



Education Resources
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Woodie News September 2025

Dear Parent/Carers

We have had a really positive start back to the new term. I am impressed with how well the children have settled into their new classes. We have also had lots of very 'caring' children helping their peers and our new Primary 1 pupils. Loads of postcards have already been sent home!

Our 'Relationship Blueprint' remains high profile and has been evident across all aspects of the school. Please take the time to read our 'Promoting Positive Behaviour Blueprint' on the school website. I need to highlight the section **"We would like parents to:"** as your support with our policy is important, in school, at home and on the school bus.



All our Primary 3-7 children have now selected which Pupil Voice group they would like to be part of this session and they will meet their group for the first time in a couple of weeks. Our Primary 1 children will focus on helping their teachers organise play and the Primary 2 children will continue with special visits to Centenary Gardens sheltered housing complex.

We continue to work on Children's Rights and linking these to the Global Goals. Each month we will have a Rights focussed Assembly. For your information, I will share which Children's Rights we are focussing on in our monthly Newsletters too.

Throughout the school year we work on our School Improvement Plan and welcome parents/carers ideas and opinions. If you are interested in being part of a group to support changes then please contact me directly by phone. I am holding the first informal meeting on **Friday 12th September at 9.30am**. It would be great to have your input. For your information this session's School Improvement and Quality Plan is on our school website. Please have a read as this informs you of our key highlights from last session and our action plans for the year ahead.

Attendance at school is highly important. **We need your children in school everyday!** If your child is absent please inform the school office of the reason for this. I monitor attendance closely and if it falls under 90% we will be in touch. Read over to learn about the new SLC campaign on school attendance.

Finally, over the next few weeks I will be seeking your views on which Social Media platform we should use as a school and should we have more homework on line? We will also be launching our new Woodie Wonder Wall, celebrating all our children's out of school achievements.

Kind regards
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Dates For Your Diary

11th Sep 6.15-7.15pm	P1 Parental information night
12th Sep	Parental School Improvement group meeting
16th Sep	School photos Details to follow
27th & 30th Sep	Holiday
22nd Sep	Maths week Scotland. Homework will link to this
26th & 29th Sep	Holiday
2nd Oct	Parental meetings with the teacher in school. Details to follow.
10th Oct	Dress down day £1 donation (dress in House Colours)
13th Oct - 17th Oct	Holiday

Parent Council

The first Parent Council meeting for the new sessions took place this week. Barry Naismith is the Chair of our Parent Council and he is on the hunt for new members to come and join in. It is so important that our Parent Council body is a true representation of Woodside. If you are free, and would like to get to know about what goes on in Woodside then please come along and support the work of our school. The next meeting will be on **Wed 19th Nov at 7pm.**



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Star of the Week and Hot Chocolate

Our Star of the Week certificates will focus on the Curriculum for Excellence 4 capacities.

We will be looking for children who demonstrate that they are **Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens or Effective Contributors.**



Over the course of the year, every child will have their special moment and will have the chance to have a wee hot chocolate and a small biscuit, usually a Custard Cream, with the 'Heidie' in the staffroom. It's my favourite part of the week!

To ensure all children can take part please let us know if your child has any allergies, Thank you.

Miss Shannahan



Good Luck to Miss Shannahan who leaves us today to take up her new post working for HMRC. I am sure she is going to miss all the Woodie chat in the playground.

House Captains

Our Primary 7 House and Vice Captains were voted for by our children and announced at the end of last term. Our Primary 1 children and any new children to the school have been sorted into a House.

Our Captains and Vice Captains for this year are as follows:-

Ash— Jessica and Manasseh



Chestnut— Michael and Ben



Maple— Georgia and Georgia



Oak— Aleena and Ethan



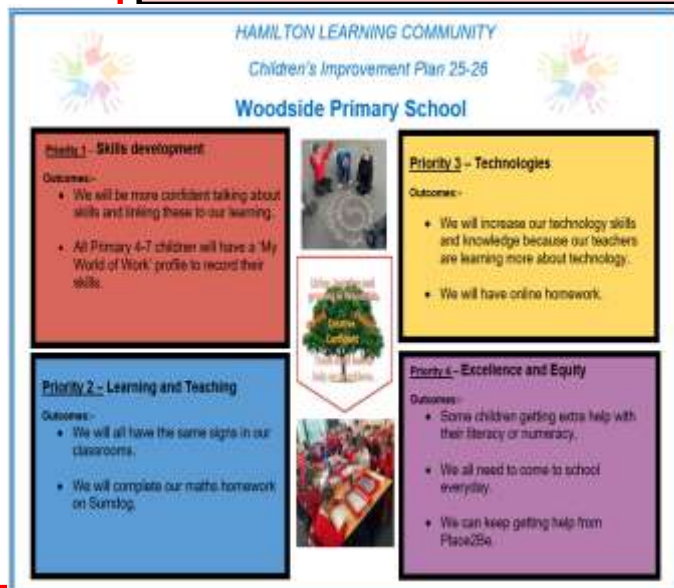
Children collect House Points for good behaviour and helping round the school. A small House prize is given out every term. Watch this space!

