



Woodie News May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yahoo! A bit of sunshine and the lifting of restrictions really does make a huge difference. It feels like we are finally turning a corner as it is starting to feel a lot more normal in Woodie! We have had the photographer in, lots of exciting trips out and P7 visits to high school are going ahead too.



It was great to see so many of you 'online' last week during the Parental Meetings. I know there were a few wee technical issues however on the whole the system seemed to work very well.

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', evaluating the use of our Pupil Equity Fund money and beginning to budget for next session.

Over the next few weeks I will be emailing out a questionnaire to find out your thoughts on 'online' Parental Meetings, our School Improvement Plan and the use of our pupil Equity Fund. Your feedback on these points are valued. I am also looking for a small group of parents to come in and chat with me about our school and our curriculum. If you would be interested in being involved in this, please give the office a call on 01698 427811.

We are now in the process of formulating our classes for next session. This is a massive number crunching exercise in a school our size. We look at every child and focus on their learning in literacy, so this means that next session, there may be a change of class for our Primary 1,2,3 and 4 children. More details regarding classes will follow later in June.

Kind regards,

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Dates For Your Diary

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| Tues 10th May | Rooms 6,7 and 8 to Summerlee Museum |
| Wed 11th May | Rooms 4 and 5 to The Museum of Rural Life |
| Thurs 12th May | Parent Council at 7pm |
| Tues 17th May and Wed 18th May | Primary 7 visits to Hamilton Grammar New Primary 1 children visit |
| Fri 27th May | HOLIDAY |
| Mon 30th and Tue 31st May | Primary 7 to Wiston Lodge |
| Wed 1st June | Jubilee Party More details to follow |
| Thurs 2nd and Fri 3rd June | HOLIDAY |
| Friday 10th June | Newsletter |
| 13th June | Health Week More details to follow |
| Friday 24th June | School closes at 1pm |

Parent Council The next meeting is on **12th 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 and Secondary school is hugely important. We have created a new 'Transition' area on our website to keep you updated. Mrs Faloon is currently working in partnership and visiting our feeder nurseries to learn about our new Primary 1 pupils. We look forward to welcoming our new children and their families when they visit Woodside on the **17th and 18th of May**.

Miss Officer is also working in partnership with our secondary establishments to ensure the smooth transition of our all our P7 pupils. This year we have children going to Hamilton Grammar, Hamilton College, Braidwood High and Calderside Academy. Many of the High Schools have been in touch to organise transition visits for our pupils. Those children moving on to Hamilton Grammar will visit the school on the **17th and 18th of May**. More details about the organisation of this will follow soon.

Class Trips

The children in Rooms 6,7 and 8 will go out to visit Summerlee Museum on Tuesday 10th May where they will take part in a workshops about 'When Gran was a Girl.' Our Room 4 and 5 children will be off to the museum of Rural Life in East Kilbride on Wednesday 11th of May. Primary 7 are off for two fun packed days at Wiston Lodge too.

Sporting Achievements

A big 'Good Luck' to our Primary 7 footballers who are taking part in the Davy Cooper Football event on Sunday 8th May. If you are out and about at the Palace Grounds on Sunday morning then please come along and cheer our team on. Our boys are also taking part in a few local friendlies



During the Covid restrictions this year we have tried our best to offer as many afterschool clubs as we could in as safe a way as possible. The school has been invited to the Hamilton Sports Performance awards on the 25th May as we have been nominated for our sporting achievements.

Young Engineer competition

Earlier this year Miss Gray ran a Young Engineering Competition. I am delighted to let you know that we have had 3 winners: - Sophie in P3, Luke in P5 and Lucy in P7. Abbie in Primary 7 also received a highly commended award. These children will be invited to an Awards Ceremony with their families at Strathclyde University on the 19th May. Well done boys and girls!



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 the Scottish

National Standardised online 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>

Celebrating Success

It's not just our children who are working hard in Woodside. A big Well Done to Mrs Faloon who has recently gained her 'Standard for Headship' qualification.



The school has also been highlighted for our good practice in supporting our learners through our Pupil Equity Fund as we feature in the latest publication from Education Scotland "Pupil Equity Funding: looking inwards, outwards and forwards."