



Education Resources
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Dear Parents/Carers

Here at Woodside we are working towards our **Rights Respecting School Accreditation**. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is an international human rights treaty that grants all children under the age of 18 a set of comprehensive rights. The rights are made up of 54 Articles, with Articles 43-54 stating how parents/carers and governments should work together to fulfil these rights. Articles 1-42 explain each right that every child is entitled to. For example, Article 28- the right to an education, Article 8- the right to an identity. In school we have been exploring some of these articles through Assemblies and we have a Rights Reinforcers Pupil Voice Group who are highlighting these rights in different ways around the school.



On Friday at Assembly the children learned about Duty Bearers (the adults who have the responsibility to protect, respect and fulfil these rights e.g. parents, teachers, coaches etc) and Rights Holders (the children).

In December 2023 Scottish Parliament unanimously passed the UNCRC bill and are currently waiting on royal assent to make the bill Scottish Law. Please check the school website for a copy of the UNCRC Rights of the Child Poster that we use within the school.

As we are now at the mid point of this school session I wanted to give you an update on our Improvement Plan and our Pupil Equity Fund. Please read over the page to see what work we have covered already this year and what we have been spending our money on.

I hope you read the letter about our upcoming educational outing for every class and you are all happy to contribute **£5 per child** towards the cost of these. If you require support with this payment, please give me a wee call. Parents will need to sign up to Parentsportal to click the consent button to allow your child to attend their trip. Any questions, please call the office.

Our teaching staff are currently working on your child's school written report. This mid year report will give you an update on their progress, this will be followed by a parental meeting in the final term. We aim to get these on Parentsportal at some point in March.

If you require any more information or just fancy a catch up then please get in touch.

Kind regards,
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9th Feb	Dress Down Day £1 donation
12th Feb	HOLIDAY
13th Feb	HOLIDAY
14th Feb	Inset day for staff only
29th Feb	Parent Council Disco Details to follow
1st March	Newsletter online
21st March	Parent Council AGM at 7pm. All welcome
28th March	Newsletter online School closes at:- 2.30pm

British Sign Language

This year we are introducing our children to some basic BSL. We have sent you a copy of these so that you can learn them along with us. Ask your child to demonstrate them for you. We can all learn together!

Primary 7 Writers



Well Done to some of our Primary 7 children who were successful in the Young Writers competition. Their work is being published in a book called 'Crazy Creatures, Tales of Adventure'.



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School Improvement Plan update

Please find below a brief summary of the work we have been doing this session so far which is linked to our School Improvement Plan

- ⇒ All staff continue to be engaged in curriculum development, focusing on Health and Wellbeing, Technologies and Physical education.
- ⇒ All staff starting to link learning experiences to the 4 capacities.
- ⇒ Our Relationship Blueprint has now been developed and is being implemented across the school.
- ⇒ Through Assemblies we have introduced Children's Rights and some basic British Sign Language.
- ⇒ All staff developing Talk4Writing non fiction in their classes.
- ⇒ Place2Be and our YFCL Officer continue to support children and families.
- ⇒ We continue to focus on our 'gap' by providing additional targeted supports for children.



For more detailed information, copies of both our 'Recovery Plan 2023-24' and our 'Standards and Quality Report' are available on our school website. For a quick and easy read there is also a parental version of both documents online.

This year we were allocated the sum of £121,275 as our Pupil Equity Fund. This money has now been used to purchase, extra teaching staffing, extra Support Staff, Place2Be service, Youth, Community and Family Learning Officer Service, payment for afterschool clubs, literacy materials and maths equipment.

5% of this budget, £6063.75 has been used to purchase fidget toys and nurturing resources for every class. These will be introduced to classes soon.

A Book and blether

Our Book and Blether sessions have started again in the café attached to St John's Church. Every class will get the opportunity to go and read a story book to a visitor in the café. These are taking place EVERY Wednesday at 11am. Please feel free to pop along, have a cuppa and enjoy a story being read to you by one of our fab children.



Burns Competition

Our Primary 4-7 Burns Competition will take place in school on Friday 16th February. More information will follow. Check our Twitter feed for our 2 winners and 2 runners up. These children will go through to the Hamilton District competition. If your child would like to take part, then they need to learn one of the poems posted on their Google Classroom.



Next week is **Children's Mental Health Week**. We are working in partnership with Place2Be to highlight this in school. The theme for this year is '**My Voice Matters**'. Claire, our school's Place2Be councillor will be working with each class on Monday or Tuesday. **Next week, instead of our usual homework task, we will be sending home an activity for the children to talk about. We have included a family pack giving you ideas of ways to support your child at home.** Miss McLarnon and Evelyn our

YFCL Officer are offering a parental workshop on **Wednesday 7th February from 9.15-10.30am** on '**My Voice Matters**' supporting **Children's Mental Health Week**. This workshop will explore emotional wellbeing and the importance of active listening. We will finish the week having a dress down day on Friday, 9th February. This is an opportunity for the children to express themselves and let their wee personalities shine! As usual any donations are much appreciated and payable via ParentsPay or cash on the day. This helps to keep our school fund topped up. Thank you in advance for this. Our Primary 6 children are off to the Scottish Parliament so they need to come to school in their uniform as we want them looking fab when they go to Edinburgh.