



Education Resources
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Woodie News March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 19th Feb and Friday 20th Feb we joined our Learning Community Equalities Event. Our focus was on teaching our children about the importance of being Anti Racist and celebrating the many different cultures within our school. Every pupil in Woodside, Beckford, Chatelherault, Quarter and St John's Primaries all took part in the same Assemblies and activities in their classes. A big 'Thank You' to the fab group of Mums who came in and told us about life in Greece, Poland, Italy and Pakistan. Every Primary 7 child worked in a group to produce posters displaying the different cultures in Woodside. The posters were all displayed in the Chatelherault Primary Gym Hall and every Primary 7 pupil from the Learning community came together on Monday afternoon to share their learning and meet new friends.



I hope you took the time to read over your child's report card which was sent via Parents Portal. We write our reports half way through the year to give you an insight into your child's learning journey so far. Please remember this is a **mid year report** and highlights progress until mid February. Parental meetings will take place on **Thursday 30th April**, giving you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Look out for more information coming soon.

We have had to have a big chat recently about behaviour across the school. We have very high expectations in Woodside and a few of our pupils had *forgotten* our rules, especially when they are in the Muga. We linked our chat to this picture of the geese. Highlighting the importance of us working together in Team Woodie. A small group of pupils made new rules for our Muga and we have now introduced 'Woodie Refs' into our Muga, to help manage lunchtime football sessions.



Be safe 🐛
Be responsible
Be caring

Our Primary 7 children were out on their trip to St Mungo's Museum and Primary 3 went to Summerlee this week with Primary 5 and 1 are off out soon. Please remember to pay £5 towards the cost of your child's trip via ParentsPay. Thank you.



Finally, thank you to all the parents who have already joined our 'private' Woodside Facebook page. We are still waiting on permission from a few parents and we would kindly request that you complete this on ParentsPortal by Friday 13th March. We are desperate to share photographs from the classes with you!

Kind regards,
Elaine Renwick
Head Teacher

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Dates For Your Diary

18th March	Parent Council AGM at 7pm in school All welcome
27th March	Dress Down Day recycled clothes £1 donation on ParentsPay
2nd April	Easter service at St John's Church at 10am School closes at 2.30pm Newsletter out
20th April	School returns
30th April	Parental Meetings
4th May	HOLIDAY
7th May	INSET School closed for pupils
22nd and 25th May	HOLIDAY



Staffing updates

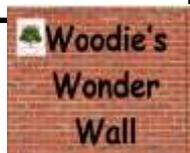
Big congratulations to Mrs Gilmour who welcomed wee baby Olivia into her family this week.

Miss Officer will start her return to Woodside later this month and we welcomed new Support staff member Mrs Mooney to our team.



Woodies Wonder Wall

Please remember to complete your child's out of school achievement postcard for our Wonder Wall. We aim to have everyone on the wall by the end of the year. If you require a new postcard then please contact the office.





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Young Leaders of Learning



In February our 8 Young Leaders of Learning thoroughly enjoyed a visit to Auchinraith Primary where we learned how they promoted Health and Wellbeing across their school.

Auchinraith and Chatelherault Primaries then visited Woodside. Our children presented a great powerpoint focussing on 5 aspects of Health and Wellbeing that the children believed we do well.

Our focus questions were:-

- Do you know what rights you have?
- Do you have access to clubs and activities ?
- How does the school deal with bullying incidents?
- How does the school provide supports for children going through a challenging time?
- Is everyone treated fairly and with respect?



After their presentation our group took the children a tour of our big school. I think the other schools were a bit overwhelmed by our size! I was so proud of Rosie, Ryan, Alice, Noah, Emma, Oliver, Robyn and Finlay as they had worked very hard getting ready for our visit and they showcased our school brilliantly.

Burns competition Thanks to those who came and supported the children who took part in our school Burns Competition, and to our judges who had a very difficult job. 'Well Done' to Noah, Ivy, (P5) and Miriam and Iona (P7-6) who were our Winners and runners up. The children then went on to represent Woodside at the Hamilton Burns Competition last week. They were all very confident and I was so proud of them.



Primary 7 Hoodies

There was big excitement when our Primary 7 pupils took delivery of their Leavers' Hoodies. This is our earliest delivery ever so this term our children will wear them on a Friday, then in the final term everyday to school! Thank You to the Parent Council who heavily subsidise the payment of these. The children all look fab!

Masterclasses

Our children have now completed their second block of Friday afternoon 'Masterclass' for this session and these have been a big hit. They provide an opportunity to learn fun new skills, mix with other pupils and get to know different staff members. A huge selection of classes were on offer like:- Coding, games, comics, business, drama, netball to name but a few. Thanks you to all our staff and a group of S6 pupils from HGS who came along and led some of the classes.



Woodside Book Hunt

I hope you will be taking part in the 'Woodside Book Hunt' around Hamilton. Around our local area, you will find 20 posters featuring popular book characters (drawn by our children). Each poster will include a QR code which, when scanned, will reveal a picture of someone in our Woodside community reading one of their favourite books.

A massive 'Thank You' to Mrs Smith for arranging all of this along with a special Mum helper.



Mrs Smith's hard work has been recognised by the Scottish Book Trust, as she is soon to be receiving a '**Reading Champion Award**' for putting her heart and soul into sharing the joy of reading in Woodside!

Parental Questionnaire

A massive 'Thank You' to all the parents who completed our school parental Questionnaires earlier in the term. We reckon **36%** of our families replied. We took the time to read every comment and later this month I will share the results with you.

March 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.

