

Bowhouse Primary School & Nursery

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Digital Schools Award

We are delighted to announce that Bowhouse Primary have been awarded the national Digital Schools Award. A validator visited school in the last few weeks to observe how technology is being used to enhance learning and teaching across the school. The staff and digital leaders were interviewed and asked about the impact of technology and in particular the use of iPads. Huge thanks to everyone involved. To be recognised at a national level, really does show how Bowhouse are using technology to improve learning and teaching across the curriculum.

Staffing

We would like to say thank you to Miss Leanne Allan and Mrs Fiona Morrison who have been our acting Principal Teachers this year. The Senior Leadership Team posts are now all permanent with Mrs Elaine Harley as Depute Head Teacher, Mr Ross McNairney and Mrs Charlotte McManus as Principal Teachers.

We welcome Miss Emily Davidson, our new clerical assistant.

We say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Cartner who moves to another authority to take up a new post.

In August we will welcome Miss Katy Rintoul who will teach in Primary 2.

As a result of the ELC expansion the staff team will consist of:

Miss Gemma Paterson - Pedagogue

Congratulations to Gemma, this is an exciting new post for Bowhouse involving action research

Mr Anthony Sweeney— Acting Senior EYO

Mrs Jennifer Holmes—EYO

Mrs Teresa Argent— EYO

Ms Kirsty Malcolm / Ms Emma Cuthbertson Job share EYO

Ms Jacqui Johnstone— EYO

Mrs Kimberley Gallagher-EYO

Miss Rachel Rennie-EYO

Mrs Lynn Shand-EYO

Nursery Update

Building work on our new nursery, now to be known as ELC (Early Learning and ChildCare) will begin on Monday 2nd July. One wing of the school will be converted in to a purpose built environment for our youngest learners. As of August, children in ELC will have the option to stay all day 8.45am to 2.45pm. This is part of Scottish Government's early years expansion known as 1140 hours. Our ELC children will start back on Wednesday 22nd August as we have been given an extra closure day to set up our new environment.

Parking

As of August, the school car park will become **staff only**. Our staff numbers will increase by 11 next year and therefore the school and Parent Council have taken the decision on safety grounds that only staff cars will have access. Families are encouraged to park at the stadium and using the crossing patrol to access school safely.

Please Remember To

- Label all your child's clothes
- Check Lost Property
- Call the school office on 508710 if your child is absent.
- Keep the school office up to date with new phone numbers

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Friends of Bowhouse

Next Meeting — The next meeting of the **fundraising group** is **Tuesday 4th September at 6.30pm**. Please come along if you would like to become more involved in helping at our various fundraising events throughout the year.

The next meeting for the **Parent Council group** will be **announced at the start of term**.

Email : friendsofbowhouse@gmail.com

Twitter : Please follow us on @BowhousePC

App

In order to improve home school communication, we have invested in an App which is free to download and use. All events and messages will be communicated in this way so please download it today. Please download it at either App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android and select Bowhouse Primary from the drop down menu.



Communication

We continue to share information about learning and school events on Twitter, please follow us on @BowhousePS. All information is automatically fed to our Facebook page as well.

We use Facebook and Twitter to show children's learning and let you know about events. If you have any questions, please call the school or pop in.

Free Uniform

Thank you to all our families who have handed in uniform that children have outgrown. Free uniform will be available for collection from school on Monday 21st August from 10am to midday.



Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, children and parents for making this another successful year at Bowhouse Primary.

I wish you all a safe holiday and look forward to welcoming our Primary 2 to 7 children back on Tuesday 22nd August 2018 at 9am followed by our new Primary One children at 9.30am.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Lynda McDonald