



Woodie News

September - 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

I have been so proud of almost all our children since starting the new term. Their behaviour in the classes, assemblies and the playground has been brilliant. I have told them this at assembly. We have seen lots of children being responsible around the school and our new Primary 6 Big Buddies have been very caring towards their Wee P1 Buddies.

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. As we enter into September all our Pupil Voice and Children's Rights activities start up again for a new session. All our Primary 3-7 children have now selected which Pupil Voice group they would like to be part of this year and they will meet their group for the first time on Friday 18th September. 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. This year we are aiming to become a Gold Children's Rights Respecting School so we have lots of work to do. 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. I hope you took the time to read through our Parental Engagement Calendar and noted the dates for you to come into school. We have extended our offer this year, adding in workshops each term. 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 18th September at 9.30am. It would be great to have your input.

Attendance at school is highly important. Read over the page for more information. We monitor attendance closely and if it falls under 90% Miss McLarnon will be in touch.

Finally, remember to keep your child's Woodie Wonder Wall certificate safe and please send it into school at some point throughout the school year. On Monday, look out for the email detailing how to book your parental meeting appointment with your child's class teacher. Make sure you have logged onto Parent's Portal in order to do this.

Rights Of The Month

Theme:
Anti-Bullying



Article 2 (Non-Discrimination)
All children have these rights

Article 13 (Sharing Thoughts Freely)
The right to have your own opinion and ideas.

Article 15 (Setting up or Joining Groups)
The right to choose your own friends

Article 19 (Protection from Violence)
The right to be safe

Dates for your diary

10th Sept - P1 Information Night
6.15-7.15pm

15th Sept - School Photos
Details to follow

18th Sept - Parental School Improvement
Group Meeting

21st Sept - Maths Week Scotland
Homework tasks linked to this

23rd Sept - Parental Meetings with
teacher in School

25th and 28th Sept
Holiday

1st Oct - 9.15am
Parental Workshop - Numeracy/Sumdog

9th Oct - Dress Down Day (£1 donation)
House Colours

12th Oct - 16th Oct
Holiday

Kind regards
Elaine Renwick
Head Teacher



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? South Lanarkshire's campaign highlights 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. Being in school is the foundation upon which happy, successful and resilient young people are built.

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Lockerbie Manor

65 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, fencing 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, Mr Hoggan, Miss Noble, Mrs Smith, Mrs Mitchell and Mr Tombs for leaving their own home lives and looking after our P7 crew. Good luck everyone!

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

Parking at Laburnum Lea

I know I request this lots but I need to ask you to please be respectful of our neighbours in Laburnum Lea and DO NOT park over their driveways or close to the gates near to the school. Its important we keep all our children and our community safe.

Indoor shoes

As we enter Autumn 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.



Its great to welcome back Mrs Grady to our teaching staff for this session Mrs Grady has worked in Woodside before and our children love her PE lessons. Its good to have you with us!

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— Jennifer and Alex

Chestnut- Iona and Joseph

Maple— Annabelle and Liv

Oak— Hollie and Blake

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 and this session's Children's Improvement Plan.

Well done!



New School Policies

Please make sure you have read our new Attendance and Communication policies which were sent out to you and are now on our school website.

Parent Council

The first Parent Council meeting for the new session takes place on **Wednesday 16th Sep at 7pm**. 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 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.