

Welcome to Primary Five



Mr Burton P5A

Miss Melrose P5B



Mrs Linda Clarkson

Welcome to our virtual Meet the Teacher Curriculum Event. We understand that it has been more difficult in these circumstances to know about your child's learning and we hope you find this information helpful. *Other ways to find out about your child's experience at school: phone consultation with your child's class teacher, newsletters, Twitter and the home learning on Teams. These are part of our reporting strategy.* The children have been enjoying sharing their learning at our whole school Teams assemblies where we reinforce key messages such as being Ready to Learn, Respectful and Safe. Enjoy getting to know more about your child's school experience.





Daily Organisation

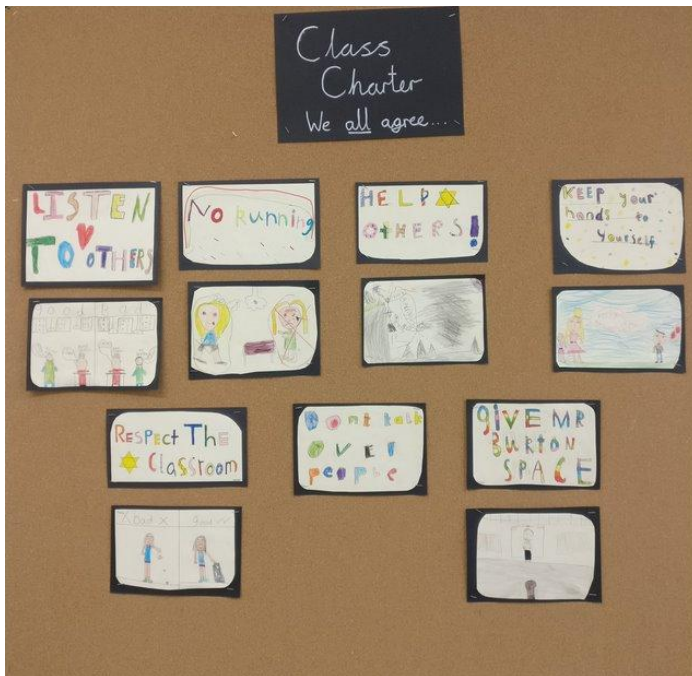
- P.E. is currently on Monday and Friday for P5A and Thursday for P5B.
- Children are required to wear outdoor PE clothing on their PE day.
- Please ensure children are coming to school with a jacket as we are outdoors daily.
- Children are still required to bring a packed lunch and a snack every day.



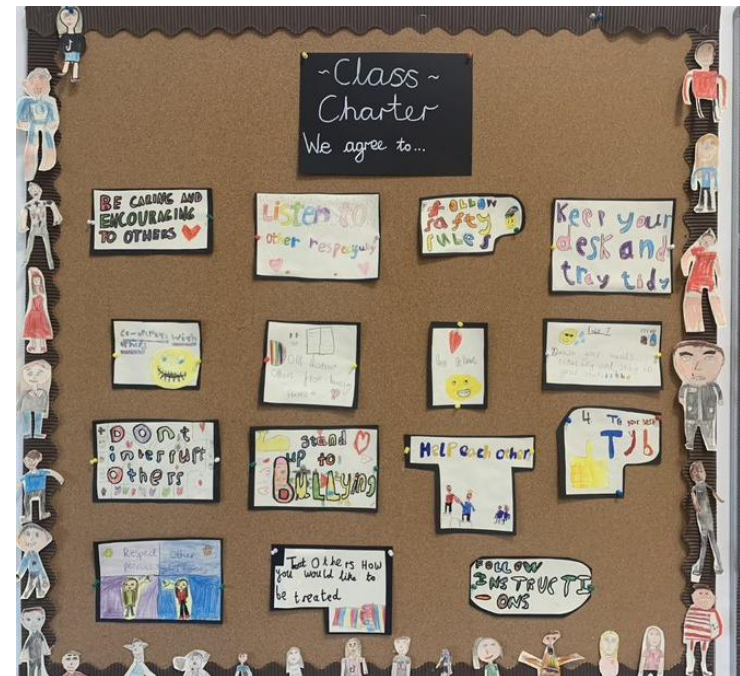
Behaviour Expectations

Both classes discussed and agreed on shared expectations for behaviour and learning. We follow the key principles of Ready, Respectful and Safe.

