



Play, Grow, Learn Together - Kindness, Curiosity and Respect Burnbrae Primary Newsletter, February 2024

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Head Teacher Update



It is great to celebrate success with our children each week at Hot Chocolate Friday as well as at assemblies. We encourage children to share achievements from outside school as well as in their learning and record them in their Learning Journal.

Reuben P4 and Amarra P6 were our Scots Poetry winners. Everyone who made an effort to learn their poem was a winner in achieving the skill of remembering and performing.

P5 are working on a Local Area History Project and will submit their work to the local history society along with other schools from the area and have it judged.

P6 Skiing session ends on 29 February and children will receive certificates recognising their achievements.

P7 Will be working over the next few months on their Yearbook. Parents or carers will be asked for photographs of special occasions like their first day at school. This will be a lovely keepsake for every pupil.

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to Pupil Progress Meetings on 12 and 14 March. You will soon be given an opportunity to sign up for a slot with your child's class teacher. A written report on your child's progress is sent home in June.

The Parent Council have requested no more donations to the uniform bank until further notice in order to process what has been donated. This is freely available for families to use.

Thank you all for your ongoing support for the school.

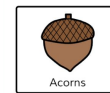
Mrs Clarkson

Book Week Scotland 2023, Primary School Art Competition

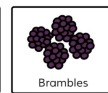
We have a winner! I am delighted to announce that Glenn in P4b is the winner of the P1 – P4 category. Glenn's beautiful bookmark has been printed and will be handed out in Libraries across Midlothian. He also won a £20 Bookmark which was presented by Wendy Johnston who leads library development across Midlothian.



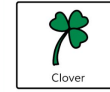
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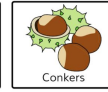
Acorns



Brambles



Clover



Conkers



It was great to see so many families joining us for our Burns Celebrations.



Our next shared learning is on Wednesday 6th March at 2:15pm

Our learners are looking forward to showcasing their digital learning.

On the 6th March, there will also be some home cooked eats and treats available.

There will be a donations box to help support our Wee Brae fund.



PLAY FOR ALL SERVICE

Home 1:1 Sessions



For children aged under 13 yrs
with additional support needs experiencing:

- Difficulties to engage in play
- Poor communication or social skills
- Emotional difficulties
- Challenges to spending quality time as a family.

*A FORMAL DIAGNOSIS IS NOT REQUIRED.



Activities include all types of play, family games
and emotion management strategies.



To sign up - contact Jen via email:

jennifer@playmidlothian.org.uk

Or scan the QR Code.



Visit Our Website: www.playmidlothian.org.uk

ELC always welcome donations of corks, small boxes, bottle lids etc. Please hand items in at ELC doors.

Please continue to share feedback and photos on Seesaw.

