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# Woodie News June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

May was a busy month and it was great to see **93%** 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.



For the first time ever I ironed my PJs to wear them to school. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated money on the day. We raised **£215** which will be put in the school fund for next session. It was so nice watching the children running about in the sun in their PJs



Our Primary 4 children went on the final trip of the year to Colzium Castle. They had a glorious day in the sun enjoying an informative workshop then a great time playing in the park. Thanks to everyone who has paid their £5 towards their child's outing this year. Just a wee reminder to do this on ParentsPay before the end of June please.



A big 'Thank You' to Mrs Aitcheson who managed and lead all our sports days this week. It was great to see so many of you coming along and getting involved, even it was a bit soggy and windy! Mrs Wilson is currently designing our Health Week.

There will be updates coming in the next few weeks regarding next years classes so please keep checking your parentsportal account . 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

<b>Friday 6th June</b>	<b>Parent Council Summer Fayre</b> <b>6.30-8.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 17th June</b>	<b>Health week</b>
<b>Friday 20th June</b>	<b>Primary 7 Leavers Assembly at 10am St Johns Church</b>
<b>Wednesday 25th June</b>	<b>School closes at 1pm Happy Holidays</b>

**Hamilton Grammar School Maths Challenge.** Well done to our P7 team (Edith, Charlie, Martin and Kyle) who went to the final of the Hamilton Grammar School Maths challenge. We came second, narrowly missing the top spot by only one point!



## Tesco Community Grant

Thanks to a clever parent, we received £500 from Tesco. We purchased lots of new toys for our playground which arrived just in time for the good weather. New wee cars, see- saws, skateboards and Connect 4 boards! Luckily they arrived in time for the sunshine.



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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, which I know they all thoroughly enjoyed. Please check out the P7 transition area on the website for any new information. We have had visits to Hamilton College too!



'Soak the 7's' caused great entertainment and raised a fab £ 481. 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, caring and fun Primary 7 year group. You have had some fun opportunities recently, sports with the Army, and a workshop with the band Saint Phnx Lucky you! Still to come is their day out at Chatelherault Park, Leavers Lock In and a P7 Breakfast, enjoy.

We are expecting 58 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.

## Sporting Achievements

**Last week we attended the 'Hamilton Sporting School of the Year Award'. Jack, Marion and Jack went to the ceremony at the Town House. A big 'Thank You' to Miss Grieve and Mrs Grady who also went along.**

## Youth, Family and Community Learning Officer



After 5 years working in partnership with us in Woodside, Evelyn has decided to reduce her working days. I know she has been a huge support and friend to many of our families over the years.

Evelyn played a crucial role in our school post covid and over the past few years she has delivered informative parental workshops, visited families at home to support attendance/ school work and offered loads of financial and emotional advice. She is a great listening ear.

We will miss her cheery smile in our school and thank her for all her great advice, patience and fun! Enjoy having more 'Evelyn time.'

## End of Term Service

Our Primary 7 Leavers service will take place on Friday 20th 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. 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.



## PVGs

We popped out a letter in May highlighting the changes in the law and the fact that now EVERY parental helper on a school trip will need to have a PVG. This means we will no longer be phoning parents and requesting your help if you do not have one of these. To help us get organised for next session and start planning our outings we need as many parents as possible to gain a PVG. If you would be available for a trip/trips please can you bring or email us a copy of 2 proofs of your address ( electricity bill, Council Tax etc) and photographic evidence either your driving license or passport. Without an army of helpers we may not be able to have trips.

## Bikeability

**Well done to 66 Primary 6 pupils who successfully gained their Level 1 Bikeability Certificate. A big 'Thank You' to the team of staff and parents who helped deliver this.**

## Classes and staffing updates for August 2025

As I write this, we will have **17** classes next session. These will be :- P1, P1, P1/2, P2, P2, P3, P3, P4, P4, P4/5 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.

We have welcomed a new Support Staff member to our team, Mrs Rabia Ahmad  
Great to have you with us before the summer.



I want to say a big 'Thank You' to Miss Mearns, Miss McAvoy, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Grady, Miss Sutherland, Miss Harris, Miss Stirling and Mrs Wilson who will all be moving on at the end of the session. Thank you for looking after our Woodside Weans.

We will be welcoming back Mrs Allan who will be returning on a part time basis for the year.



Mrs Burke, has decided to retire and enjoy some well earned time with her husband. She has been teaching for 37 years, remaining with us for 31 years. We reckon she has taught over 1000 Woodies weans, what an achievement! Mrs Burke has always been a calm, committed and professional member of our team. Thank you Mrs Burke, for your dedication to education and shaping so many young lives . Enjoy this exciting new chapter. I know you are looking forward to relaxing at your Tai Chi class and learning new skills.

## June Rights Of The Month

Theme:  
Health  
Week

### Article 24 (Health, water, food and environment)

Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water to drink, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in. All adults and children should have information about how to stay safe and healthy.



### Article 6 (Life, survival and development)

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.



### Article 31 (Leisure, play and culture)

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural activities.



## Place2Be



Lucy our Place2Be

Counsellor will be leaving us next Monday. She has been with us for a short time but made a big impact on some wee people in our school. Thank you to all the parents who recently completed the online questionnaire about this service. We have listened to your feedback and we are currently working with Place2Be to find a new counsellor for after the holidays.