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# Woodie News June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

May was a busy month and it was great to see **97%** of you at our parental meetings.



The children thoroughly enjoyed our busy Careers week. We had lots of different business stalls in the hall for 2 days and our P4-7 children could therefore select who they wanted to speak to. I think all the freebies they were giving out helped a lot too. A big 'Thank You' to all the businesses and parents who supported this event and to Mrs Callaghan for organising it all.



Our Animal themed dress down day was great fun. Who knew we had so many cute and wild animals within our school. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated money on the day. We raised £420 which will be put in the school fund for next session. Thank you to everyone who brought in old blankets and towels. These have now been delivered to the local RSPCA, who will be coming into the school for an Assembly later this month.

The fun continues with our Sports days and Health Week. Mrs Aitcheson has spoken to all our children regarding their sports days and this year they have chosen what they want to do. Fingers crossed we get dry days which ideally are not as warm as last year! Our new Muga is going to make a big difference as we are able to have some fun with some old fashioned sack races without the fear of cut knees. Mrs Lawson is currently designing our Health week too. Again a new approach this year as each day will have a different theme:- Emotional health, Physical health, Food health, Children's Rights and Creativity day. Look out for a letter with more information coming soon.

There will be updates coming in the next few weeks regarding next years classes so please keep checking your parentsportal account and Twitter for more information. Read over for more information

Finally we are now on the count down to the Summer holidays please do not feel the need to send in gifts at the end of term, your support is all we need. Thank you! I will hopefully see you tonight at our Summer Fayre.

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## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 7th June	Parent Council Summer Fayre 6.30-8.30pm
Monday 10th June	P2 and P1 sports
Tuesday 11th June	P3 and P4 sports
Wednesday 14th June	P5 sports
Thursday 13th June	P6 and P7 sports
Monday 17th June	Health week More info to follow
Friday 21st June	Primary 7 Leavers Assembly at St Johns Church
Wednesday 26th June	School closes at 1pm Happy Holidays

**Engine Idling** Just a polite reminder about switching off your car engine when you are parks at drop off and pick up times. This is appreciated by our local neighbours.

**Double Well Done** to Sophie in Primary 7 who performed at the National Schools Burns final on Saturday 1st of June in Gourock. A massive achievement! On Saturday, Jack, in Primary 7 won the All-Around title at the Scottish Voluntary Cup by a giant 1.9marks. This Saturday, Jack will represent Scotland at the Under 12 British Teams competition, in Basildon, Essex. Good Luck!



**Hamilton Grammar School**

**Maths Challenge.** This news is hot off the press, but our P7 team (Ethan, Manar, Samantha and Stephon) smashed it yesterday and came first in the competition.





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## Transitions

It has been a very busy couple of weeks for our Primary 7 children. They have had 2 Transition days in Hamilton Grammar. I received a lovely email commending their attitude and behaviour. HGS teachers can't wait for them all to begin. Please check out the P7 transition area on the website for any new information. We have had visits to Holy Cross and Braidhurst High too.

'Soak the 7's' caused great entertainment and raised a fab £ 447. This money will be used towards their end of term 'Lock In' party.

P7 boys and girls, this is such a special time for you all. You really have been a responsible and caring Primary 7 year group. You have all worked very hard and been great role models for the rest of the children in our school. We are going to miss you and it's been a joy to watch you all grow over these past 7 years. Lots of fun activities are planned for the next few weeks. Good Luck with your next adventures!

We are expecting 69 ( it keeps changing ) new Primary 1 pupils in August. We were able to arrange 2 induction sessions and were so excited to meet them all. It was great to have a brief chat and share a presentation with their parents. On the website under the tab 'School News' there is a Primary 1 Transition Area. Please go on and have a wee look as we have added lots of guidance and information for our families.

**Room 3**— Lara and Julie from NHS Lanarkshire paid a special visit to the boys and girls in room 3 to present them with their own bears. This was after they won a 'Name the Bear' competition for the Hamilton area with the name Honey.



