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# Woodie News October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe it's only 1 week until the October break. It has been such a fast term!

We were delighted to welcome you in to our Parental Meetings yesterday. It was really good to see everyone and I hope you found your meeting helpful and informative. We reckon **96%** of our parents came along. I know 'Parentsportal' had caused a few issues and some of you were unable to get booked in. Fingers crossed everyone is now online and our next meeting in May will be more straightforward! If you were unable to come along on the night, we will be doing catch up phone calls on Wednesday, 11th October in the morning, after 9.15am. The class teacher will be in contact with you then. Please look out for a call from a withheld number. Next term, we will be inviting you in to visit your child's classroom to experience some learning with them. More information regarding this will follow, but keep the morning of **Friday 1st December** free.



Thank you for all the responses regarding our Relationship Blueprint questionnaire. I will spend the next few days reading these. Your thoughts and opinions really matter and will help shape the discussions we have as a staff. I will consult you again in November to get your opinion on a new Anti Bullying policy. I am meeting with a group of parents to discuss this on Thursday 12th Oct at 2pm. If you are free, please give me a call to come along and join us.

Next Friday our children will be taking part in their first Masterclass sessions, they have been selecting from a range of activities they would like to take part in that are happening on their floor. There is loads to choose from e.g. Lego, crafts, technology, sports, music, BSL and many more. A massive **'thank you'** to the S6 pupils from HGS who are coming along to run a variety of different classes too. The children will have 3 sessions at their chosen Masterclass and then they will select another class later in the year.



Finally, enjoy the October break when it comes.

Kind regards,

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Dates For Your Diary	
11th Oct	Catch up Parental phone calls
12th Oct	Parent Council Discos 6.15pm - P1-4 7.30pm—P5-7
16th - 20th Oct	Holiday
26th Oct	Parental Workshop More info to
3rd Nov	Newsletter
9th Nov	Parent Council
13th Nov	INSET day. Children not in school.
30th Nov	Dress down day ( Scottish theme) Dress down day. £1 donation
1st Dec	Newsletter online Parental Open Event

Each term, every class will post a few photographs of the children. Please make sure you have contacted us if you **DO NOT** grant photographic permission.





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## School Improvement Plan update

Our targets for this session are as follows:-

- Continue to ensure our curriculum design and learner pathways are fit for purpose.
- Introduce Talk4Writing non-fiction approach.
- Build a learning environment that is built upon positive, nurturing and appropriately challenging relationships.
- Continue to close our numeracy and literacy attainment gap and develop parental engagement.



So far we have.....

- Introduced new 'Star of the Week' certificates which highlight the 4 capacities, Successful Learners, Responsible Citizens, Effective Contributors and Confident Individuals.
- Class teachers linking learning experiences to the 4 capacities.
- All class teachers involved in working parties looking at our Health and Wellbeing, Technologies, PE planners and curriculum content.
- All staff participating in discussions regarding the creation of our Relationship Blueprint. School hand signal used by everyone, Woodie Walking introduced and class lines used by every teacher.
- Almost all parents consulted on our Relationship Blueprint via questionnaire at parental meeting.
- Recognition boards displaying clear targets visible in all classes.
- All Primary 1 pupils taken part in the SLC FLIPP programme for their phonics.
- All children requiring targeted supports for literacy /numeracy are timetabled.
- All children introduced to BSL greeting signs.
- All children introduced to the fact they have Rights.
- Targeted parental supports in place, through workshops and learning with child opportunities.
- **Coming soon...** Parental postcards home and consultation on our Anti Bullying policy.



## Participatory Budget

Thank you for voting on what we should spend our Participatory Budget on. The votes have all be counted and the winner is:-

**Fidget toys and de-escalation station**



## A-Z of Attachment

As a staff we have all been trained on the SLC's Attachment Strategy. This underpins our behaviour management strategies with the children in Woodside and we are using this to inform the work of our Relationship Blueprint. I have included the A-Z of 'Attachment' for parents to use. Please have a wee read. This is a useful resource, helping you to think about and understand the importance of how to communicate and behave towards your child to ensure they feel safe, happy and secure in life.

**School Trips**—We have listened to your views regarding school trips. This year we will ensure every year group will go on a trip together. However, due to the size of our school, our year groups are large. This will mean a couple of buses or trips may happen over a couple of dates. There will be a charge for each trip, but we will try to keep this to a minimum to support our families where we can. Trips won't take place until later in the year and will be linked to your children's learning experiences in school.

**Period Products**- Just a reminder that we offer free period products to all our female pupils. The girls on the top floor all know where to access these in school. If extra products are required during school holidays, please contact the school office.



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## Absence rates

We always monitor our absences across the school and will get in touch with you by letter if your **child's attendance rate drops** or if they are **often late** for school. We will be sending our letters out before the October holiday. Evelyn McGonagle, our Youth, Family and Community Learning Officer can support families to help improve attendance rates. The table below highlights the importance of being in school.

<b>100%</b>	<b>0 days missed</b>	<b>Best possible chance of success and reaching full potential</b>
<b>95%</b>	<b>9 Days of Absence</b>	<b>1 week and 4 days learning missed Is likely to make it harder to achieve full potential and secure the best possible outcomes</b>
<b>90%</b>	<b>19 days of Absence</b>	<b>3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed</b>
<b>85%</b>	<b>27 Days of Absence</b>	<b>5 weeks and 3 days of Learning Missed - Is likely to impact significantly on learning and progress which can lead to poorer outcomes in achievement, wellbeing and social development.</b>

## Outdoor Maths and Outdoor PE

As the weather now takes a turn it is really important that you send your child to school with a waterproof jacket on. All our children are timetabled for a weekly outdoor maths lesson, and most of our classes will participate in outdoor PE. We try out best to ensure our children get outdoors at break times and lunchtimes too, unless it is extremely wet! Please can I stress the importance of labelling all your child's school clothes as already our lost property is overflowing.

Any unclaimed items without names will be taken to our school clothing bank at the back of Sainsburys Local at the end of next week.



## Equity Update

Miss McLarnon, our Equity Lead, and Evelyn our YFCL Officer had a 'Come and Meet Us' drop in session early in the term. A big 'Thank You' to those parents who came along and especially to our new Primary 1 parents.

Literacy workshops for targeted P1-7 parents are currently ongoing and it has been great to see the partnership working between our parents and their children.

Keep your eyes peeled for Equity updates and more workshops next term.