Dear Parents and Carers,

It’s hard to believe we are mid-way through the summer term! As you will see, we have had lots of exciting events, which have already taken place this term and many more planned! We hope you are able to come along and join us at some of them.

HMie
Many thanks to all the parents, pupils and staff who contributed to our successful HMie school inspection in March. The inspectors were impressed by our welcoming, enthusiastic and hardworking school team – staff, pupils, parents and wider school community, who pull together to make Bothwell Primary the success it is. Our report is yet to be published but you shall be informed as soon as it is available. The inspectors have let us know that they are happy with Bothwell Primary and shall not be returning for many years. Well done to all concerned!

Congratulations!
We all wish to congratulate Mrs Morton (formerly Miss Kelly!) and her new husband on their recent wedding. Mr and Mrs Morton had a wonderful wedding day during the Spring break and we wish them every happiness in their future together.

Health Week
As a school we are participating in our Health Week commencing Tuesday 29th May. Please send your children to school in their gym kit every day of this week. Miss Stewart has been working hard to give a range of activities, which enhance our pupils’ health both mentally and physically. On the school website are details of the healthy activities on offer! If your job is linked to health and you are able to visit the school on this week then please contact the school office.

PTA Events!
Mothers’ Day
Many thanks to all who contributed to our Mothers’ Day fundraiser, whether through contributing gifts or by purchasing for a lucky lady! We are sure there would be many delighted mums and grannies on Mothers’ Day. This special event raised an enormous £650.70 for PTA funds. Many thanks as ever, to the hardworking parents who came along to organise and support this enterprise, it wouldn’t be the success it is without you!

Fathers’ Day
The P.T.A. will be holding their Fathers’ Day Stall on Thursday 14th June. Donations can be sent to the school from Monday 11th June. Watch out dads – you are in for a treat!

School Summer Discos have been organised on Tuesday 26th June by the P.T.A. and shall be enjoyed by the children at the following times:
5.30-6.30p.m.: P1-3
6.45-7.45p.m.: P4-7
It’s so lovely to see all the children dressed for summer at these events! Crisps and drinks are included in the ticket price. More information from the PTA to follow. Have fun! Sincere thanks to all of our parents who year upon year, support the school through donations, hard work and participation in Parent Council and PTA meetings. Your support of the school is invaluable and we could not offer the children the variety of experiences we do, without your support. Thank you.
Assemblies (9.30a.m.): P1 – Friday 15th June
P7 Leavers’ Assembly: Friday 22nd June
Summer Discos: P1-3 & P4-7 Tuesday 26th June
Uddingston Grammar Transition Days: Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th June
Uddingston Grammar Parents’ Meeting: Wednesday 13th June (4p.m.-5.30p.m.)
P7 Leavers’ Disco: Friday 15th June 7-9p.m.
Dress-down Day Thursday 28th June

Thursday 28th June – school closes at 1p.m. and re-opens to pupils on Thursday 16th August.

Marathon Lady – for Alzheimer Scotland!
Congratulations to Mrs McGhee who completed the London Marathon on 22nd April in record temperatures. Mrs McGhee has raised an outstanding £4700.00 to date! Many thanks to all who have contributed to this good cause. Much of this total was raised by our P4-7 runners earlier this year in their sponsored running event for Alzheimer Scotland. Thank you to all for supporting this cause and a tremendous well done to Mrs McGhee!

European Day- Once again, Mrs McHenry is leading the organisation of the annual European Day for P7 pupils to immerse themselves in the French language and culture. This is a transition day for the P7s, where pupils from all of the feeder primaries to Uddingston Grammar, come along and work together, whilst also getting the chance to meet some of UGS staff. This event will take place on Wednesday 23rd May and is always a huge success, in fact, last year our European Day was presented with an award by North Lanarkshire Council for being the best transition event for Languages 1 + 2, in their authority. As we work in partnership with NLC, we were included in this award. This was a marvellous achievement by this transition group! We are sure this year’s event will be just as successful and a great opportunity for our young people to make new friends whilst developing their linguistic skills. Bonne chance!

Thank you!
Sincere thanks to all of our parents and extended family for supporting us in our reduction of vehicles in our school car park. As you are aware, for safety reasons, pedestrians are also not permitted to use the car park gate, which accesses directly onto Castle Avenue. As ever, we ask parents to ensure their children are supervised and do not run or ride their scooters into the car park.

