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# Woodie News October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

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 **94%** of our parents came along. If you were unable to come along, we will be doing catch up phone calls on Wednesday 9th 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 find out more about how and what they are learning. More information regarding this will follow, but keep the morning of **Friday 29th November** free.

We have had a couple of changes to our staffing. We welcome Mrs Ailidh Wilson as our new Acting PT ( Wed— Fri ). Mrs Wilson works in High Mill Primary in Carluke and will be covering Mrs Lawson's maternity leave. She only started on Wednesday and is already trying her best to remember all the new faces and names!



Mrs Michelle McQuade has also joined our Support Staff team. She has been spending time in Room 10 and out in the playground meeting all our children. Its great to have both ladies with us.



We have found that our children have taken a bit of time to settle into school life this year, so after careful consideration we decided to take a wee break from having the toys in the playground. The Leadership Team have been out in the playground lots and we are hoping to reintroduce the toys next week, which I know the children will be super excited about.

Thanks to everyone who shared comments and ideas for the 4 questions we asked last night in the Gym Hall. I will look through these and share these with you later next term.

Thank you for your very kind Dress Down Day donations. We raised £318 . Our next Dress Down Day will take place on **Friday 11th October**. Our House Captains have chosen the theme of 'Silly Socks /Odd Socks'. Children can dress in casual clothes with their socks on show! Again, we kindly ask, if you can for a donation of £1. Thank you.

Finally, enjoy the October break when it comes.

Kind regards,  
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## Dates For Your Diary

<b>9th Oct</b>	Catch up Parental phone calls
<b>11th Oct</b>	Dress down day (silly/odd socks) Dress down day. £1 donation
<b>14th - 21st Oct</b>	Holiday
<b>29th Oct</b>	Flu vaccination
<b>3rd Nov</b>	Newsletter
<b>7th Nov</b>	School Discos (evening) More information to follow
<b>11th Nov</b>	INSET day. Children not in school.
<b>12th Nov</b>	Child Smile P1-4
<b>20th Nov</b>	Parent Council meeting at 7pm.
<b>29th Nov</b>	Parental Open Event (morning ) More information will follow
<b>6th Dec</b>	Newsletter online

Each term every class will now post a few photographs of the children.



Please make sure you have contacted us if you **DO NOT** grant permission.



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## School Improvement Plan update

Our targets for this session are as follows:-



- Enhance our curriculum by focussing on skills development, Sustainability and working towards the accreditation of our Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award.
- Introduce a 'Teach, Target, Play' approach in Primary 1 for maths and numeracy.
- Develop a 'Learning, Teaching and Assessment' policy to ensure consistency across the school.
- Continue to reduce our Numeracy, Reading and Writing gap.
- Continue to focus on school attendance.
- Continue to work in partnership with Place2Be and our Youth, Family and Community Learning Officer to provide supports for our targeted families and pupils.



In Woodside, so far this year

- All teaching staff have received input on the SLC Skills framework and the Skills working group are looking at the resources to support staff.
- All P5,P6 and P7 pupils ( next week ) will participate in an online 'Climate Ready Classroom' session from Keep Scotland Beautiful.
- Introduced Children's Rights of the Month and shared our at Rights Assemblies and with our parents in our Newsletter. These are displayed in each classroom.
- Our Primary 1 classes have introduced play during numeracy lessons.
- Teaching staff have evaluated our current learning, teaching and assessment approaches and parental ideas were gathered at our recent Parent Council meeting. Our staff working group have started to evaluate these.
- Teaching staff have received input on Assessment from SLC.
- Targeted support groups for literacy and numeracy have been timetabled and you will have received a note home if your child is participating in these.
- Place2Be has begun sessions with identified children.

**School Trips**—Last year we made a few changes to the organisation of our school trips, after taking on board your comments. We will continue to ensure every year group goes on a trip together. This will mean a couple of buses or trips may happen over a couple of dates. After consultation with our Parent Council, there will be a charge of £5 for each the class trip. Trips won't take place until later in the year and will be linked to your children's learning experiences in school. We want to give you plenty of time to manage this payment so a letter will come out next week with more information.



## Participatory Budget

Thank you for voting on what we should spend our £6063.75 Participatory Budget on. Once the votes have all been counted we will be in touch to announce the winner.



## Primary 6

As part of our Sustainability agenda Mrs Meechan has formed a great partnership with Low Waters Lot Community group and all our Primary 6 pupils have visited their new community park space, based at the top of Hutchison Street. Some children planted daffodil bulbs and others were involved in craft activities to decorate the park. We are excited to have formed this new link and look forward to future activities which will benefit our community.

**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 know and understand that ill health and injuries do happen but we always monitor our absences across the school and will get in touch with you by letter if your **child's attendance rate drops below 90%** 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.

<b>100%</b> Attendance	0 Days missed	Gives a child and young person the best chance of success and ensures that their full potential is achieved
<b>95%</b> Attendance	<b>9 Days</b> of Absence 1 week and 4 days learning missed	Is likely to make it harder to achieve full potential and secure the best possible outcomes
<b>90%</b> Attendance	<b>19 days</b> of Absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	
<b>85%</b> Attendance	<b>27 Days</b> of Absence 5 weeks and 3 days of Learning Missed Almost half a term missed	
<b>80%</b> Attendance	<b>36 days</b> of Absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed Half of a term missed	Is likely to impact significantly on learning and progress which can lead to poorer outcomes in achievement, wellbeing and social and emotional development
<b>75%</b> Attendance	<b>45 Days</b> of Absence 9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed Almost 1 whole term missed	

## 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 our 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 and packed lunches 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.

Children's Rights—This month we will be focussing on the below :-

## October Rights Of The Month

Theme:  
Harvest/  
food banks



### Article 6 (Life, Survival & Development)

The right to be alive.

### Article 24 (Health, Water, Food, Environment)

The right to health care, safe drinking water, nutritious food and to learn about being healthy.

### Article 27 (Food, clothing, a safe home)

The right to a safe place to live, appropriate clothing and food to eat.

