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# Woodie News May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are back into a very busy and quick final term. With only 8 weeks to go there is so much to do!

We are now in the process of formulating our classes for next session. We look at every child's learning, and focus on their literacy. We spend a lot of time talking with class teachers to ensure we position each child in the correct class. Looking at our numbers this means that next session, there will be a change of class for all our children. We will have 17 classes with a few of these being composite classes. More details regarding classes will follow later in June.

Please remember your appointment with your child's class teachers for our **Parental Meetings on Thursday 8th May from 3.15-8.00pm**. We will be seeking your ideas and suggestions on our School Improvement Plan, so please pop into the Gym Hall to take a look at the information displayed. Our Senior Leadership Team will be on hand to answer any of your questions. Lost property and pre-loved uniform will also be available in the Gym Hall on your way out.

Before the Spring break we focussed on the theme of Sustainability throughout the school. All the children were introduced to this concept along with learning about the 17 Global Goals. Do you know about these? We had loads of different learning experiences going on across the school. Our Primary 1 - 3 children were learning about the Goals, and building peace paths, little homes and friendly walls. Room 3 also did a Litter pick in the playground.

Primary 4 focused on the effects of plastic and rubbish on the world. Primary 5 were introduced to the term biodiversity, Primary 6 looked at the Carbon Cycle and Primary 7 focused on different types of waste and ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. We also weighed the food waste in our Dinner Hall each day. A big 'Thank You' to Mrs Meechan, Miss Moonie and Miss Sutherland who organised all the lessons for the children. The children learned a lot and had great fun.

Enjoy the long weekend and I will look forward to seeing you all at the Parental Meetings next week.

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## Dates For Your Diary

Mon 5th May	HOLIDAY
Thurs 8th May	Parental Meetings 3.15pm-8pm
Mon 12th May	Careers Week
Thurs 14th May	7pm Parent Council all welcome online link to be sent
Tues 20th May and Wed 21st May	Primary 7 visits to Hamilton Grammar New Primary 1 children visit
Thurs 22nd May	PJ Dress down day £1 donation P7 STEM and sport event
Fri 23rd & Mon 26th May	HOLIDAY
Week beginning 2nd June	Sports days - more info to follow
Thursday 5th June	School closed to pupils for election
Fri 6th June	Newsletter
Friday 6th June	Parent Council Summer Fayre
Mon 16th June	Health Week begins Homework stops
Fri 20th June	P7 Leavers Service 10am at St Johns Church
Wed 25th June	School closes at 1pm



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## You said, we did.....

Back in October we asked for your suggestions regarding our strengths, weaknesses and improvements we could make. We took your comments on board and tried to address those which we could.

This session we have .....

- ⇒ Introduced more afterschool clubs for every stage. See over the page.
- ⇒ Offered the option to join the Parent Council meeting online.
- ⇒ Offered Parental Workshops on Autism, ADHD, Attachment and Sleep (still to come)
- ⇒ Had more fun days, Woodies Got Talent, Silly Sock day, Wear Something You Love , PJ's to school ( still to come)
- ⇒ Introduced the P7 hoodies *slightly* earlier (delivery let us down on this ).
- ⇒ Reorganised our Masterclass timetable.

We also put a questionnaire out to our children last session to get their suggestions.

## They said, we did.....

- Provided their Masterclasses closer together.
- Organised a school talent show to showcase their talents
- Had 2 Assemblies to share the Pupil Voice groups news, as the children wanted more opportunities to do this.
- Organised more lunchtime and playtime clubs ( see over the page).
- Ms More is currently working on a whole school British Sign Language programme.



## Primary 1, 4 and 7 National Assessments

Our Primary 4 and 7 children completed these last term as part of their daily work programme. Our Primary 1 children will complete these soon. Please do not panic! Our children do not have to revise or prepare for assessments. The system is designed to adapt so that if a child is experiencing difficulty the questions will get easier and if a child is doing well the questions will become more challenging. There is no pass or fail. Please remember that our teachers, through their day to day teaching, have a very good idea of how your child is progressing. The Scottish National Standardised Assessments are used to provide extra information for the teachers, however professional judgement will always carry the most weight. If you need more information then please have a wee read on the SNSA website :-

<https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers>

**Football Teams** A big well done to both our boys and girls football teams who played in the Davy Cooper Soccer 7s last Sunday. Both teams tried their best and displayed great team skills.

Our boys made it through to the semi finals and came 3rd overall. Great news boys!



I need to thank all the parents, children and staff who came along to support both teams. A special mention to Miss Grieve who is our school football coach.

## Careers Week

Our Careers Week will begin on Monday 12th May. A big 'Thank You' to all our parents, carers and friends who are coming into the school to talk to our classes about their jobs. Thank you to Mrs Callaghan for organising this.



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**Afterschool Clubs** We took onboard your suggestions about more afterschool clubs. This year we had a great selection and I need to say a **massive** 'Thank You' to the teaching staff who gave up their free time to run clubs, on a **voluntary basis**. Thank you to Miss Harris, Miss Moonie, Mrs Grady, Miss Sutherland, Miss Stirling, Miss Noble, Mrs Gilmour, Miss Mearns, Mrs Smith, Miss McLarnon, Mrs Aitcheson, Mrs Wilson, Miss Officer and Mrs McKellar.

A big 'Thank You' to the P7 children who offered **all stages** (P1—7) a variety of playtime clubs across this session. These included football, basketball, dodgeball, arts and crafts, STEM, lego, movie club, rugby, running, ICT, drama, dance, active games and gymnastics.

## Afterschool Club

## Lunchtime Club

P1	Play club & Multi sports	Fun and Fitness
P2	Multi sports, Story Club & Play club	Fun and Fitness
P3	Mini Football, Drama Club & Multi sports	Fun and Fitness
P4	Photography, Mini Football & Multi sports	
P5	Athletics, Big Singing & STEM	
P6	Netball, Running, Dance Girl's football, Dodgeball, Junior Librarians & Big Singing	
P7	Girls and boys football, Running, Athletics, Dance & Big Singing	

**Transitions** We all know that the transition into Primary and Secondary school is hugely important. Mrs McKellar is visiting and working in partnership alongside our feeder nurseries to learn about our new Primary 1 pupils. We look forward to welcoming our new children and their families when they visit Woodside on the **20th and 21st of May**. Miss Officer is working in partnership with Hamilton Grammar and Hamilton College to ensure the smooth transition of all our P7 pupils. The maths department at the Grammar has already been out working with the children when they took part in the P7 Maths Challenge. We also have an exciting P7 sport and S.T.E.M event at the Palace Grounds on 22nd May.

**Staffing news** Mrs Laura Williamson will be joining our team permanently every Mon – Wed in rooms 6,13,10,1,7,14 and 2 starting the end of May. She will be taking over from Mrs Grady who will remain with us on a Thursday and Friday in rooms 8, 14, 15 and 16.

Big congratulations to Mrs Abercombie on the arrival of wee baby Haven.



## May Rights Of The Month

Theme:

Cyber Safety



### Article 16 (protection of privacy)

Every child has the right to privacy. The law must protect children's privacy, family, home, communications and reputation (or good name) from any attack.



### Article 18 (responsibility of parents)

Parents and guardians should always consider what is best for that child. Governments should help them. Where a child has both parents, both of them should be responsible for bringing up the child.



### Article 19 (protection from violence and abuse)

Governments must protect children from violence, abuse and being neglected by anyone who looks after them.

