

Oxgang Primary School

Learning Together, Achieving Together, Respecting Each Other

50th Birthday Celebrations

I write to you after a very busy first term as acting Head Teacher of Oxgang Primary. We celebrated our birthday in September with two school show performances, class parties and PTA discos. I would like to thank all of the Oxgang teaching and support staff who helped to plan and organise these events, and to our PTA for the wrist band gift they purchased for every pupil.

The show was a particular highlight, with the children working hard to perfect song words and dance routines - I think you will agree that they really did us proud on the day and marked the occasion in style. Many thanks to all our parents, family members and former pupils who supported these events by coming along, and by lending us photos and memorabilia which were displayed in the school during our Birthday week.



Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 24th October**
P7 Firework Safety talk
- Thursday 25th October**
Families connect project starts
- Monday 29th October - 9am**
P7 assembly - all welcome
- Tuesday 30th October**
PTA Halloween Disco
P1-3 (6.30-7.30)
P4-7 (7.45-8.45)
- Thursday 1st November**
P3 trip to Museum of Rural Life
- Thursday 1st November**
P5&6 Athletics after school club starts
- Friday 2nd November**
P1 Sport Squad after school club starts
- Wednesday 7th November- 6.30**
PTA Meeting - all welcome
- Friday 9th November**
P7 visit to council headquarters
- Monday 12th November - 9am**
P5 assembly - all welcome
- Wednesday 14th November**
Tempest photographer in school for family & individual photos
- Thursday 15th November**
Parent appointment meetings
- Wednesday 21st November**
Parent council meeting - all welcome - 6.30pm
- Thursday 22nd November**
P5 trip to Emirates Arena
- Friday 23rd November**
Dress down day - bring tombola prize for Christmas Fair
- Book Bag parent session (P1-3)
- Monday 26th November - 9am**
P4 assembly - all welcome
- Friday 30th November**
Flu nasal vaccinations take place
Christmas Fair - 6-8pm

Homework Launch

Many thanks to all of the parents, carers and family members who attended our homework and family learning workshop last term. We have now launched the new programme, and feedback so far has been positive. We hope to gather your views at parents' night next month. Pupils in P3-P7 will receive weekly spelling words and reading preparation, as well as monthly numeracy homework and a yearly family learning grid. Thank you to all pupils and parents who have uploaded evidence of their family learning activities to the class dojo - we love seeing what you have been doing at home, and sharing this in school! Pupils in P1 and P2 will receive weekly reading and spelling tasks and rotate the book bags, family learning grids and the maths packs on a 3 weekly basis.

Sport Scotland - GOLD AWARD

I am delighted to announce that we have recently been awarded GOLD status from Sport Scotland. This means we have been recognised nationally for continuously improving physical education and school sport opportunities.

Many thanks to Miss Hannah Nisbet, our Primary 4 class teacher, who collated all of the evidence and submitted the application on behalf of the school.

We would also like to thank Maxine from EDC Active Schools who helps us to plan and deliver all of our lunchtime and after school sports clubs, and sports taster sessions. We will be presented with our certificate at the start of November - watch this space for more details!

School Clubs/PE

School clubs running this term are:

Homework Club (Monday) 3-4pm P4/5/7
SFA Football (Tuesday) 3-4pm for P4-7
Chess (Tuesday) 3-3.45pm for P4-7
Choir (Wednesday afternoon) for P4-7
Netball (Wednesday) 3-4pm for P2&P3
Athletics (Thursday) 3-4pm for P5 and P6
Sports Squad (Friday) 3-4pm for infants

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.

Parent Appointments

The first of our parents' nights will take place on Thursday 15th November. You should have received notification of your time(s) via the class dojo app prior to the October break. Please reply to this message so the school office receives confirmation that you have read it. We have emailed and sent paper copies of times to any parents who have not yet signed up to the dojo app.

PTA Events

The PTA is organising 2 events this term - the Halloween Disco and the Christmas Fair. Tickets for the disco are on sale now from the school office - see flyer on class dojo for times and prices. There will be a PTA Meeting on **Wednesday 7th November** at 6.30pm - everyone welcome. Even if you are not able to attend the meetings, we would welcome any support from parents and family members at our school events. Please let Mrs Adams know if you are able to help, or email the PTA account at: OxqanqPTA@yahoo.com.