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# Woodie News February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

It really has been an incredibly busy start to the year in Woodside as we have had loads going on.

Colleagues from Sumdog came into the school a few weeks ago to present us with a certificate as collectively as a school we are heading towards **a million questions answered on Sumdog!**



Our Primary 4-7 children received an Assembly from the Sumdog team sharing career pathways in tech, education and games to inspire pupils. Room 7 also received their own special certificate for the class that uses Sumdog the most.

Our children who receive violin tuition in school were lucky enough to participate in mass strings day at Uddingston Grammar with 364 other pupils. What a great experience. All our Primary 5 children are currently participating in the SLC Fundamentals of Music Programme where they have a weekly music tutor in their class.

This week we have participated in Reading Schools Week and next week its going to be Children's Mental Health week, and after the break we will have our Diversity and Anti Racism event and our popular Masterclasses start back for 3 weeks! Phew, it really is non stop! Read over to see more information.



Our school trips have started and Primary 6 have been out visiting Kelvingrove Art Gallery. 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. Please can we ask if your trip has already taken place that you double check your payment. Any questions, please call the office. Look out for details on your child's trip coming soon.

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.

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 to everyone who completed the recent online Parental Questionnaire. I will work my way through your responses and share these with you soon. Thank you also for supporting my pleas to wear school uniform. It really makes a difference!

Enjoy the long weekend when it comes.

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## Dates For Your Diary

16th Feb	HOLIDAY
17th Feb	HOLIDAY
18th Feb	Inset day for staff only
26th Feb	Parent Council Disco Details to follow
6th March	Newsletter online
18th- March	Parent Council AGM at 7pm. All welcome
Thursday 2nd April	Newsletter online Easter Service at St Johns Church at 10am P3, P4 and P5 School closes at:- 2.30pm

## Staffing Updates

Good luck to Mrs Gilmour who finishes on Friday 20th to have her baby.



We welcome back Mrs Dundas.



We welcome new Support Staff member Miss McShane to our team.



## Burns Competition

Our Primary 4 – 7 Burns Competition will take place Friday 13th Feb at 9.30am . 'Good Luck' to all the children currently learning their poems at home.



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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 are continuing to embed skills into their teaching
- Staff have received training from SLC to enhance their knowledge of differentiation
- Our staff working party have evaluated and updated our school's technology curriculum and all teaching staff have received IT training during each In-Service day to enhance their knowledge and skills.
- We continue to focus on reducing our Numeracy, Reading and Writing gap through implementing targeted supports for groups of children.
- We continue to focus on school attendance, lettering children whose attendance is under 90%.
- We continue to work in partnership with Place2Be 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 staff, extra Support Staff, Place2Be service, literacy, numeracy and ICT equipment.

5% of this budget, £6063.75 has been used to purchase resources and staffing for afterschool clubs.

## Reading Schools Week



This week has been very busy as we have been participating in Reading Schools Week. Mrs Smith planned, loads of exciting activities for everyone including a Poetry Slam, Author Take over and a book treasure hunt. Mrs Smith, actively encourages all children and staff to be passionate about reading and she is currently gathering evidence for our GOLD School Reading Award. Keep reading everyone!



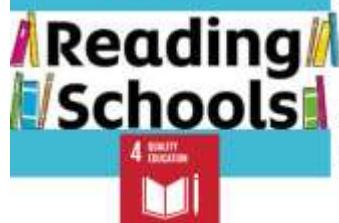
## Children's Mental Health Week—9th Feb

In partnership with Place2Be, we have been focussing on **Children's Mental Health Week**, The theme this year is "**This is my place**". In class our children will explore what it means feeling like you're part of something, such as your family, your school, your group of friends or a team. These happy moments help us feel connected, valued, and accepted. When we feel like we belong, we feel happy, safe, and ready to learn and play Joanne and Ross will lead a special Assembly linking to our emotions on Wednesday too. As part of Children's Mental Health Week Mrs Lawson will be delivering a new programme called 'Flipping A Lid' to Primary 4-7 pupils throughout the week. She will be offering a parental session on Thursday 12th Feb too. All parents are welcome. I hope you took the time to read through the letter about Children's Mental Health week sent earlier this week.

## **February Rights Of The Month**

### **Theme:**

### **Reading Schools Week**



#### **Article 17 (access to information from the media)**

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.



#### **Article 29 (goals of education)**

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

#### **Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)**

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

### Diversity and 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 Diversity and Anti Racism. Our Primary 7 children will all be coming together to showcase their work later in the term.