Recent ELC feedback from children

“I love going to helicopter stories with Loretta, it's so much fun” - AMcC

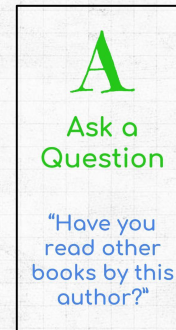
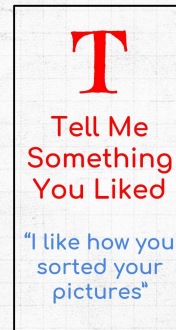
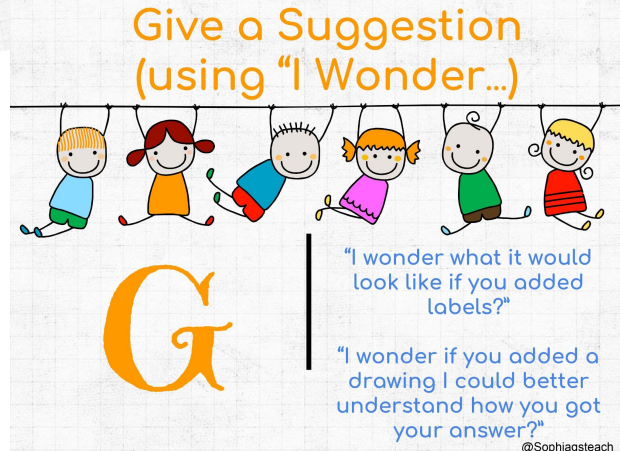
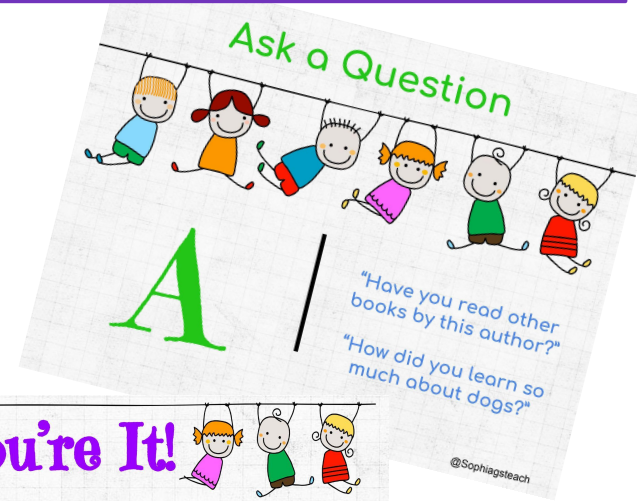
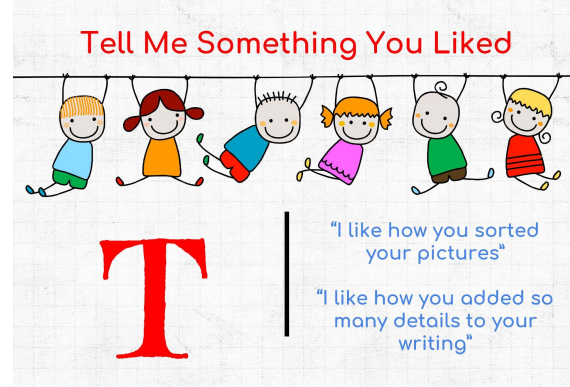
On Gym ‘I like making new friends’ -AG

“I like helicopter stories because I get to tell my story about Peppa Pig. Peppa, George, Mummy and Daddy were all in my story. That makes 4” - ED

“It’s a bit good, like nature play is so cool, you see the leaves and bugs. Gym is amazing!” - CH

Seesaw

To increase engagement on Seesaw we are asking staff and Parents/Carers to use the TAG approach, children will be encouraged to respond to questions and comments which helps to develop many skills including learning with and through digital technology.



RED NOSE DAY



Fundraising / Raising Awareness

Go Bright for Muscular Dystrophy 1 March - is a day to raise awareness of this condition which affects Thomas in P5. We want to show our support for Thomas and his family by giving the opportunity to find out more and donate if you are able to. Children are invited to wear a bright accessory to their usual school uniform. Find out more <http://muscular dystrophyuk.org/go-bright>

We will have a few activities in school to celebrate red nose day and have the opportunity to contribute to Comic Relief on 15 March. Please use the Parent Pay Donations link below. We will highlight through assemblies the work done by the charity to help children and families. Look out for more details to follow. Miss Melrose is coordinating this.

Daffodil Tea Friday 22 March - Parent Council This will be a bake sale and tea event held within the library or just outside if the weather is good. Parents/ Carers can see the work going on in this space. Daffodils will be on sale to raise funds for Marie Curie and the cake sale funds will be ring fenced for the library project.

