

Oxgang Primary School

Learning Together, Achieving Together, Respecting Each Other



Welcome back

I am delighted to be writing the first newsletter as Acting Head Teacher of Oxgang Primary. We have had a great start to the new session and our Primary 1 pupils are settling in nicely, supported well by their Primary 7 buddies.

Children have been smartly turned out for school and we aim to ensure that all children wear the proper Oxgang uniform for the full year. Primary 7 pupils are asked to wear shirt and tie every day in preparation for high school. We appreciate your support in maintaining these high standards. Please ensure all uniform, including jackets and shoes, is labelled with your child's name.

We have welcomed 4 new members of teaching staff this session - Miss McGeechan in P5/4, Miss MacDonald in P6, Miss McKenna and Miss Miller who are teaching various groups and classes this year. Mrs Budd was appointed during the summer holidays and will be working in the school office with Mrs Lamb.

Congratulations to Mrs Sweeney who welcomed a baby boy called Ronan on 18th of August. We can't wait for them to come and visit!

50th Birthday celebrations



Oxgang Primary School will turn 50 in September. We are planning a number of activities to mark this special event.

School show - Pupils in Primary 2-7 will be performing in their classes. This will take place on Wednesday 19th September with performances at 9.30am and 1.30pm. Ticket information to follow.

Birthday Bash disco - Tuesday 18th September. Tickets purchased for the summer disco are still valid and new P1 pupils can buy tickets now from the school office. Details as follows:

Primary 1-3	£2.50 (includes tuck)	6.30-7.30
Primary 4-7	£2.00 (tuck shop)	7.45-8.45

Class parties - Thursday 20th September with cake and fun!

Commemorative Tea towel - you should have received a blue letter with an order form - all orders due in by Monday 3rd Sept.

School displays - If you have any old photos/memorabilia for our display we would love to borrow them! Please hand in to the school office and thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

Dates for your diary

Wk beginning 10th September

Maths Week

Thursday 13th September

Opening even at Kirkintilloch High

Friday 14th September

Meet the Teacher afternoon
2.15-2.50

Tuesday 18th September

Birthday Bash Discos

6.30-7.30pm/7.45-8.45pm

Wednesday 19th September

50th Birthday Show

9.30am/1.30am

Thursday 20th September

Class birthday parties (pm)

Fri 22nd Sept - Mon 25th Sept

Holiday weekend

Tuesday 26th September

Parent Council/PTA AGM 6.30pm

Wednesday 26th Sept

Wednesday Walks start again

Friday 28th September

Homework launch afternoon

Wednesday 3rd October

Growth Mindset Day including
parent session 2.10-2.50pm

Monday 6th October

Achievement Assembly

Tuesday 9th October

Golden Tea Party (pm)

Wednesday 10th October

Winning house party (pm)

Thursday 11th October

Harvest Service - 9.30am

St Columba's church

Thursday 11th October

End of term treat

Friday 12th October

In service- closed to pupils

Mon 16th Oct-Fri 20th Oct

School Holiday Week

Homework

As part of our school improvement plan for this session, we are looking at homework and trying to include more fun and active tasks which families can undertake together. This is in line with guidance from Education Scotland's *Engaging Parents and Families Strategy*. Miss Young and Mrs Adams will be working with pupils across the school to ensure children have a clear input to our new approach.

We are hosting a launch event for our new homework programme and would like to welcome all parents, carers and family members along to find out more. This will take place on the afternoon of **Friday 28th September**. We will have a presentation in the hall by Miss Young and Mrs Adams and our family learning worker Eileen Smith. Following this, parents will be invited to learn more about our new approaches by visiting classes and participating in a range of activities with their children.

Home/school communication

If you follow us on Twitter you'll already have seen lots of photos and information about the things we have been doing. If you aren't one of our followers, please sign up **@OxgangPs** - it's really simple to do! We post on our newsfeed regularly with information about school events and updates from each class.

This session, we are also using Class Dojo as a communication tool. You should have received a letter with a unique login for your child's account and further information about how to access your child's class page. We would encourage all parents/carers to sign up to receive regular updates. Teachers will have 'focus children' throughout the year and post information about them. If you need any help signing up to Class Dojo or Twitter, please contact the school and we will be happy to help.

School Clubs/PE

Last session we were awarded a silver award from Sport Scotland and we have recently applied for gold status.

Clubs running this term are:

SFA Football (Tuesday) 3-4pm for P4-7
SportsSquad (Friday) 3-4pm for P2 & P3
Taekwon-Do (Friday lunchtime) for P3&P4
Choir (Wednesday afternoon) for P4-7

Reminder - all jewellery must be removed for PE. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, they cannot take part in PE unless they can remove earrings themselves for lessons. This in line with East Dunbartonshire Council policy.

Maths Week - Maths week starts on 10th Sept and we have a number of activities planned for children to participate in. All pupils will be invited to take part in a national Sumdog competition and there will be a lunchtime club running to promote this. P7 & P6 pupils are busy planning a maths related scavenger hunt for P1 and P2. Check out our twitter feed that week to see what we get up to!

Get Involved!

At Oxgang we are lucky to have the support of a committed and enthusiastic parent body. There are opportunities to get involved in this as a member of the Parent Council or PTA. To find out more, come along to our **AGM on Tuesday 25th Sept at 6:30pm**. We would be delighted to see you there and discuss the roles of each group. We really need more parents to become involved and would be delighted to welcome new members. All Oxgang pupils benefit from the work of these groups and Miss Young would like to extend a huge thank you for all the work completed in partnership last session.