



# Broxburn Primary School


Newsletter

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## Open Door Policy

Parents/carers are welcome to visit the school at any time. Please arrange an appointment at the school office.

Please see below for the member of our Leadership team with responsibility for your child.

Mrs Gardenier Nur — P1  
Mrs Davies P2 — P4  
Mr Anderson P5 — P7

As the weather turns colder West Lothian Council have launched their public information campaign Winter Ready West Lothian 2017/18.

The campaign highlights the council's preparations for possible severe weather and encourages local people to prepare now. Severe winter weather can include snow, frost and low temperatures, high winds and flooding.

More information is available at [www.westlothian.gov.uk/winter](http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/winter)

Should severe weather hit, the school will use Groupcall to inform parents and carers about closures. Please can all parents and carers ensure that their child's contact information is up to date.

In the event of a school closure everyone can continue learning by accessing resources on our Winter Closure Pages at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/brouburnps/>

Please contact the school office if you are not able to access resources in this way.

Fingers crossed the weather will be kind to us this year,  
Lisa Davies



## Nut Free School

Please can I remind all parents/carers that we have a number of children and staff who have severe allergies to nuts. We are a nut free school and this includes peanut butter and Nutella. Many thanks for your support with this important reminder.

## Communication

We are always working to share information with parents and carers in the most effective ways. We will be sending information by email. More frequently. To ensure that you are getting all of this information please make sure that we have an up-to-date email address for you and keep us up to date with any changes. If you require any help with this please just let the office know.



## Staffing Updates

On Friday Mrs McCartney left and our new Acting PT, Mrs Vince will join us on the 8th January. Mr MacLeod will be leaving us in January after successfully gaining an Acting PT post at Uphall Primary, congratulations. Details about the new teacher will be shared, once confirmed.

Welcome back from maternity leave to Mrs Grainger, who joins our Support for Learning team.

Our media team interviewed Mrs Harkins, the school administrator to get to know her a little better. Mrs Harkins has worked in school offices for ten years and she is determined to do her best to improve the school. Her dream job is working in the office and her favourite subjects at school were maths and writing. She enjoys looking after and grandchildren and their family pets. We know many of you will have already met Mrs Harkins and we are delighted to have her here.

## Success in School

Well done to our choir who have been sharing their Christmas songs with the community, they have been recorded for West Lothian Council, they sang at our Christmas Fayre and at the Broxburn Christmas Lights Switch On and performed for the residents of Holmesview Care Home.

We also have wonderful news to share about our school gymnasts, at a recent West Lothian Competition our Pre-level Group came first and our First Level Group came sixth. A fantastic performance, well done. The Pre-Level Groups will now progress to the Scottish Schools Finals in March.

Our P1 and P2 pupils have made us proud with their wonderful performances of The Little Red Robin. Well done and a huge thank you to all of the staff and children for their hard work.



A member of our media team also attended the Nativity at Kirkhill Primary and really enjoyed their performance of Mary's Knitting. The singing and acting was great.

## Regional Improvement Collaborative

Over a number of years the Broxburn Cluster and schools across West Lothian have been working together within a collaborative culture to ensure the best outcomes for all of our children. As part of the Scottish Government's priorities on raising attainment, ensuring excellence and equity and closing the poverty related attainment gap, Regional Improvement Collaborative have been established. West Lothian is part of the Forth Valley and West Lothian Improvement Collaborative (West Lothian, Falkirk, Stirling and Clackmannanshire) and will work together with these local authorities to share good practice and support in the following areas:

- Performance and Quality Improvement ,
- Literacy, and Numeracy
- Early Learning and Childcare
- Leadership of Learning and Professional Learning

By working together we will ensure the best outcomes for all children. If you have any questions about the Regional Improvement Collaboratives then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## Parent Council Update

The AGM was held last month and the minutes have been shared with all parents/carers. Parent Council Meetings for the remainder of the year will be held on 18th January, 21st March, 16th May and 12th June, All Parents/Carers are welcome to come along.

## Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre was a huge success with many of you turning out to support this event. Santa was very popular and the Fundraising Group worked so hard to bring the Fayre together, thank you. The Fayre raised a phenomenal amount, over £1000 and this money will be used to support the school during the next year. Thank you for your continued support.



**I look forward to seeing some of you at the remaining festive events but would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**I hope everyone enjoys spending time with their friends and families during the holiday and that Santa is good to all of the girls and boy.**

**Merry Christmas**



## Diary Dates

- 8th January** - In—Service Day for staff
- 9th January** - All children return to School and Nursery
- 18th January** - Parent Council Meeting at 6.30pm in the School Staffroom
- 22nd January** - Scottish Focus Week
- 25th January** - P7 Burns Supper, more details to follow.
- 26th January** - P5a Class Assembly. Parent/Carer performance at 9.15, all welcome.
- 31st January** - Tempest Photographer—Class Photos (P2—P6)
- 1st February** - Tempest Photographer—Class Photos in Vista style (Nursery, P1 and P7)
- 12th February - 13th February** - February Holiday
- 14th February** - All children return to School and Nursery