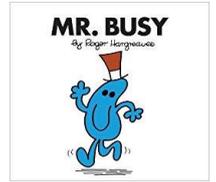


## March newsletter



Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who came to meet with their child's teacher/Nursery key worker over the past 2 weeks. We had a really good turn-out – where almost all adults came to hear about their child's progress in school and nursery. For P1-7 we asked how useful the meeting was, and 98% of parents said 'it was helpful'. We had a prize draw and the winner was a boy from P6...who has received a £10 book token. Thank you to all who took part.

## School Policy on absence

Thank you to the parents who know and follow the school/nursery procedures. A reminder: if your child is to be absent, you must telephone the school office and give us the reason for the absence. If you do not phone us, we will call you by 09.30 – this is the general rule for all PKC schools. We need to check that your child is safe and with you. If you are taking a holiday within school time, you must write a letter in advance, telling us about this. Please don't message teachers on Seesaw about absence from school.



## Celebrating achievements

GLEE performance night was Tuesday! And what a night it was.... a huge **well done** to the GLEE kids – who gave up their free time to practice and work as a team. Not many of us can say we've entertained a full concert hall of people! Huge thanks go to Mrs Robertson and Mrs Dormer, and especially Mrs Gibb, who "made it happen" with their free time and boundless energy and enthusiasm.





## Report Cards at end of year

We asked you last week, at Parent Contact sessions, which format of reports you liked the look of. Almost all parents said they preferred the 'new' look report, which indicates key skills and progress within Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing as well as Learning Across the Curriculum. Most parents said they preferred the 'first page' of the old report – and these cover those 4 areas. We also asked the Pupil Council to give us their thoughts. Most children preferred the look of the 'new' one. We will now continue to 'shape' the new report format to ensure it gives you as much information about your child's progress as possible.

## Helping children with emotional wellbeing

In school assemblies, and class discussions, we've been talking lately about how to manage emotions safely.

We've been talking about 'big deals' and 'little deals'. Most of the 'problems' we face in a day are typically 'little deals' and we are helping children to REACT to these in a safe and healthy way. 'Little deals' are ones we can cope with ourselves, that don't require a big reaction. 'Big deals' require help or support from an adult to 'fix'. Children need to learn what little deals are... sometimes we see children over-reacting and that can often turn what is actually a little deal into a big deal!

We have reminded children that being physical to others – hurting – is NEVER an acceptable way to manage your emotions. When we hurt others, it becomes a big deal. Children need to learn this message now, so they become safe and healthy adults later in life. If you'd like to talk



to your child more about this, perhaps you could watch the same film we have. The more we all talk about this, the more our children will understand good mental health and relationships. To see the film, go to this site...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bKuoH8CkFc>

## PE kits

Kits will come home this week for a wash, but please help your child remember to bring it back when we return to school.



Please take a look – there are useful things on there, that we hope you find interesting.

## School Dinners

Please note, after the holiday there is a new school menu. Still 4 choices each day, and still prepared at Perth Grammar kitchen and brought to us by taxi. It is really important for you to TALK to your child about the day's choices, so they choose something they'll actually eat. Sadly, the amount of food waste we collect at lunchtimes could feed the 3 little pigs AND the wolf each day. It's sad to see too many children who say "I don't like it" when they haven't tried it! Please help with this at home – look at the menu: if there's nothing there that sounds good, please bring a packed lunch. It is helpful that the lunch menu is on the School App – a quick and easy way to see each day.

## Staffing Changes

We welcome Mrs Beattie to the school office, who replaces Miss Murray. Mrs Beattie comes to us with experience of working in another Primary School. Also officially welcome to Miss Nyss, who is working as an ECP in our Nursery. Miss Nyss also has experience and has enjoyed settling into the Nursery team. After the holiday, we will be joined by Ms Zyla, as a new ECP in the morning sessions for Nursery.

We hope you all have a very enjoyable and relaxing spring break.

School closes on Friday 29 March at 3pm and returns Monday 15 April 9am.

Future dates you should know about are:

Friday 19 April – holiday (Good Friday)

Monday 22 April – holiday (Easter Monday)

No school for pupils on Tuesday 23 April – In-service day for staff

Monday 6 May – holiday (May day)

Thursday 6 June – Moving up morning P1-6 & P7s to Secondary Transition

Friday 7 June – P7s to Secondary Transition

Friday 28 June – school closes at 12 noon for summer break