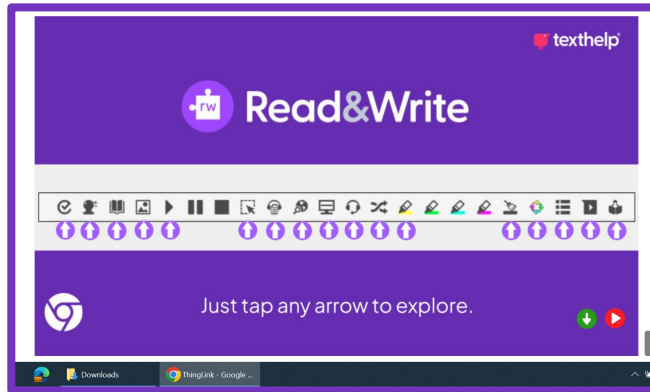
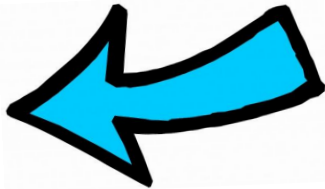
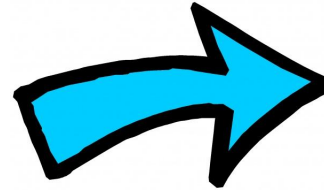
June - Burnbrae Summer Fair

[Parent Pay Donation Link](#)

Read write toolbar

The very exciting news is that Midlothian has negotiated a world-first deal that means **you can now download the Read&Write toolbar at home, on up to 5 devices for free!**

Please [use this link](#) to download. You will be asked for the school's postcode and then be given instructions on what to do next.



Midlothian Libraries are launching a Polish Bookbug Session. These will be held at Dalkeith Library, starting on Saturday 24th of February at 11am and will run every 4 weeks. No need to book, just turn up and join in the fun!

Scottish Book Trust
inspiring readers and writers



Bookbug Sessions

Free **story**, **song** and **rhyme** sessions for babies, toddlers, pre-school children and their families

POLSKI BookBug w Dalkeith Library.

Startujemy 24tego lutego o godzinie 11stej.

Zapraszamy serdecznie na polskie rymowanki w dniach:

24/2, 23/3, 21/4, 18/5, 15/6

Wiecej informacji pod numerem

0131 663 2083

Everyone is welcome!

To find details of your nearest Bookbug Session, download our free app or visit

scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug



Raising Children with Confidence

This free course aims to give all parents and carers the latest findings from evidence and research to explain what influences the development of positive mental health and emotional wellbeing, and why what you do makes such a difference.





Date	Event	Who is involved
Friday 1st March	ELC Stay and Play	ELC
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day	Whole school
Friday 8th March	Class Assembly	P5A
12th and 14th March	Parent/Carer Consultations	All
Friday 15th March	Class Assembly	P4A
Friday 22nd March	Class Assembly	P6C
Friday 22nd March	Parent Council Daffodil Tea at 12:25 - 1:25	Whole School invited