Improvements in these safety issues are evident and I thank you and your children for supporting the school in the continued health and safety of all on its premises.

Parents’ Evening
Many thanks to all for the positive feedback we received regarding the new format for our parents’ evening in March. We hope, in addition to hearing about your child’s progress, you had a chance to participate in some of our family learning opportunities on offer on the evening. The Scholastic Book Fayre was, as usual, a crowd-puller and through the sales made over that week, the school earned £1079.00 in vouchers from Scholastic, to spend on future purchases from the company! We plan to use these vouchers to supplement our school library and enhance the personal reading choices of our pupils. Many thanks to all who purchased from the Book Fayre and consequently helped support the school’s funds.

Library Lunch Club - Our library lunch club, which is coordinated by Mrs Crossan and very capably put into practice by our parent, Mrs Black and members of our wider school community, has proved a tremendous hit this term. The children are borrowing and exchanging books regularly, are sharing views and promoting books on our readers’ reviews wall and requests from children are resulting in a wider range of books being purchased to meet demand. Mrs Black has compiled a database of all the books in the library which keeps track of the books borrowed and enables us to monitor the interests of our young readers and plan to meet their changing needs in our future purchases. Many thanks to all who help at the library lunch club, supporting our pupils and encouraging the love of reading.

Football Clubs - Sincere thanks to our dads, Mr Kelly and Mr Peckett and also to Mr Murray and Mr Cheape from Scottish Gas, for coming along and saving the day by leading our 2 football clubs – one on a Monday for our younger players and the other on a Thursday for those older. The children have loved their sessions and we look forward to some summer tournaments coming along soon!
Improvement Plan Priorities 2017-18
This year we as a school have been focussing on the following targets:

- Evaluating and improving consistency of learning and teaching in P1-7 Literacy and Numeracy.
- Raising attainment in P1-7 Literacy and Numeracy with a focus on closing the gap.
- Auditing existing practice in family learning and developing new approaches.
- Developing a progressive and cohesive RME programme across the levels.

We have made good progress in all of the above aspects of school life and shall continue to further our progress over the coming sessions.

We are now evaluating, as a staff, what our priorities shall be next session. We shall be asking you and your children for your views in the coming weeks in this regard and these shall help us to form our improvement plan for 2018-19.

Pupil Equity funding (PEF) - As shared with the Parent Council at previous meetings, Bothwell Primary is receiving additional funding from the Government in order to “close the gap” in education. With the Parent Council’s approval, we are spending part of this funding on staffing, in order to ensure all children’s needs are being met and that we are raising attainment. Staff shall also continue to be trained and appropriate resources in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing purchased in order to aspire towards excellence and equity within Bothwell Primary. We are presently measuring the impact of this input during the current session and this shall help determine our next steps.

Many thanks to the Parent Council for their input to this discussion and their support of the direction we are taking over this session.

School website – Our school website and our school Twitter account are live and give you current updates and comments, with updates from all our teachers. ‘Golden Nuggets’ of information throughout the school week will hopefully spark some school based conversations at home. Please check out the website and follow the Twitter link (see below). Unfortunately, our account does not receive incoming messages or tweets.

School website: http://www.bothwell-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/

Twitter account: @BothwellPrimary

School Uniform
It’s approaching that time of year again! When purchasing school uniforms please remember that the children will require:

- Blue blouse/shirt
- School tie
- Grey cardigan/jumper
- Grey skirt/trousers
- Navy blue blazer
- Indoor shoes.

For P.E.

- Electric blue sweatshirt/ jumper
- Electric blue joggers (P1-5)
- Navy joggers (P6-7)
- Yellow polo shirt
- Gym shoes for P.E.

Classes 2018-19
As numbers for classes are not yet finalised, neither classes nor staffing have been determined. These shall be shared with you as soon as this is possible.
P7 Leavers’ Disco
This will be held in Uddingston Cricket Club on Friday 15th June 7-9p.m. Our parent organisers are well on track with their plans and the children look to be having a memorable evening!

