

Oxgang Primary School

**Dates for your diary**

***Mon 15th Jan –*** *dental inspections for P1 and P7*

***Tues 16th Jan 6:30pm*** *– PTA meeting – all welcome*

***Mon 22nd Jan******9am*** *– P4/3 assembly – parents welcome*

***Mon 29th Jan – Fri 2nd Feb*** *– P6 ski trip*

***Thurs 8th Feb*** *– Great Oxgang Bake Off*

***Fri 9th Feb******1:30-2:30pm*** *– Scottish Celebration (tickets will be issued)*

***Mon 12th and Tues 13th Feb*** *– holidays*

***Wed 14th Feb*** *– Inservice day*

***Mon 19th Feb 4-6pm*** *– P7 dance festival – Harestanes*

***w/b 26th Feb*** *– Enterprise Week – Fair Trade Fortnight*

***Thurs 1st Mar*** *– NSPCC Speak Out Stay safe programme for P1-7*

***Tues 6th Mar*** *– P6 Edinburgh Castle Gaelic trip*

***Tues 6th Mar*** *6:30pm – PTA meeting*

***Thurs 8th Mar*** *– P5 Stirling Castle Trip*

***Fri 9th Mar*** *– P6 Fairtrade Coffee Morning*

***Mon 12th Mar*** *- 9am – P3 assembly*

***Tues 13th Mar*** *6:30pm – Parent council/ Pupil Council joint meeting*

***Mon 19th Mar*** *– Achievement Assembly*

***Mon 26th Mar 9:30am*** *– Church Service – all welcome*

***Tues 27th Mar –*** *Dance Marathon*

***Wed 28th Mar 6:30pm*** *– Oxgang’s Got Talent*

***Thurs 29th Mar*** *– Term 3 Treat – Inflatables Day!*

***Thurs 29th Mar –*** *Spring break – finish 2:30pm.*

**Celebrating Scotland**

Until the February break this term we are having a focus on celebrating Scotland.

The children will be exploring texts in Scots’ language, learning Scottish songs and poems and learning about Scotland through many different curricular areas. This is part of the Scottish Curriculum.

Every class will be learning at least one Scottish poem, with P7 learning a poem written by Robert Burns. As well as learning the words the children will be encouraged to ‘perform’ their poem using actions and gesture. Those who do really well when reciting their poems in class will be invited to ‘audition’ to perform in a mini Scottish concert which will be held on the last day before the February weekend break.

Please help your child to learn their poem as part of their homework tasks.

Our Scottish Celebration Concert will take place on Fri 9th Feb at 1:30pm. This concert will include Scottish songs, Scottish poems, Gaelic songs, a choir performance and more!

As all the children will be in the hall we will have limited space. Children performing individually will be issued with 2 tickets for the concert and others will be given one ticket for a family member to attend. Tickets will be issued later in Jan. There is no cost for these.



**Emergency Closure Procedures**

Fortunately so far this year we have not had to implement any emergency closures due to snow! If we do have snow forecast and East Dunbartonshire Council decide to close schools then you will find information about this on EDC website, local radio and the Oxgang school website and Twitter.

The Oxgang school website also has a list of ideas for the children to continue their learning if they are unable to attend school due to snow.

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**Extra Curricular Activities**

In Oxgang Primary we aim to have a club for every stage of the school

each term. Letters are issued to appropriate year groups in advance

 of the club starting and we can usually accommodate all applicants.

The following are clubs running session 2017-18:

**Aug - Dec** – Dance for for P1, AStar Sports for P1 and P2, Minifit for P2, Taekwondo and football for P3. All Star fitness for P3-4, dance for P4-5, netball for P5, coding for P6, speedwalking for P6-7, dance for P7, football for P4-7.

**Jan – March** – All Star Fitness for P1 and 2, football for P3, A Star Sports for P3 and P4, netball for P4, coding for P4, speedwalking for P4-6, badminton for P5 and 6, dance for P7, football for P4-7. Some clubs this term are starting mid Feb and letters will be issued soon.

**April – June** – A Star Sports for P1, dance for P2-3, football for P4-7. We are still looking for other clubs for this final term so if you would be willing to run one we can provide support with this.

Most of these clubs are designed to help promote health and fitness, although we are happy to run other clubs if we get volunteers. If you would be willing to run or support a club in the school please contact the Headteacher or Depute Headteacher to discuss this further.



**Internet Safety**

 Between Feb and April we have a big
 focus on online safety. There will be
assemblies dedicated to this w/b 5th Feb
and staff will be undertaking a range of online safety lessons with their classes over this term.
An excellent website to help support online safety is **thinkuknow.co.uk** – this website has excellent activities for children which we will be using in school but it also has a lot of
information for parents with some useful video clips. It supports parents and carers to better support their children.
We will send some parent guides home this term to help you familiarise yourself with what children are commonly using on the internet so you can help to keep them safe as they engage with the online world, especially social media. Please discuss staying safe online with your child and make sure you know about the apps they are using.
**An information session is being run by the NSPCC for parents on Thurs 1st March 2:20-2:50** to help support parents with keeping children safe online. More information will follow.

**Attendance**Attendance has been significantly lower this year and has dropped from an average of 97% to 95%. We realise there have been a lot of winter bugs but holidays taken during term time have had the biggest impact on our attendance statistics. **We would ask that you do not plan a holiday within the school term** as this is unauthorised absence and will be noted on your child’s record.

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**Book Fair**
Thank you to everyone who purchased
books at the book fair. We raised
about £400 in commission which has been spent on additional books for classes.



**Great Oxgang Bake Off**
The Pupil Council were keen to
raise money for Guide Dogs for
the Blind after a recent visit by
one of the dogs and her owners at assembly.

They are currently organising a Bake Off for Thurs 8th Feb – more information will follow soon.