



Education Resources
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Woodside Primary



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Dear Parents and Carers,

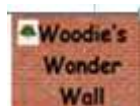
We are back into a very busy and quick final term. The children have all been really settled and enjoying the sunshine out in the playground. With only 8 weeks to go there is so much to do!

It was good to see so many of you out in the sun at our parental meetings yesterday. We reckon 94% of our parents attended their child's appointment I hope your meeting was positive and you understand where your child is on their learning journey and what their next steps are. Thanks for contributing your ideas and suggestions on our School Improvement Plan for next session and also your comments on how we spend our Pupil Equity monies. If you missed your appointment you will receive a phone call from the class teacher on the morning on **Wednesday 13th May**. Please look out for call from a withheld number.

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 **19th and 20th of May**. Miss Officer is working in partnership with Hamilton Grammar and Larkhall Academy to ensure the smooth transition of all our P7 pupils.

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 nearly 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 to send in your child's 'Woodie Wonder Wall' postcard before the end of the term.



Our final dress down day of the year was voted by the children this week. The theme is 'Shorts & Shades' and takes place on Thursday 21st May. Lets hope the sun is shining!

Enjoy the long weekend.

Elaine Renwick
Head Teacher

Primary,
Johnstone



Woodside

Dates For Your Diary

Mon 4th May	HOLIDAY
Thurs 7th May	INSET day school closed for pupils
Wed 13th May	7pm Parent Council all welcome online link to be sent
Tues 19th May and Wed 20th May	Primary 7 visits to Hamilton Grammar New Primary 1 children visit
Thurs 21st May	Shorts & Shades Dress down day £1 donation
Fri 22nd & Mon 25th May	HOLIDAY
Week beginning 1st June	Sports days - more info to follow
Fri 5th June	Newsletter Parent Council Summer Fayre
Mon 15th June	Extra bank holiday School Closed
Fri 19th June	P7 Leavers Service 10am at St Johns Church
Thursday 25th June	School closes at 1pm

Staffing updates

Mrs McShane from our Support Staff team is moving on to the school office at John Ogilvie



High. She has only been with us for a short time and we wish her well in her new position.



Whispering Woodlands

Last week we had the grand opening of our new 'Whispering Woodlands room'. This special space was created in one of our old changing rooms on the ground floor. The room is a sensory, quiet space for children who need a little extra support at times.



Already in every class we have Zen Dens and at the end of each corridor we have a Zen Zone for a bit of chill out time. The 'Whispering Woodlands' would be used at times when the busy school environment is a bit overwhelming, and the children will always be accompanied by a member of support staff.

We welcomed Mrs Muncie back to cut the ribbon to open our room because she kindly made the soft furnishings. Our House Captains made a lovely speech about the room and 2 VIP pupils from Primary 1 were the first in to experience the space.



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

Go Woodside ! A big well done to both our boys and girls football teams who played in the Davie Cooper Soccer 7s last Sunday. It was an incredible morning as both teams made it to the final. Our girls were so unlucky as their match ended up going to a penalty shoot out. Our boys team smashed it and won the Davie Cooper trophy, the first time in Woodside history! We have been attending the event for 14 years and this was our most successful morning. I am so proud of both teams.



I need to thank all the parents, children and staff who came along to support both teams. A special mention to our 2 school coaches Jack who worked with our boys and Miss Adam who trains our girls team.

We need and would love new strips for next year so if you know any businesses who could sponsor us then please get in touch.

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.

