

## Park Primary School November Bulletin

We have had a very busy term and can't wait to share an abundance of photos in our upcoming termly newsletter. In the meantime, please enjoy our November monthly bulletin.

### Staffing Update

We are delighted to inform you that Lyndsey Buchanan has re-joined our teaching team after her maternity leave, starting on November 6th. We're excited to welcome her back and have her continue her valuable contributions to our school.

It is with mixed emotions that we share the news of saying goodbye to our cherished and long-standing assistant cook, Martine Henricksen. After an incredible 17 years today at Park, Martine is embarking on an exciting new chapter as she takes on a new role at Gordon's Pharmacy.

Martine has been an invaluable part of our school community, touching the lives of countless boys and girls with her kindness and unwavering support. Her absence will be keenly felt, but we wish her the best of luck in her new endeavour and hope that she won't be a stranger!

### Parent Council

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated Parent Council and teachers for their assistance and support in organising our highly successful Halloween discos. Your contributions made this event truly memorable and enjoyable for our pupils.

A huge thank you to the Parent Council and Teachers for making the Halloween discos such a great success.

**Please can you start looking out any toys, games your children no longer play with along with any unwanted gifts for our toy or bric-a-brac stalls at the Christmas Fair on 9th December.**

Lastly a huge heartfelt thanks to our Jannie, Ronnie Guthrie, for his loyal years of service and being a great friend to all our children. He will be sadly missed but wish him all the very best for the future.

Fiona Ferguson  
Chair of Parent Council

### School Photographs

We would like to remind you that individual and sibling school photographs are scheduled to take place this Thursday.

We kindly request that your child comes to school in their complete school uniform on this day.



## Theatre in Schools Scotland

We are excited to announce our second performance by Theatre in Schools Scotland, a special event funded by the Parent Council. We appreciate the support and contributions of our Parent Council in making this event possible.

On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, our ELC, P1, P2, and P3 pupils will have the opportunity to experience 'CLOUD MAN,' a cleverly staged show featuring puppets, storytelling, and an abundance of clouds. This captivating performance is designed to inspire our young audience to appreciate the beauty and wonder that can be found in the everyday moments of life.

Photographs from this event and our previous performance, 'The Last Forecast,' will be featured in our upcoming termly newsletter.

## Christmas Concert

The children had such a great time with our whole school 'Through the Decades' event that we've decided to break from tradition this year and will be hosting a Christmas-themed concert to celebrate the end of our 50th year. Each class, including ELC, will showcase their talents with a song and dance performance. What's even more special is that we're offering two afternoons for parents to attend this extravaganza! Stay tuned for more details, and save the dates.

## Christmas Fair – Hampers

We will once again be collecting and running our Christmas Hamper Raffle this year, in conjunction with the Christmas Fair.

Pupils will be asked to bring in a donation in keeping with their class' theme. Hampers will then be put together by the staff and tickets will be for sale ahead of the Christmas Fair.

More information on this to follow in a separate letter.


## Christmas Parties

This year, we are thrilled to announce that we will be returning to joined-up Christmas parties, where pupils from different classes can come together to mix, have fun, and celebrate the holiday season.

Here are the details for the Christmas parties:

- P1-3 Party:  
Date: December 12th
- P4-5 Party:  
Date: December 15th
- P6-7 Party:  
Date: December 14th

We kindly request that children come to school dressed in their party clothes on their designated party day.



## Christmas Tree Festival

This year Park will be entering two trees into the 2023 St Conan's Christmas tree festival. Our theme is 'Park Promises'.

Dates: December 1st at 10:00 AM to December 3rd at 5:00 PM

We encourage you to visit the festival during the specified dates and cast your vote for our trees

## Open Afternoons

We are delighted to invite you into the school for open afternoons next term. This is something that we have missed greatly. The children will be excited to invite you into their classroom and learning spaces too.

To link in with play pedagogy in P1 and P2/1, these classes will be having 'stay and play' sessions. This is where we invite you to come and get involved with their play, giving you an opportunity to see what they are learning through play and how their play is progressing.

From P3/2 up, it will be open afternoons which are more structured and will be showcasing their IDL project for 'The Human Body' and the learning involved. This will be an opportunity for your child to share their learning and display this through a selection of practical activities that get you involved too. P5/4, P6/5, P6 and P7 are linking up as an upper school for a joint open afternoon.

We ask that a maximum of 2 family members attend please. Parking is very limited at the school so we also politely ask that you park out of school and walk where possible.

Below are the dates for your diary. Specific timings, if not noted below, will be confirmed closer to the time but all sessions are in the afternoon after lunch, which ends at 1.15pm.

