



## **Spring Newsletter 2019**

I hope you all had a very lovely Spring Break and Easter holiday. The children have been full of excitement and stories of their holidays.

Congratulations to Devlin who is a big brother, we wish the family all the very best with their new bundle of joy.

Last term has been so packed full of events we hardly had time to turn. The school was so busy. I hope you enjoy hearing about all the wonderful things that have been happening at Greenburn. The Easter Parade/ Assembly was really well attended, I hope those of you who were able to attend enjoyed seeing how our weekly assemblies run. Noisy to say the least.

### **Staff:**

There have been quite a few staff changes in staffing. We welcomed some new staff

Stacey – Room 4, Craig – Room 4, Isabelle - Room 8 and David to Room 5

A warm Greenburn welcome to them all.

Hannah from room 2, had a wonderful bundle of joy in January, she is now on maternity leave.

Last term we had some support from a couple of staff from Sanderson. Scott and Fraser came to us on a temporary basis. They finished just before the holidays. Thank you for all your help and thank you so much to Sanderson for loaning them out to us.

Three nursing students also joined us for 6 weeks. They had a great training from all staff and really enjoyed the opportunity to work with our pupils

### **Events**

SNAP filming – In February we hosted an event for our SNAP friends. They are looking for funding for their next project and to bid for this, they had to be filmed for STV to say why their project should receive the funding. The air of excitement in the building was amazing.

I am delighted to tell you that they were successful in their bid. WELL DONE! We are so proud of you!

### **Transition Events**

Our pupils who are leaving this year have already been up to their high schools. Emma, Melisa, Luke, Aiden, Hollie and Lucy coped really well at their new school. Check out our website for some photographs. The new P1 parents/carers are invited for an open day on 15<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to introducing them to our wonderful school. If any of our current P1 parents would like to come along to talk to the new parents about their experiences from last year, please give me a call. Remember how you felt this time last year

## **Reviews**

The reviews have been really successful. The feedback from parents and multi agencies regarding the photos shown at the reviews have been really positive. If you have not yet had a review and wish to still have one, we will arrange this for you. I have sent home a questionnaire to gain some feedback on the reviews please ensure these are returned to us as soon as you are able to.

## **OT Sensory Workshops**

Thanks you so much to our OT team who have run these really valuable workshops. We are so lucky to have such a committed team to work with our pupils.

Beats of Brazil and Charan are still providing a wonderful service from our children. I have also managed to invite Hear my Music back to the school for the last term and the coming term using the PEF money. All of these creative services have brought so much to the school and enhanced the experiences for our pupils.

## **Carnival**

Room 8 had a wonderful Fundraiser before the holidays which I am so glad, was supported really well. The pupils finished off their carnival Interdisciplinary Learning topic and this great fun day was a perfect ending to it.

## **Inclusive Choir**

Fiona has been running an inclusive choir on a Wednesday afternoon. This has been a huge success. Maxwellton pupils are really keen to work with our pupils. They will be performing for us this term we are looking forward to hearing them.

## **Health & Wellbing Events**

Cross country – our pupils were fabulous at the cross country event. They showed us how resilient they are. I was delighted to present the pupils with a small gift on their return, what an achievement!

Swimming Gala – Our pupils attended Blantyre baths to take part in a Lanarkshire wide ASN Swimming gala. The children did us proud returning to school with many ribbons and accolades. Their behaviour was commented on by other schools, we presented them with their ribbons and took photos on their return

Active Schools Dance Workshop -

Charan and our Dance Troup performed at Calderglen high school on the same stage as many other schools in south Lanarkshire/ They were superb, the Active Schools Coordinators were so accommodating and made sure we felt included as much as we could. Next year we are hoping to have access.

### **Wider Achievements:**

Can I ask that if your child has accomplished anything at home or in clubs, no matter how small would you let us know? We would like to celebrate the achievements of our children both at home and school. Many thanks

### **Head Lice**

Can I ask that you check your child's hair regularly for head lice. Ensure this is treated swiftly to help with cross contamination. If you need further support on this please do not hesitate to call the school.

### **Illness**

Last term was a really tough term with all the various bugs that have been going around generally. Can I ask that parents/carers consider the needs of others when sending an ill child in to school. We understand it can be very difficult for you to keep a child with ASN at home but the cross contamination this term was evident in most classes. Our wee ones are not as able to control airborne bacteria by covering their mouths/noses and so the infection goes round them all, including staff. The close proximity of the buses breed the bacteria and so I appeal to you to think carefully before sending your child into school. We have had a couple of parental complaints when children were ill on the bus. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Communication**

Can you please ensure that we have up to date mobile details and that we are always able to contact you in the event of any type of emergency.

It can be difficult to reach us I am told. I would like to hold an informal meet with the head Teacher on a Friday morning. **I will make myself available on a Friday morning 9.30 – 11.00am** if any parent wishes to bring anything to my attention no matter how small. Pop in or give me a call.

Please make sure you are accessing:

**School app** - Download the Primary School App



Primary School App (PSA)

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Select Greenburn School

**Twitter** – @greenburnschool1

**School Website** – [www.greenburnschool.schoolwebsite.scot](http://www.greenburnschool.schoolwebsite.scot)

There are some wonderful photographs and lots of information for you.

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

- **Coffee morning**

I would like to try to get parents more involved with the school. Would you like to come along to an informal Coffee Morning on the following dates:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May @ 10am

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June @ 10am

Please come along and support one another, it is just a chance to meet other parents/carers and chat. There are no expectations on you whatsoever and you are not obliged to come to every one we organise. They will take part monthly on different days to try to capture people who are committed on specific days. I can pop in for a chat at some point but the idea is that you have a space to come together. We'll provide the tea/coffee

I'll make sure there is a reminder on our app.

- **Parent Council**

Meeting to be arranged info to follow

- **PEF**

We are looking to decide what our PEF money is to be committed to for next year. If any of you have any ideas for the school could you please give me a call to discuss – The parent council have agreed to next years' spend however I would like to extend the collaboration to include all parents.

## **School Improvements**

It's the time of the year for us to look back and evaluate the past year and make plans for the coming year. If anyone would like to discuss improvements you feel we could make to the school would you please give me a call. A questionnaire will come out in May to gather your views on school practices.

## **Transport**

Just a small reminder that bus drivers/taxi and escorts are not responsible for your child until they enter the bus/taxi. It is the parent/carers responsibility to ensure the child is safely escorted to the bus/taxi at all times. Please ensure that you are not holding the bus up. This impacts greatly on the drivers and escorts. Again many thanks

Looking forward to seeing you all at the events in the new term