Assemblies
Friends and families of the school have been entertained recently by assemblies performed by R3 and R6. R3’s Spring assembly before the holidays certainly brightened up everyone’s day with the children’s knowledge, enthusiasm and all round curriculum for excellence in action. R6 shared their knowledge of holidays and demonstrated all their learning this session, with confidence. This week we have the pleasure of seeing R10 and 11 P6s. Well done to all who have presented their assemblies, you are a credit to your parents and teachers!

Rotary Quiz
Good luck to our P7 teams participating in the Rotary quiz on Tuesday 8th May. Our entrants have still to be determined. Last year our children excelled, with one of our teams winning first place in the competition! Fingers crossed for a repeat performance this year!

Tremendous Tennis!
Finishing on a very happy note…..Well done to our P4 tennis players who performed so well at Sunday’s tournament. Christy Porter, Stuart Russell, Roma Ameera Jahan-Zeb and Kerr Hopcroft excelled in their playing, which resulted in them taking second place, a fantastic result! Andy Murray – watch your back – our BPS team is catching up!!!

I wish all in the school community a happy and successful summer term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P Ross
Head Teacher
May 2018.

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Bothwell Primary School, You suggest it – We listen!

Suggestion or comment:

Please return the slip in your child’s bag, or email your comments and suggestions to:

gw14bothwellpsoffice@glow.sch.uk
## Achievements March/April 2018

### Well Done Everyone!

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| R2 | Harrison Murray  
Blair Kinnoch | Tennis trophy  
Certificate for swimming 10m |
| R3 | Jay Pathak | Swimming Duckling 1 award |
| R4 | Freya Fairbairn  
Eva Hume | Medal for swimming 1 length  
Certificate from Future Stars for dancing and singing |
| R5 | Lara Black  
Lewis Brawley  
Murray Harvie  
Bailey Altkin  
Emily Reilly | Awarded a trophy for coming 2nd in her first Tae Kwon Do fight and awarded a medal for reciting a poem at Tae Kwon Do  
Awarded a trophy for good listening and skills at football  
Awarded a “tenet trophy” for saying all 5 tenets  
Awarded a yellow belt 8th cup in Tae Kwon Do  
Awarded a medal for ballet dancing |
| R6 | Jack Peckett  
Megan Heggie  
Duncan Fife | Passed trials for Villa Park Football Club  
New belt at judo  
Won a drawing competition for a magazine |
| R7 | Stuart Russell  
Oliver Burnside  
Joshua Hanson,  
Stuart Russell &  
Rory Cunningham | Tennis competition - 2 silver medals, swimming Award – Club Ready  
Man of the match trophy medal for football tournament  
Brighter Bothwell Litter pick, found the most interesting items |
| R8 | Abigail Buttery  
Charlotte Sloan  
Rachel McGavin  
Rhea Yershov | 3rd place in a tennis competition  
Star of the week at her Glee Club  
Won a race at swimming club championship, successfully auditioned for the UK Theatre School  
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| R9 | Holly Mackie  
Kyle Murray | Won a prize at the Tennis Camp during the Spring Break  
Spring Break Tennis Camp 2nd place week 1 and 1st place week 2 |
| R10 | Calum Donald  
Eva Galloway  
Kitty McCallion  
Ava Murray  
Jude Duncan | Completed swimming lessons’ level  
Playing for Celtic under 13s girls' team  
2nd place in ice-skating competition  
Placed 3rd in Scottish gymnastics competition. Representing Scotland in a competition in Southampton in May  
1st place in Rugby competition with Hamilton Bulls Rugby Club |
| R11 | Keira McCulloch  
Brodie Cunningham  
Ryan John Black | Got into Knightswood  
Stewart Hutchenson Cup 1st Place  
2nd in individual sparring and 3rd in tag team at Scottish Championships Tae Kwon Do |
| R12 | Carly Fisher  
Abby Tanner  
Emma Quinn  
Eve Bonomy  
Emma Jane Burke  
Harris Merrylees  
Aaron McIntosh  
Isla Marks | 5th place in the British gymnastics championships  
Passed Grade 1 in clarinet exam  
Passed Grade 1 in saxophone exam  
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2nd place in gymnastics competition  
1st place in BB marching competition  
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Auditioned for the Royal Conservatoire for dance. |