'Real Books' for every class. We have used book fair money and school budget to purchase fantastic fiction such as—Owl Babies, The Rainbow Fish, The Tiger Who Came to Tea, Katie Morag and The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark and Julia Donaldson books for our infants. Flat Stanley series, George's Marvellous Medicine, The Twits, The Magic Finger, The Worst Witch and This Morning I Met a Whale for our Juniors, Harry Potter, Adolphus Tips, Coraline, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The House With No Name, The Divided City and Boy in the Striped Pyjamas for our senior pupils.

Parent Workshops

This month we are launching 'The First Minister's Reading Challenge' to encourage all children from P1- P7 to get involved in reading for enjoyment. Letters will go out in schoolbags and shall be posted on our website this week to explain this challenge. We shall be inviting **Primary 1a** Parents/Carers to a short series of fun filled **Playalong Storysack Workshops**. These will commence 24th November and will be great fun for children and parents/carers. Details shall go out in bookbags along with a leaflet explaining Storysack sessions. We hope that all P1a parents/carers will join us. (Tea/coffee and biscuits!) These Storysack workshops will be offered to P1b and P2/1 2017.

Outdoor Learning

Our Primary 6 are undertaking a comparative study on environments, habitats and planting, on Thursday afternoons both in Dunard and in the Children's Woods. They are hoping to receive a **John Muir Award** for their hard work. Good luck!

Dunard Christmas Fayre

- **In: Dunard School and Nursery Class**
- **On: Thursday 1st December 2016**
- **From 3 15—5 15pm**

Teas, coffees, snacks, homebaking, tombola, face painting, arts and crafts, toys and games. Donations urgently required. All parents/carers are welcome.

Primary 1 Enrolments for session

August 2017 - June 2018

We would like to welcome Parents/Carers of children who will be 4 years of age before the 28th of February 2017 to register their child at Dunard Primary School.

Enrolments shall take place week commencing 7th November 2016 and second week in January 2017.

Please bring your child's Birth Certificate and a utility bill for proof of address.

Partnership With Parents Class Assemblies & Dates to Note

Parents' Evenings—27th October & 1st November 2016

Primary 3 Viking Assembly 11/11/16 at 9 30am
Primary 4 & 4/3 Egyptian Assembly 16/11/16 at 1 30pm
Primary 3/2 Viking Assembly 25/11/16 at 9 30am
Nursery & P1s Early Years Nativity 13 December 1 30pm
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Christmas Lunches 15 December 2016 (details to follow)

'Cinderella Pantomime' 16 December 2016 9 15am

Christmas Parties 20 December 2016 PM

School Closes 21st December at 2 30pm

School reopens Thursday 5th January 2017

February Mid Term Break & Inservice

10th, 13th, 14th, 15th February 2017.

Primary 2 Field to Fork Assembly 7/02/17 at 9 30am
Primary 1a, 1b, 2/1 Assembly Under the Sea 03/03/17
Primary 6 Assembly Clyde in the Classroom 10/03/17
Primary 5 Assembly 31/03/17

Open Afternoons for Parents/Carers 14th & 15th March 2017

School Closes Friday 31st March 2 30pm

School reopens Tuesday 18th April 2017

Primary 6/5 Assembly 12/05/17 9 30am

May Holiday Monday—1st May 2017

Inservice 4th May 2017

Parents' Evenings—23rd May 2017 & 1st June 2017

May Holiday Weekend

School closes 26th and 29th May 2017

Primary 7 Leaver's Assembly— 16th June 9 30am.

Nursery Graduation 20th June 2017 9 30am

School closes 1pm Tuesday 27th June Summer



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Anti - Bullying/Respect, Citizenship and Equalities In Dunard

In November, all classes in Dunard shall participate in Anti Bullying lessons based on our new 'Bounceback' Resilience programme. Our school assembly will clearly outline our anti-bullying message. Children are encouraged to use the 'Rule of 5' – 5 persons they can talk to if they are worried or unhappy. We have a pupil worry box in every classroom and all staff are trained in nurturing, restorative approaches. I shall send out our 'Restorative Approaches' leaflet to inform parents/carers about our approach to building positive relationships within Dunard. We have pupil concern logs and encourage our pupils to report any worries or concerns. These approaches to promoting wellbeing begin with our PATHS programme in the nursery, continue into P1 and are being extended to P2 this session. Our Bounceback programme begins in P3. We actively promote 'Respect Me' strategies for resolving conflict from nursery—P7. Our Primary 7 pupils have all been participating in peer mediation training which educates our children about conflict resolution. They are working on a rota to be peacemakers in our playground.

Childline – Keeping Children Safe

Richard Caswell from Childline shall be hosting a P6/P7 assembly and workshops for our upper primary children on keeping themselves safe. Your child shall receive a letter outlining exactly what shall be covered in the workshop.

Global Citizenship Workshops

We are proud to promote equality, equity, cooperation and respect in Dunard. We welcome children from 33 countries and enjoy exploring a wealth of cultures. Thank you to our parents who read to our infants in German, Spanish and Somali. We would love to have your help next week during Scottish Book Week. Please contact HT on 0141 946 1417 if you can spare some time to read to our children.

We work with a wide range of partners such as Maryhill Integration Network and Napierhall Street Equalities network to offer our children excellent learning experiences from experts. We were very keen to participate in Capoeira, Zumba and Spanish Flamenco dancing. Our P7s are benefiting from a series of workshops based on equalities: the impact of the formation of stereotypes, migration, Islamophobia and sectarianism. Our emphasis is on our value of respect.

School Uniform

Thank you for the tremendous parental support for uniform. We shall continue to promote very high standards in uniform and appreciate every parent's support. Classes in full uniform shall be competing for golden tickets and a termly certificate. Uniform builds connectedness, community spirit and helps us to identify at a glance any intruders not in uniform. No football colours may be worn in school or in PE at any time. No logos should be worn in school.

White shirt (tie) or polo shirt, navy cardigan or sweatshirt, navy trousers or skirt, white t-shirt, navy shorts for PE and black plimsolls. Please ensure **everything** is labelled. 303 sweatshirts look similar!

After School Clubs

We are extremely grateful to our specialists, in particular our teaching staff who generously donate their lunchtimes and after school time to run a coherent extra curricular programme of activities for our children. Watch this space for exciting news of Dunard's Children's University!

- Mondays – Football Club for P6—P7
from 24/10/16 until 05/12/16 (tbc)
(Mr Cheyne & Mr Rawlings)
- Tuesdays – Reel Kids Music Club P3– P6
from 06/09/16 until 06/06/17
(Professional musicians)
- Wednesdays –After School Gymnastics P3-P4
from 07/09/16 until 02/11/16
(Professional Gymnastics coach)
After school homework club-
Wyndford Hub—Dunard staff
02/11/16—07/12/16
- Thursdays – Hip Hop Dance Club P5 – P7
from 15/09/16 until 24/11/16
(Professional dance coach)
After school gardening }3/11/16-
01/12/16 (tbc) (Ms Morrissey)
- Fridays – Outdoor Play various groups
from 28/10/16 until 02/12/16 (tbc)
(Ms McEachran) further gps until June '17

Lunchtime Clubs

- Tuesdays – Girls' Football Partick Thistle 15/11/16 -
06/12/16
- Tuesdays – Lego Club