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# Woodie News March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Its been a busy few weeks in school with Children's Mental Health Week, Burns Competitions and our JRSO officers encouraging us all at Assembly to 'Be Bright and Be Seen.' by wearing a reflective keyring on our school bag.



Miss McLarnon and Mrs Lawson led our staff team through a session on the Nurture principles during our recent Inset day. This ties in with the work we have been doing on building our Relationship Blueprint. We have purchased a selection of fidget toys as voted by parents and children for our Pupil Equity Fund spend. Each class has their own box of toys and they are available for any child who just needs that 'extra' wee bit of support in class. Our next step is to create small nurture nooks at the end of each corridor for when some children need a short break away from the classroom. I will keep you updated on this.



Your child's report card will be heading home to you very soon via Parentsportal (if you haven't signed up yet, please contact the school office) We write our reports half way through the year to give you an insight into your child's learning journey so far. Please remember this is a **mid year report** and highlights progress until mid February. Parental meeting will take place on **Thursday 9th of May**, giving you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Look out for more information coming soon.

I hope you all enjoyed the talking homework we put out as part of Children's Mental Health Week. Thank you to Claire from Place2Be who took part in an activity with every class in the school.



Finally we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Easter Service at St John's Church on **Friday 28th March at 10am**. This time our **P3, P4 and P5** children will be in the Church building and the rest of our school will beam in live.

Take care everyone,  
 Elaine Renwick  
 Head Teacher

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## Dates For Your Diary

<b>21st March</b>	Parent Council AGM at 7pm in school All welcome
<b>28th March</b>	Easter service at St John's Church at 10am School closes at 2.30pm Newsletter out
<b>15th April</b>	School returns
<b>2nd May</b>	<b>INSET</b> School closed for pupils
<b>6th May</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
<b>9th May</b>	Parental Meetings
<b>23rd May</b>	Dress down day
<b>24th and 27th May</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>

## Rights Respecting School Award

We are now a 'BRONZE' Rights Respecting School. Fantastic news!

A big Thank You to Mrs Lawson and our Pupil Voice group who worked hard to collect all the evidence and submit the application.





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## School Trips

Over the next few weeks every class in the school will experience a school trip. These have been linked to learning experiences the children have already had in the classroom. Our Primary 6 classes recently went through to Edinburgh to visit the Scottish Parliament and had a fantastic time. This was followed up by a visit to our school from Christina McKelvie, our local MSP. Our Primary 5 children took part in workshops and explored the Glasgow Science centre last week. Our children always do us proud when they are outside of school, displaying excellent behaviour and manners at all times.



Later this month, Primary 1 will be off to the Science Centre, Primary 2 will be visiting the Museum of Rural Life, Primary 3 will go to Summerlee Museum and our Primary 7s are off to the Sky Studios in Livingstone. In May, our Primary 4 children will visit Colzium Estate.

All trips have been organised by 'year group' as per the feedback from consultation with parents. This has made sourcing buses a bit tricky and really expensive as we can have over 80 children out on a trip. A big 'Thank You' to Miss McLarnon and Mrs Mitchell for organising these.

The cost of each class trip is £5 and should be paid through 'ParentPay,' Thank you to those of you who have already done this. All information and permissions for the trip will be emailed to you via 'Parentsportal'. This must be completed to allow your child to attend. If you have any issues with the cost of your child's school trip, then please contact the school office.

## Masterclasses

Our children have now chosen their new 'Masterclass' for the remainder of this session. Our Friday afternoon Masterclasses have been a big hit with the children. They provide an opportunity to learn fun new skills, mix with other pupils and get to know different staff members. The children are able to choose their top three from a variety of different classes. These included :-

For the top floor - science, BSL, orienteering, coding, Lego, history, debating, crafts and badminton

For the middle floor - cartoons, Lego, yoga, meditation, athletics, music and scratch.

On the bottom floor - crafts, Lego, using tech, puzzles, modelling and games.....What would you choose?

We have a fab team of S6 pupils from HGS who come along and lead some of the classes. The children love working with them as they are all so cool and enthusiastic.

Our children will attend their new Masterclass mid March and have 3 sessions before the end of the year. Thanks to all our staff who have made this new experience great fun!



## Burns competition

Thanks to those who came and supported the children who took part in our school Burns Competition, and to our judges who had a very difficult job. 'Well Done' to Georgia, Jacob, (P4-5) and Sophie and David (P6-7) who were our Winners and runners up. The children then went on to represent Woodside at the Hamilton Burns Competition. They were all very confident and I was so proud of them. Big congratulations to Sophie who won her category and will now progress through to the Lanarkshire Regional Final .



**Dress Down Day— Our Dress Down day on Friday 9th Feb raised £210**