



Education Resources
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Dear Parents and Carers,

May is always a very busy month in school as we reflect on our developments this session and make plans for our next academic year. As a team we are currently reviewing our Recovery Improvement Plan. I am sure like me, you have been reflecting on many aspects of your own life and the things you don't want to go back to doing just because they were your normal before Covid. We are doing the same in school! Woodside has been on a massive learning curve this session and although it has been a challenge for everyone, there have been many successes. We are using this unique time to think differently about our school and as a staff team we are 'Reflecting, Reinvigorating and Reimagining' what life could be like in Woodside. We want to embrace what we have discovered this year and continue to build our school. I will keep you updated with our ideas.

Staff are all currently working on the new pupil reports. The format and the language of school reports have changed following new SLC guidelines. We are in the process of creating a short video to show these changes, and this will be emailed to you before you receive your child's report. We aim to have these out to you in June; I will be in touch with the date soon.

We all took part in 'Attachment' training on our Inset Day. This has been very high profile in SLC this year. This was the second part of the training and we all found it to be interesting and thought provoking. I have included the A-Z of 'Attachment' for parents to use. Please have a wee read. This is a useful resource, helping parents to think about and understand the importance of how they communicate and behave towards their child to ensure they feel safe, happy and secure in life.

As we enter into the final term I am keeping everything crossed that we can safely get through to the summer holidays. Although, restrictions have begun to ease and will hopefully continue to do so in the weeks to come, it is vital that as a school community we continue to adhere to the safety measures we have in place. As a school we have successfully come this far, let's work together to get us all to the summer!

Take care everyone,

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Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 27th May	Dress down day (NO cost)
Friday 28th May	HOLIDAY
Monday 31st May	HOLIDAY
Friday 4th June	Newsletter online
Thursday 24th June	School closes :- P1-3 at 12.45pm P4-7 at 1.00pm

Youth, Family and Community Learning Officer



I hope you all received your email from Evelyn McGonagle. This term she is looking to organise a few 'taster' workshops for all our parents. Evelyn has been a massive support to many of our families during lockdown and she is desperate to meet more of you and form a relationship with our whole school community. If you have the time, please sign up to one of her sessions being e-mailed to those that responded. She is a great person and has loads of helpful information to share with you.

Parent Council The next meeting is on **13th May @ 7pm**. Please email :-

woodsideparentcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

for the link to the meeting.
Everyone welcome!



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Transitions

We all know that the transition into Primary school and our P7's transition to Secondary are hugely important. Following Covid guidance we are unable to have any visitors into our school. We have created a new 'Transition' area on our website to keep parents updated. Mrs Faloon is currently working in partnership with all our feeder nurseries to learn about our new Primary 1 pupils. Hopefully, restrictions permitting she might be able to go for some outdoor nursery visits. She has contacted all our new P1 parents with a short questionnaire to find out exactly what our new parents want from us, so that we can try our best to meet their needs. Miss Officer is also working in partnership with our secondary establishments to ensure the smooth transition of our all our P7 pupils. I really feel for our Primary 7 pupils who unfortunately are unable to have all the usual Primary 7 experiences. They have all been extremely mature and understanding about this. We are hopeful that before they leave us we will be able to organise a few wee Covid safe treats.

Road safety calendar competition

18 of our children received a 'Highly Commended' certificate for their entries into this years competition. A big well done to :- Georgia and Grace in Primary 2, Millie in Primary 3 Mia, Lily, Holly, Luke and Ben in Primary 4 Jodie, Emily, Alfie, Amelie and Hannah in Primary 5 Matthew in Primary 6 Amie, Ayesha, Rebecca and Emily in Primary 7



Primary 1, 4 and 7 National Assessments

As you may be aware, the Scottish Government has tasked schools to raise the attainment of all pupils supported by the National Improvement Framework. Currently, we are working with all our children in P1, 4 and 7 to complete these on line assessments as part of their daily work programme. Please do not panic! Our children do not have to revise or prepare for assessments. The system is designed to adapt so that if a child is experiencing difficulty, the questions will get easier, and if a child is doing well, the questions will become more challenging. There is no pass or fail. Please remember that our teachers, through their day to day teaching, have a very good idea of how your child is progressing. The Scottish National Standardised Assessments are used to provide extra information for the teachers. However, the teachers' professional judgment will always carry the most weight. If you need more information then please have a wee read on the SNSA website :- <https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers>

Online Assemblies

It weird to think all our pupils have not been together since last February! Our new webcams mean I can be beamed live into every class for our Assemblies. I can also now see all the **474** faces looking back at me on my screen. Its quite a sight! Our House Captains and Vice Captains have been leading the Assemblies online and over the next few weeks, Miss McLarnon, Mrs McKellar and Mrs Lawson will be focusing on our values:- **Happy, Caring, Creative and Confident.**

Local parking

Unfortunately, last week I received a visit from our community police asking for your support with the parking situation outside our school.



I did highlight the difficulty we had with the extremely limited parking around our building. They requested everyone's assistance in respecting our local neighbours and parking safely at all times. They plan to visit our school more often to monitor this.

Beat The Street

Well done 'Team Woodie' as we came second! The school will receive £250 voucher. Today at Assembly the children will vote to spend this on sports equipment or books.. Well done everyone, I have a feeling the adults may have become way more competitive about it than our children!



We now have over **900** Twitter followers! Twitter and Parent Pay continue to be the quickest and easiest way for us to keep in touch with all our parents. Keep following us !