## Sporting Achievements

**Both our boys and girls football teams did well at the Davie Cooper Football event on Sunday 10th May and our girls got through to the semi finals. Well done everyone I was very proud of you.**



**Thank you to all the parents, family, staff and friends who came along to stand in the sunshine to cheer both teams on.**

**This year we came second place at the 'Hamilton Sporting School of the Year Award'. Iona and Ethan went to the ceremony at the Town**

## End of Term Service



Our Primary 7 Leavers service will take place on Friday 21st June at 10am. Our Primary 7 pupils and their wee Primary 2 Buddies will go to St Johns Church and the rest of the school will beam in live from Woodside. Primary 5 children will also join us at the Church as they missed their visit at Easter due to their swimming lessons. We are delighted that our Primary 7 parents/carers and friends can come along and join us at the Church. P7 parents (max 2) are invited to the Church hall for a cuppa and catch up after the service.

## A note from Mrs Gibney

*I would like to say a HUGE 'Thank You' to everyone who called, emailed and dropped by to see me before I finished my amazing 21 years in Woodside. I have been truly overwhelmed by the gifts and good wishes and I can tell you it has been my privilege to have met and taken care of your brilliant 'woodie weans'. I am going to miss all the fun and carry on, but I know Mrs Renwick and the gang will keep me updated with all the mad goings on! I wish you all well for the future and I've no doubt that our paths will cross again.*



Love Mrs G xx

## Youth, Family and Community Learning Officer

Just a wee reminder that Evelyn, our Youth, Family and Community Learning Officer will continue to work on Wednesday and Thursdays over the holidays. If you require any support or advice please contact her at:-



[gw09mcgonagleevelyn3@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw09mcgonagleevelyn3@glow.sch.uk) or on 07795090746



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## Classes and staffing updates for August 2024

As I write this, we will have **17** classes next session. These will be :- P1, P1, P1, P2, P2, P3, P3, P3/4 ( with 2 teachers) P4, P4/5 ( with 2 teachers )P5, P5, P6, P6, P6/7, P7 and P7, however this may change if we get any new children moving into our catchment. I will hopefully be in touch before the end of term to inform you of your child's class and teacher for next session. We have spent a considerable amount of time looking at each class make up and have based these initially on literacy learning groupings and then if possible, checking for a friendship. This is not an easy task and *I need to stress* that we are not able to move your child's class as almost all of our classes are full. I am currently working in partnership with SLC to secure a number of new teachers. Please be patient as we will have a number of staffing changes next session. As soon as I have any updates I will be in touch. We will aim to try to organise a 'Meet the teacher' slot before we finish for Summer.

I want to say a big 'Thank You' to Miss Mearns, Miss McAvoy, Mrs McDonald, Mrs McCahon, Miss O'Hanlin and Mrs Moffat who will all be moving on at the end of the session. Thank you for looking after our Woodside Weans.

Miss Wilson will be leaving us behind and joining her Primary 7 gang up at Hamilton Grammar as she takes on her new position as Transition Teacher. The good thing is she will be back to visit us loads. Gook Luck Miss Wilson you will be fab!



We will be welcoming back Mrs Bissett, Mrs Smith and Miss McEnroy who will all return on a part time basis for the year.

Mrs Mackenzie will be on maternity leave as she had a gorgeous wee baby boy called Matthew who arrived just a couple of days after she finished in Room 10. Mrs Allan will also remain on maternity leave.

Mrs Swan, one of our Support Assistants will be retiring at the end of term. She has been with us for 12 years and she has worked alongside so many special wee people, especially our Primary 5s this session. Thank you Mrs Swan, for all your guidance and patience with our children. She loves us so much she has even agreed to come back to go to Lockerbie! Enjoy lots of time with your family and the many new travelling adventures you have planned.