P5A Class Charter



P5B Class Charter





Home Learning

Homework is assigned on Teams on a Tuesday and is due Thursday on the following week.

Children are expected to complete the Core tasks underlined on the grid. There are also optional tasks to complete.

Work can be uploaded to Teams to allow your teacher to give feedback.



Glow Community Rules



BE SECURE

- Always keep your Glow password to yourself.
- Always sign out of Glow when you are no longer using it.

BE POLITE

- Always treat others with respect.
- Never post or share a message, document, image, video or any other content that is inappropriate or likely to cause harm or offence to others.

BE SAFE

- Always remember to be careful when communicating over the internet – other users may not be who they seem.
- Don't share your personal details with other people.
- Never agree to meet someone in person who you have only met on the internet unless accompanied by a parent, carer or other known and trusted adult.
- Speak to an adult immediately if you see a message, image or anything else on the internet that concerns you.

BE RESPONSIBLE

- Always be mindful that once you put something online, that information may be beyond your control.
- Never post or share a message, document, image, video or any other content online that you would not wish other learners, teachers, or parents to see.
- Remember that anything you do can be traced back to you.
- If you misuse Glow, this can be reported to your school.

BE LEGAL

- Never post or share a message, document, image, video or any other content that you do not have permission to use.



NCCT

- P5A – Every other Thursday 8.50-2.50, Mrs Gall will be leading in class to allow Mr Burton to plan for learning.
- P5B – Every Tuesday 8.50-9.30, Mrs Gall will lead in class. Every Thursday 8.50-11.00, Mr McGachie (PE specialist from Lasswade High School) will lead in class to allow Miss Melrose to plan for learning.



Literacy

- Both classes are currently enjoying reading “Why the Whales Came” by Michael Morpurgo. We will read a broad range of class novels throughout the year.
- Children have the opportunity to read for enjoyment daily using the Accelerated Reading (AR) programme. We learn reading skills in whole class guided reading sessions at least once a week.
- Grammar is taught weekly on a Monday and is a focus in all writing throughout the week. Children have the opportunity to develop cursive handwriting weekly in line with school presentation expectations.
- Extended pieces of writing are developed using the Talk for Writing framework. Over three weeks, children will imitate a model text, innovate a shared version and then invent an independent piece. So far, we have written excellent news reports using this process.
- Spelling rules and patterns are taught weekly and applied in a variety of practise activities. Dictation on a Friday allows children to self-assess their progress and next steps.
- Across of the curriculum, we use Talking Partners and class discussions to help us develop our listening and talking skills. There are regular opportunities to present to the whole class and give and receive feedback.



Numeracy and Maths

- Numeracy and Maths is taught everyday to ensure children learn new concepts and consolidate learning.
- We will continue to follow the Midlothian progression covering all aspects of maths and numeracy.
- Children are encouraged to talk about their strategies and use a variety of approaches to solve numeracy problems.
- We will be using concrete materials to assist with learning, and will ask children to sanitise their hands prior to handling these.
- Sumsdog usernames and passwords will be checked and reissued as necessary to ensure we can utilise this resource.



Health and Wellbeing

- The health and wellbeing of every child is a priority. Children are encouraged to take part in an emotional check in everyday and learn skills to regulate emotions.
- Resilience and nurture have been a focus since returning to school.
- We have been reinforcing Anti-Bullying messages and keeping safe in school and online.
- Children have two hours of PE per week, and regular opportunities to access outdoor and active learning.
- Children are encouraged to use strategies for independent learning and develop qualities of a successful learner.



Topic Work

Contexts for learning are responsive to the needs and interests of learners. All topics are inter-disciplinary and allow children to learn through different subjects in a joined up way.

We have reached the end of our Social Studies topic about 'Our World'.

Next, we will be learning about Forces and Energy.



How You Can Help

Please:

- Stay in touch through the Burnbrae school email account.
- Ask your child about homework and their learning.
- Encourage your child to organise themselves.
- Ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.
- Ensure no personal belongings are brought from home except for lunch boxes, snacks and water bottles.
- Download the school app.
- Follow social distancing rules at drop off and pick up.

Please regularly check the school app for dates, news and messages



We have a page on Facebook set up to promote our website, twitter feeds, upcoming events in school and to provide families with links to support children at home.

All comments are moderated. If you have any concerns please don't post on our Facebook page but contact the school directly. Burnbrae Parent Council has a Facebook page.



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