



Education Resources
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Woodie News February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to let you know that we have achieved our **Silver Rights Respecting School Award**. A big 'Thank You' to Mrs Lawson and Mrs Wilson who have led this work. Each month we highlight a selection of Rights to the children in Assembly. They continue to focus on these in class through clips and follow up activities. We also share our Rights focus with you in our Newsletters. It was a rigorous process requiring the submission of loads of evidence, then a 2 hour online assessment meeting. I need to thank the small group of enthusiastic pupils who talked about our school so passionately. Also, to the staff, parents and community group who were very positive. We are very proud of this achievement!



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.

As part of our '**Cost of the School Day**' policy we kindly ask that a payment of **£5 per child** is made towards your child's class trip. 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. Every class will experience an educational outing. P3 have been to New Lanark and Primary 6 went to the Scottish Parliament. Primary 7 will soon be off to the Science Centre, Primary 1 will visit the Transport Museum, Primary 5 are off to Whitelee Wind Farm and Primary 2 will visit the Museum of Rural Life. Information on these will follow shortly. Primary 4's trips is still being planned and we will update you as soon as we have all the information. Please can we ask if your trip has already taken place that you double check your payment. Any questions, please call the office. All monies raised from next week's Dress Down Day will go towards the bus costs for all outings. Thank you.

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 the reports on Parentsportal at some point in March.

Thank you for your patience as you safely navigate your way to and from school through the roadworks outside. The safety of all our children must remain our number 1 priority and we ask you to use the school crossings provided. To add to the safety measures SLC have put traffic cones in place also. Thank you for your continued patience at this time.

Enjoy the long weekend when it comes.

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Dates For Your Diary

14th Feb	Dress Down Day £1 donation
17th Feb	HOLIDAY
18th Feb	HOLIDAY
19th Feb	Inset day for staff only
6th March	Parent Council Disco Details to follow
7th March	Newsletter online
19th-March	Parent Council AGM at 7pm. All welcome
4th April	Newsletter online School closes at:- 2.30pm

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood curriculum

Please make sure you take time to read the updated curriculum content which is now on our school website. A letter outlining our work was sent to you on Thursday 6th Feb. Any questions then please give me a call.

Burns Competition

Our Primary 4 –7 Burns Competition will take place this morning in school. Check our Twitter feed later today for our 2 winners and 2 runners up. These children will go through to the Hamilton District competition. A big Thank You to Perrie, Caley and Arianna who will be entertaining us with their Highland dancing



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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 have undertaken training on the development of Skills and our Sustainability working party have organised Sustainability themed days for the end of this term.
- We have achieved the accreditation of our Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award.
- A 'Teach, Target, Play' approach has been introduced for Primary 1 for maths and numeracy.
- Teaching staff have received Assessment training.
- We continue to focus on our Numeracy, Reading and Writing gap and on school attendance.
- We continue to work in partnership with Place2Be and our Youth, Family and Community Learning Officer to provide supports for our targeted families and pupils.

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, literacy, numeracy and ICT equipment.

5% of this budget, £6063.75 has been used to purchase resources and staffing for afterschool clubs. This has included, cooking equipment, Primary 1 play resources, sports equipment and new technology resources.

Our focus has been in using this money in a sustainable way, whilst offering our children a new range of experiences. We have reviewed our After School programme to ensure all stages receive the offer of at least 3 different Afterschool Clubs by June 2025

Children's Mental Health Week

This week, in partnership with Place2Be, we have been focussing on **Children's Mental Health Week**, The theme has been '**Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**'. In class, all our children have been designing their 'Island of Personality', talking about what they are good at, thinking about their emotions and what makes them special. Joanne and Ross came in to lead a special Assembly linking to our emotions on Wednesday too. Evelyn our YFCL Officer is offering a Growth Mindset parental workshop on **Wednesday 12th February** from **9.15-10.30am** to link with this theme and suggesting ideas to help build your child's confidence and resilience. All parents are welcome. I hope you took the time to read through the information from Place2Be and found it helpful.



February Rights Of The Month

Theme:
Ethnicity,
Race &
Religion



Article 2 (Non-Discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



Article 30 (minority and ethnic groups)

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.



Anti Racist Learning Community Event

After the holiday, we will be working in partnership with our local schools, Beckford, Chatelherault, St John's and Quarter Primary to focus on the theme of Anti Racism. A big 'Thank You' to Mrs McKellar who developed all of this work. Our Primary 7 children will all be coming together to showcase their work later in the term.