Our Captains and Vice Captains confidently led their first House Assemblies last Friday. They were fantastic leading their friends through a presentation about behaviour, Bullying and this session's Children's Improvement Plan. Well done!

Lockerbie Manor

71 Primary 7 children will be busy packing this weekend as they head off to Lockerbie Manor on Monday until Friday. They will be canoeing, abseiling, cycling and loads more. I hope all our P7 parents enjoy the peace and manage to cope with the dirty washing when they come back! A **massive** 'Thank you' to Miss Officer, Miss Hendry, Miss Noble, Miss Adam and Mrs Mitchell for leaving their own home lives and looking after our P7 crew. It is definitely not a holiday week for the ladies. Good luck everyone!

A few Primary 7 children will take part in school based activities including, a treasure trail, swimming, Mega ball, cooking and a few more.





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September Rights Of The Month

Theme:
Anti-
Bullying

STOP
BULLYING
SEE IT - SAY IT - STOP IT



Article 2 (Non- Discrimination)

All children have these rights

Article 13 (Sharing Thoughts Freely)

The right to have your own opinion and views.

Article 15 (Setting up or Joining Groups)

The right to choose your own friends

Article 19 (Protection from Violence)

The right to be safe



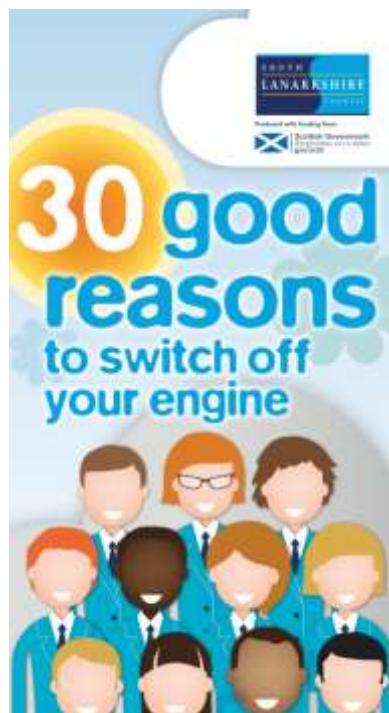
Indoor shoes

As we enter Autumn and our playground becomes wet and dirty, so can I kindly ask that ALL children have a pair of indoor shoes which they can change into. This keeps our carpet and Gym Hall clean (ish) . Can I also highlight that Crocs, although fashionable are not safe for the playground or PE lessons. Thank you.

Engine Idling

SLC engine idling lamp post banners once again outside all the schools within the **Hamilton Grammar learning community** within the next week or so.

The banners have the message "30 good reasons for switching off" and will be displayed for an **8 week period**, and the banners will be in place for **Lanarkshire Climate Action Festival** which takes place between **8th – 21st September**.



The banners are installed in an effort to raise awareness and send out the message that unnecessary idling increases local air pollution and is detrimental to all our health but also particularly to our young people whose lungs are growing and developing.

The link below also directs you to information on engine idling from the Scottish Government to emphasise the importance of switching off particularly outside schools where young children are more vulnerable to the effects from engine fumes.

[Vehicle engine idling: switch off when you stop - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot)

Every School Day Matters

Did you know that a pupil with an **average of 90% attendance from P1 onwards could miss the equivalent of an entire school year by the time they reach S3?**

That is why we have launched a campaign to reinforce the message that 'Every School Day Matters'. What might seem to be just a few days of absence a year can quickly add up, and that cumulative effect makes a difference.

Coming to school is about so much more than books and numbers. It helps to nurture, support and create social skills, friendships, support networks, and the ability to learn, change and adapt.

We believe that every pupil can find their superpower in the classroom, in the art studio, music hall, playground, science lab and playing field. Our campaign wants to highlight this, and to provide tangible, practical and up-to-date support, advice and guidance for all parents and carers.

Being in school is the foundation upon which happy, successful and resilient young people are built.

