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# Woodie News March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Finally, we are starting to see the nights staying slightly lighter and it's a bit brighter in the mornings driving to work. Spring is hopefully coming soon, fingers crossed!

Thank you for taking the time to activate your 'Parent Pay' account. This is a new way of working and it is taking us a bit of time to get into the new routine. In theory, it should make life easier for everyone. Remember if you have any questions or have a problem with your account then give the office girls a wee call. They are our 'Parent Pay' experts!

This term, our teachers have all been busy completing report cards, which are due out on Friday 22nd March. After a lot of discussion and consultation with our Parent Council, you will hopefully find your child's report easier to read. The reports are in the same format but this year our teachers are using short, concise, skills based bullet points. As our 'Class Blogs' focus each term on the topics your child is learning about, we no longer need to include this information into our reports. Therefore, the focus now in the parental report is on what your child is currently working on, highlighting their individual strengths and their development needs. There are also a few tips on how you can help them at home. I will be interested to find out your views on our new approach to these. Happy reading!

Our new 'Curricular Newsflash' is now on line so please go on and have a wee read. Please also remember 'Class Blogs' can be accessed through your child's Glow account.

When I was noting the dates for the next couple of months, I realised that in April the children are only in school for 10 days! The time is going to fly by. I won't send out an April newsletter and will wait until the 3rd of May before my next one. Enjoy the Spring break when it comes. Remember that the children are returning on the 15th of April, then are off for the Easter long weekend on Friday 19th April and Monday 22nd April. The month of April is going to disappear!

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions for our school, then please get in touch.

Kind regards,

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## Dates For Your Diary

6th March	Primary 7 to 'Starchild' morning at SLC Headquarters
8th March	Whole school dress down day for 'Starchild'.
14th March	School photos
20th March	Parent Council AGM at 7pm. All welcome
22nd March	Reports out to Parents
29th March	School closes at 2.30pm for Spring break
15th April	School returns Centenary Gardens (pm)
18th April	Easter Service 10am at St John's Church
19th April	School Closed
22nd April	School Closed
3rd May	Newsletter and Class Blogs
6th May	Holiday
7th May	Inset day. School closed for the children.

## Starchild Day



As a Learning Community, each school has sponsored a young child in Uganda. On **Friday 8th March** all the children in Woodside, Chatelherault, St John's, Quarter, Beckford and Hamilton Grammar are asked to come dressed down for school and if possible they could wear a colour from the Ugandan flag which is either red, yellow or black. A donation of £1 per family would be appreciated. Please can this be **brought to school on the day** and not paid via Parent Pay. Many thanks!





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## Burns Competition

Our annual Burns competition took place on Friday 8th February. All the children who performed on the day did incredibly well reciting their challenging poems in front of an audience. Our winner from P6&7, was Alex and from P4&5, Chloe. The girls then went on to represent our school at the Hamilton District competition and both did Woodie proud! Well done, girls! Alex will now represent our school at the Lanarkshire Competition at the end of March. Good Luck Alex!



## World Book Day

**Calling all mums, dads, grans, grandpas and friends. If you have 5 minutes to spare on 7th March, then we would love you to come in and read a story to a class in our school. Look out for the book vouchers coming home in school bags soon. Just so you know, as a school, we will not be dressing up on World Book day.**

## Bike winner!

A massive 'Well Done' to lucky Fraser, in Primary 7. He won a bike in the recent SLC 'Taste Tucker Trials' competition in the dinner hall.



## International School Meals Day

This will take place on Thursday 14th March. The menu on this day has been chosen by the pupils in our school and is a result of their favourite choices from this Winter's selection of meals. On the day our menu will be :- Blue - Sausage roll, mash and beans

Red - Turkey meatballs, chips and beans

Green - Ham baguette

Yellow - Pizza

## Staffing Updates

Miss MacMillan has taken over in Room 2 on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It's great to have her in our team. She is working very closely with the Primary 1 staff and Mrs Farrance, who remains in Room 2 on a Monday and Tuesday morning.



Miss Sheikh will be leaving us on 13th March. Miss Sheikh is due to get married soon and we wish her well with all her preparations. At this point, I don't have any updates regarding a cover teacher for this position.



## BBC visit



Last week we had visitors from the CBBC team. They were in to gather the views of our Primary 5,6 and 7 children on their new TV programme called "All over the Place". Our children were lucky enough to be the first in the UK to see episode one. The team then asked the children their thoughts on the characters, storyline etc. They were also looking for ideas and inspiration for series two! Lesley from the team said our children were all really enthusiastic and gave very critical and useful feedback! They have promised to come back and visit us again.

## Drama Club

The children in Mrs Smith's afterschool drama club are busy rehearsing for 'Cinderella Rockafella'. Loads of Primary 4,5 and 6 children auditioned for parts in the production and after a very difficult job, Mrs Smith has managed to ensure everyone has been allocated a role. It is all very exciting and I will hopefully be able to give you dates for the big production next term. Woodside is full of budding actors and actresses!

## Dance Festival

Miss Sutherland is currently working with a team of dancers from Primary 6 and 7 getting ready for the Hamilton Dance Festival at the Town Hall on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm.