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# Woodie News June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our recent Careers Week was a massive success. A huge 'Thank You' to all our parents, carers and family friends who came in and visited over the week! We really appreciated the amount of thought and preparation that went into your sessions. The children were really inspired. Cassi G from Radio Clyde came in to talk to the Primary 7 classes about her life in Radio and kindly offered to stay and play some tunes for the whole school. Thanks Mrs Callaghan for organising it all.

It was great to see you all out at our recent parental meetings. The turn out was incredible with **98%** of parents in attendance. A big 'Thank You' from all our teachers for your continued support. This means a lot to us. Thank you to all who responded to our suggestions boards in the Gym hall. By the time you receive this I will have had a meeting with a small group of parents to talk through our plans for next session and to look at the many parental suggestions. The Parent Council Homework Questionnaire results were very positive and I have attached a copy of these for you to see. These will help shape our homework policy next session.

As we hurtle towards the end of a busy year I just wanted to say a huge 'thank you' to you **ALL**. Your support, trust and understanding of what we do in Woodside is incredible. It is a real privilege to work in partnership with you and to look after and educate all your special Woodside Weans every day. Please do not feel the need to send in gifts at the end of term, your support is all we need. Thank you.

It looks like next session will be very busy ~ for the first time in Woodside there will be staff changes. Please read over to find out more information. Lots of updates coming in the next few weeks so please keep checking your new Parentsportal account and Twitter for more information.

Take care,

Elaine Renwick  
Head Teacher

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## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 9th June	Parent Council Summer Fayre 6.30-8.30pm See you there
Monday 12th June	Health week begins
Tuesday 13th June	Sports days for P4,5,6 and 7
Wednesday 14th June	Sports days for P1,2 and 3
Friday 23rd June	Primary 7 Leavers Assembly at St Johns Church 10.00am
Tuesday 27th June	School closes at 1pm Happy Holidays



We look forward to seeing you all  
at our Parent Council

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## Transitions

It has been a very busy couple of weeks for our Primary 7 children. They have had 2 Transition days in Hamilton Grammar. I received a lovely email commending their attitude and behaviour. HGS teachers can't wait for them all to begin. Please check out the P7 transition area on the website for any new information.

'Soak the 7's' will be coming soon which is my personal favourite. All money raised is used towards their end of term 'Lock In' party.

To end a fab year, our Primary 7 team won the 'HGS P7 Maths Challenge'. Well done Kyle, Ella, Amelie and Josh. We are very proud of you.



P7 boys and girls, this is such a special time for you all. You have been a lovely group of children: always full of funny stories, loads of energy, eager to learn and proud role models for our school. I want to wish you every success as you move forward onto the next chapter of your school career. I know your confidence and enthusiasm for learning will see you through! Good luck at Hamilton Grammar School.

We are expecting 59 new Primary 1 pupils in August. We were able to arrange 2 induction sessions last week and were so excited to meet them all. It was great to have a brief chat and share a presentation with their parents. On the website under the tab 'School News' there is a Primary 1 Transition Area. Please go on and have a wee look as we have added lots of guidance and information for our families.

## End of Term Service

Our Primary 7 Leavers Service will take place on Friday 23rd June at 10am. Our Primary 7 pupils and their wee Buddies will go to St Johns Church and the rest of the school will beam in live from Woodside. We are delighted that our Primary 7 parents/carers and friends can come along and join us at the Church. P7 parents are invited back to Woodie for a cuppa and catch up after the service.



## SLC Pupil

### Achievement Awards

Ella and Eilidh in Primary 7 went along to the SLC Award ceremony this week to collect 2 awards for Woodside. The first was to celebrate our Silver Reading Schools success and the second was to highlight the great team work of our P7 Athletics squad. Great news for Woodside!

## Sporting Achievements

**Both our boys and girls football teams did well at the Davy Cooper Football event on Sunday 9th May. Our boys were unlucky and our girls got through to the semi finals. Well done everyone I was very proud of you. Thank you to all the parents, family, staff and friends who came along in the cold to cheer both teams on.**



**For the second year in a row we have won 'Hamilton Sporting School of the Year Award'. Sophie and Mason went to the ceremony at the Town House to receive this. We can't believe it! A big 'Thank You' to Clare from SLLC for nominating us for this achievement.**

## Woodside's Travel Plan

- Councillor Keats visited the school recently to discuss the work done this year on our School Travel Plan. Can I kindly remind all our parents/carers of the three targets:-

**Slow Down** To reduce the speed of traffic outside our main school gates

- Park Smart** To encourage our parent/carers to park safely outside our school at drop off and pick up times.

- Cross Safely** To enhance the safety of our pupils when crossing the roads outside our school by using the crossing patrollers available.

Please can I ask you to follow these at all pick off and drop off times.

Please also be mindful of our neighbour's at the Mercedes garage and ask children not to jump on/off their wall and to be clear of their cars. Thank you



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## Classes and staffing updates for August '23

As I write this, we will have **17** classes next session. These will be :- P1, P1, P1/2, P2, P2, P3, P3, P3/4, P4, P4, P5, P5, P5/6, P6, P6, P7 and P7, however this may change if we get any new children moving into our catchment. I will hopefully be in touch before the end of term to inform you of your child's class and teacher for next session. Please be patient as we will have a few staffing changes next session. I am currently working in partnership with SLC to secure a number of new teachers. As soon as I have any updates I will be in touch. We will aim to try to organise a 'Meet the teacher' slot before we finish for Summer.

We have four staff members due to go on Maternity Leave over Summer.

We hope you all manage to grab 5 minutes to put your feet up before your wee ones arrive. Best wishes to, Miss McEnroy, P2, Room 5 who finishes on the 9th of June and to Mrs Bissett P4, Room 9 and Mrs Smith, P6, Room 13 who are both hoping (fingers and toes crossed) that they make it to the end of term. Mrs Montgomery, our Supply Teacher in P1, Room 1 is also leaving us to have a baby.



I want to say a big 'Thank You' to Miss Mearns, Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Dickson, Miss McMillan and Mrs Cummings who will all be moving on at the end of the session. Thank you for looking after our Woodside Weans.

Finally after 21 years in Woodside Mrs Laird has decided to retire and will finish on Friday 23rd of June. Mrs Laird has inspired many children over the years with her love of arts and crafts. She is a very creative lady who is always very busy out of school with a new project on the go. I don't know how she is going to fit retirement in! Mrs Laird, we wish you a long, happy and very restful new chapter.



## Place2Be

Jocelyn from Place2Be service finished with us this week. Our new councillor Claire came into school on Tuesday to meet all our children and will take up the new position with us in August. We look forward to having her as part of our team.

## YFCL Officer

Just a wee reminder that Evelyn, our Youth, Family and Community Learning Officer will continue to work over the holidays. If you require any support or advice please contact her at:- [gw09mcgonagleevelyn3@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw09mcgonagleevelyn3@glow.sch.uk) or on **07795090746**