P5/4, P6/5, P6 and P7 – Wednesday 8th November from 1.45pm – 2.45pm

P4 – Monday 13th November from 1.30pm – 2.30pm

P4/3 – Tuesday 14th November from 1.30pm – 2.30pm

P3/2 – Wednesday 15th November from 1.30pm – 2.30pm

P1 – Thursday 16th November

P2/1 – Friday 17th November


We are aware that these are happening in the afternoon and this may impact home time arrangements, therefore you are welcome to take your child/children home at the end of the session.

## Special Thanks

We wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to Christine MacGregor for her unwavering dedication to our school's garden makeover and for her instrumental role in the creation of our beautiful new wooden sign commemorating our 50th year.

Christine's tireless efforts have transformed our garden areas into inviting spaces that will benefit our pupils for years to come. We simply cannot thank her enough for her commitment and the time has generously given into making our school gardens look so beautiful.





On your next visit to our school, we invite you to take a moment to admire the beautifully engraved wooden sign that now graces our front entrance. It stands as a testament to the dedication of individuals like Christine and the sense of community that defines our school.

We would also like to extend our thanks to John Petit from Green Shoots for donating the wood used in crafting the sign and to Tom McLellan, a friend of John's, who skilfully completed the lettering. Their contributions have been invaluable in creating a lasting and meaningful piece of our school's history.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support, and please join us in extending our deepest appreciation to Christine MacGregor and everyone involved in this wonderful project.

## Science Trip

The upper school teachers have organised a trip to Glasgow Science Centre for all P5-7 pupils on the 29th November 2023.

We are aware that over the past few years school trips have been in the local area, and although we've worked hard to ensure your children have all enjoyed them, we realise the excitement that comes from travelling further afield. Obviously, there is a huge educational benefit to a trip like this, but it also has huge social benefits too.

Information and consent forms have already been issued for this trip to all participating pupils.

## Thanks from Mr G

Please see below a message from Mr G to all pupils, staff and parents following his last day at Park:

"I would like to thank all parents, children and staff for the lovely cards, thoughts and presents gifted to me on my last few days at Park.

I have been connected to the school since my son and daughter attended as pupils, then through volunteering at Ardentinn before going on to be a Classroom Assistant and then Janny.

I have loved working at the school with all the staff and children over the years – it has been a privilege to be a part of the pupils' journey and I hope they have enjoyed me being a part of theirs!

I will never forget all the laughs, dancing, den building, being held captive in 'Gazebo Jail', having my jacket stolen by children being 'mini Jannies' and, of course, hide and seek team tig – better known as Jannie Tig!

It has been a total joy spending my days with the children and I will miss everyone so much.

Thank you again to everyone for their thoughts and kindness."

## November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>6</p> <p>Pupil Flu Vaccinations Swimming for P6</p> <p>P2 Football</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Theatre in Schools Scotland Event - The Cloud Man Performance for ELC, P1, P2 &amp; P3</p> <p>P4-7 Shinty 3.15-4.15pm</p> <p>P6 Steel Drumming with Mrs Bissett</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Open Afternoon P5/4, P6/5, P6 &amp; P7</p> <p>P5/7 Girls Football</p> <p>P1-3 Shinty 5-5.45pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>School Photographs</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>13</p> <p>P4 Open Afternoon</p> <p>Final Swimming Session for P6</p> <p>P2 Football</p>	<p>14</p> <p>P4/3 Open Afternoon</p> <p>P4-7 Shinty 3.15-4.15pm</p> <p>P6 Steel Drumming with Mrs Bissett</p>	<p>15</p> <p>P3/2 Open Afternoon</p> <p>P5/7 Girls Football</p> <p>P1-3 Shinty 5-5.45pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>P1 Open Afternoon</p>	<p>17</p> <p>P2/1 Open Afternoon</p>
<p>20</p> <p>P2 Football</p>	<p>21</p> <p>P4-7 Shinty 3.15-4.15pm</p> <p>P6 Steel Drumming with Mrs Bissett</p>	<p>22</p> <p>P5/7 Girls Football</p> <p>P1-3 Shinty 5-5.45pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>27</p> <p><b>Teacher In-service Day – School closed for pupils.</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p>P5/7 Girls Football</p> <p>Last session of P4-7 Shinty 3.15-4.15pm</p> <p>P6 Steel Drumming with Mrs Bissett</p>	<p>29</p> <p>P5-7 Trip to Glasgow Science Centre</p> <p>No Football</p> <p>Last session of P1-3 Shinty 5-5.45pm</p>	<p>30</p>	

December				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1  Christmas Tree Festival Weekend
4	5	6  Last session of P5/7 Girls Football	7  Christmas Jumper Day	8  Christmas Fair Weekend  <b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>
11	12  P1-3 Christmas Party	13  P4-5 Christmas Party	14  P6-7 Christmas Party	15  Christmas Lunch
18  Dress rehearsal  Early lunch week	19  Christmas Concert	20  Christmas Concert	21  Last Day  2.30pm Finish	<b>Term 3 resumes on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>