



Education Resources
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Woodie News April(ish) 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I know its not technically April yet but I wanted to give you a final Newsletter before we finish for the holidays.

I need to say a massive '**thanks**' to the parents who have supported us when we have been out on our school trips. There has been many tired faces (not all children's) when I have met the buses returning at the end of the day. Primary 4 will have their trip to look forward to in May. Just a wee reminder that if you still have to pay your £5.00 for your trip, you can do this via ParentPay.

I hope you have taken the time read your child's Parental Report which was sent out via parentsportal. This new system has saved us a huge amount of time and paper however, like all good IT systems they are only fab when they work properly. Thanks for your patience as our Office Ladies worked their way through the endless phone calls and emails. They certainly deserve a Head Teachers Award for sorting all this out!

Ahead of next session, Mrs McKellar has now started to visit the local Nurseries to meet our future Primary 1 children and Mr Colvin from HGS has been in getting to know our Primary 7s. At present our numbers keep changing for August, so we are not yet in a position to start working on the make up of our classes. Our numbers again remain high, so this may mean a change of class for your child. Class configuration is a massive job in Woodside and as we consult with our teachers, it can take a few weeks to ensure we make the best decisions for all our children. Look out for an update on classes for August, next term.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that our new MUGA carpet arrives soon. The ground work has been prepared and I know the children are really excited. We have purchased some 'fab' new playground toys too, hopefully we will get them out in time for the better weather arriving!

Finally, I just wanted to 'thank you' for all your support and co-operation. Next term is always a busy one. We have our parental meeting with the teacher on **Thursday 9th of May from 3.15—8.00m when** we look forward to welcoming you into school. You will have the opportunity to select your time and book your appointment online via parentsportal, look out for information coming out via the portal, first week back.

Finally, a massive 'Well Done' to Oor Sophie, in Primary 7 who has made it through to the National Festival for Scottish School Children for her Burns recital. This is the furthest Woodside has ever been. We are so proud of her!

Whatever you are doing this holiday, enjoy the break from the school routine.

Kind regards,
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Dates For Your Diary

15th April	School returns
22nd April	Homework starts
2nd May	INSET School closed for children
6th May	HOLIDAY
9th May	Parents Meetings from 3.15-8pm
21st and 22nd May	P7 to HGS New P1 children to visit
24th May	HOLIDAY
27th May	HOLIDAY

Girls football

Well done to our fab team of girls who were out at a competition last week and won all 6 of their games. They never allowed any of the other teams to score a single goal!



Save the date

Our Parent Council are delighted to announce they will be holding a Woodside Summer Fayre on :-

Friday 7th June

Start gathering chocolate and bottles for the stalls



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Classroom Observations

The past few weeks, Mrs McKeller, Miss Officer and I have been visiting all the classes to see what is going on. Our main focus has been to see our new Relationship Blueprint in use. We thoroughly enjoyed being in the classes and getting to work with the children on their tasks.

We saw lots of positive use of the class Recognition Board and the children responding positively to their teacher's signals and any wee reminders. A big 'thank you' to all the staff for arranging our visits. It was a real treat. I even wore my red jumper to make me blend in!

Primary 6 cycling and Primary 5 swimming

Our Primary 6 children have started their 'Bikeability' training. This will take place every Tuesday for 10 weeks. I have seen many of our children out and about practicing their cycling skills in preparation for this. A big thanks to all the Mums and Dads who have pumped up tyres and sorted brakes to ensure their child can fully take part.

I would like to thank the team of parent helpers who are supporting us with this. We could not do this without you and appreciate you giving up your time to go to the full days training.

Thanks also to the parent helpers who are supporting our Primary 5 children as they begin their 12 weeks swimming programme. The children are loving it.

Assemblies

A few weeks ago, Miss Officer and Mrs McKellar led an important Rights Assembly which focussed on Articles 2 and 22 discussing Racism and the importance of everyone being included in our school.

I need to mention our fab House Captains. They have organised two very professional and entertaining Assemblies all by themselves where they led their 'House mates' through school updates, rule reminders, British Sign Language and anything else important to them. They have been so confident and very entertaining. I think they may all be after my job as the behaviour of their Housemates is incredible when they are running the show. Well done!



Staffing update

We welcome Miss Grieve to our Support Staff team. She will be with us Tuesday—Friday. Many of our children already know her as she is our boys' football coach and has led many sports clubs in our school. It's taking us all a bit of time to remember to call her by her school name!



Parent Council The Parent Council AGM took place on Thursday 21st of March. After many years Julie, our Chair and Claire, our Secretary have stepped down from their positions as both their children are ready to move on to HGS. Both ladies have done a power of work behind the scenes and have been big supporters of our school. Thank you very much. Our fabulous Summer Fayre will forever be your legacy!



I am delighted to let you know that Barry will now take over the position of Parent Council Chair and Ally as the Secretary. Jonny will continue to be our Treasurer. I am sure you will continue to support our Parent Council and we look forward to seeing some new members at our next meeting on **Thursday 16th May at 7pm**. All are welcome.

