



Education Resources
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Woodie News September 2023

Dear Parents/
 Carers

Our children are all settling in well to their classes and already we have introduced some new ideas we would like to share with you. This session, one of our Improvement Priorities is to focus on nurture and behaviour approaches across our school. Over the year we will be building a whole school Relationship Blueprint and want you to be part of this process. The first phase has been the introduction of 'three relentless routines' for the whole school to use. These are:

1. Our hand signal
2. Woodie Walking
3. Line orders for each class



Every classroom now has a 'Recognition' board which encourages pupils to work towards a specific class target in line with our whole school rules. We have been talking to the children lots about our new systems and following this up at our Assemblies too. It is early days, but all our children are responding really well. Ask your child to show you their Woodie Walking!

We have re-structured the way our Friday afternoons will look like as we introduce a mixture of Assemblies, Pupil Voice groups and Masterclasses. All children will be given the opportunity to be part of a 'Pupil Voice' group which will meet once a month to discuss ideas and changes in our school. Friday afternoon Assemblies will focus on our school Values and Children's Rights. We will all be learning some basic British Sign Language too! Later in October Masterclasses will begin and our children will be able to select a class from a range of fun activities.

A big highlight on a Friday will continue to be our '**Star of the Week**'. Read over to see what we are looking for this year. Our new routine will start next week and as you can see Friday afternoons are going to be super busy! I will keep you updated with how it's all going.

If you would like to be part of our 'Parental Improvement Group' to share your ideas, opinions and support changes in Woodside I am looking to meet on **Wednesday 13th Sep at 2pm**. If you would like to come along please contact me directly by phone. It would be great to have your input.

Look out for next weeks 'Class Newsletter' which will let you see what your child will be learning about this term. I will also keep you updated on our development work as the year progresses.

Kind regards
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Dates For Your Diary	
4 th Sep	Class Newsletters on Parents Portal this week.
7 th Sep	Parent Council meeting at 7pm School Photos
11 th Sep	Homework starts. Read our new policy
13 th Sep	Parental Improvement group meeting at 2pm
20 th Sep	P6 Lockerbie presentation 6.15-7.15pm
22 nd Sep	Holiday
25 th Sep	Holiday
26 th Sep	Maths Week Scotland
5 th Oct	Parental Meetings in school 3.15pm-8pm
6 th Oct	Newsletter Online Dress Down Day Flu Vaccinations
16 th - 20 th Oct	Holiday

Parent Council

The first Parent Council meeting for the new sessions takes place on **Thursday 7th September at 7pm** in the school. It is so important that our Parent Council body is a true representation of Woodside. If you are free, and would like to get to know about what goes on in Woodside then please come along and support the work of our school.



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Star of the Week and Hot Chocolate

This year our Star of the Week certificates will focus on the Curriculum for Excellence 4 capacities.

We will be looking for children who demonstrate that they are **Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens or Effective Contributors.**

Over the course of the year, every child will have their special moment and will have the chance to have a wee hot chocolate and a small biscuit, usually a Custard Cream, with the 'Heidie' in the staffroom. It's my favourite part of the week!

If your child has any allergies which would prevent them from taking part please contact me directly. Thank you.

Star of the Week will start next Friday.



Mrs Hughes



After 3 years in Woodside, Mrs Hughes, is leaving our School Support Team and returning to her Nursing career. I just want to say a big 'Thank You' to Mrs Hughes for supporting and looking after our children.

We all wish you every success for the future.

House Captains

Our Primary 7 House and Vice Captains were voted for by our children and announced at the end of last term. Our Primary 1 children and any new children to the school will be sorted into a House very soon.

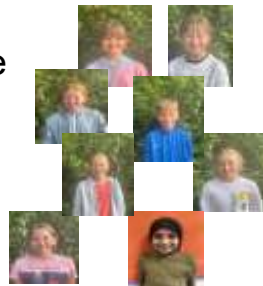
Our Captains and Vice Captains for this year are as follows:-

Ash—Sophie and Charlotte

Chestnut— Mya and Luke

Maple— Daisy and Mia

Oak— Millie and Manar



Children collect House Points for good behaviour and helping round the school. A small House prize is given out every term. Watch this space!

Lockerbie Manor



57 Primary 7 children have had a ball this week at Lockerbie Manor. They have had an incredible time, canoeing, abseiling, cycling and loads more. The weather has been good for them too. I hope all our P7 parents have their washing machines ready to go! A massive 'Thank you' to Miss Officer, Miss Wilson, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Swan for leaving their own home lives and looking after our P7 crew this week.

A few Primary 7 children have taken part in a school based activities this week including gardening in our playground, going to the park, cooking and lots more. The children have all been very well behaved and been a real credit to Woodside



Homework After consultation with parents at the end of last session, we have devised a new homework policy. A copy of this can be found on Parentsportal, please have a read. Homework will now start week beginning **11th September**. Our new Homework routine will be as follows:-

Week 1—Literacy tasks in a jotter

Week 2—Numeracy/ maths tasks on a worksheet.

Homework will be issued on a Monday and should be returned no later than the next Monday. Please support our teachers by helping your child to complete their homework. Thank you