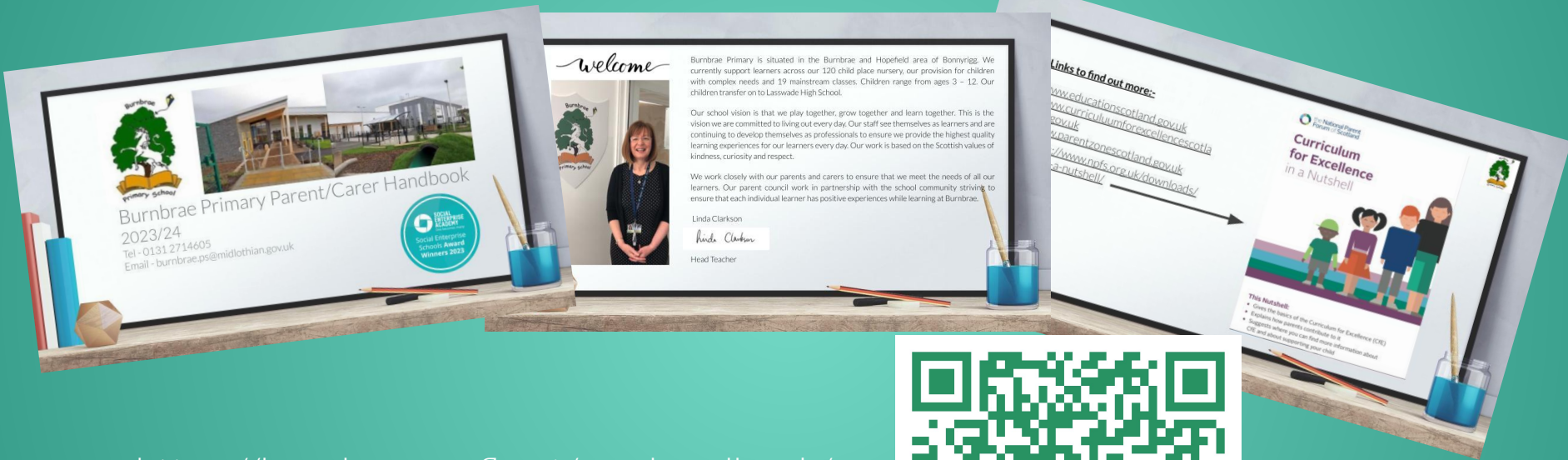
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Friday 29th March - Monday 15th April	School Closed - Easter Break	All
Tuesday 16th April	Back to School	All
Monday 22nd April	P7 Transition Lasswade High 7pm	P7
Monday 29th April	ELC Stay and Play	ELC
Monday 6th May	School Closed	All
Friday 10th May	Class Assembly	P5B
14th - 16th May	Rookie Rockstars in school	
Friday 17th May	Class Assembly	P2A
Monday 20th May	Staff Development Day	
Wednesday 22nd May	Rookie Rockstars evening performance	
Monday 27th May	Sports Day	



Date	Event	Who is involved
Tuesday 28th May	P1 Information Evening	P1 August 24 cohort
29th and 30th May	Sports Day	
Friday 31st May	Class Assembly	P5C
Friday 31st May	Sports Day	Wee Brae
Sunday 2nd June	Poltonhall Gala Day	
Friday 7th June	Class Assembly	P6B
12th and 13th June	P7 Induction Visits	P7
Friday 14th June	Class Assembly	P3/4
Friday 14th June	Meet the Teacher	P1 - 7
18th, 19th and 20th June	ELC Celebration Days	ELC
Thursday 20th June	P7 Show	P7
Sunday 22 June	Summer Fair - Parent Council	Whole school



Burnbrae Parent/Carer Handbook



<https://burnbrae.mgfl.net/our-handbook/>



Burnbrae ELC Parent/Carer Handbook

Welcome to Burnbrae ELC
2023/24

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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SCHOOLS AWARD WINNERS 2023

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Learning Journals

Your child will have their own learning journal which will build up a story of some of their learning experiences at Burnbrae ELC. It consists of photos, observations, artwork and drawings by your child. These are available for you to look at any time.



<https://burnbrae.mgfl.net/elc-at-burnbrae-early/>



Severe Weather Arrangements

Please make sure the office have a note of your most recent emergency contact details. In the event of a school closure your child can access home learning on our severe weather website page. Children are expected to login and check in with their Class Teacher, by liking a post on Seesaw or answering a check in question on Google Classroom.

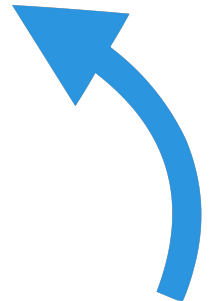
News of any closures will be communicated on our school website and shared with you by groupcall the app and Seesaw for our Provision and ELC.

Midlothian Council has a website page with further information about severe weather services -

[https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200270/severe_weather/571/winter - frequently asked questions](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200270/severe_weather/571/winter_-_frequently_asked_questions)



<https://burnbrae.mgfl.net/latest-news/>



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