



Woodie News

October - 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We were delighted to welcome you to our Parental Meetings last week. It was really good to see almost everyone and I hope you found your meeting helpful and informative. We reckon 92% of our parents from 16 classes came along. It was slightly earlier than usual so we were glad so many of you attended. Next term, we will be inviting you in to visit your child's classroom to find out more about how and what they are learning. More information regarding this will follow, but keep the morning of Friday 27th November free.

Thanks to everyone who came along on to our Parental Meetings and voted on our proposal to increase the price of school trips to £7. As I previously stated this was not a decision we took lightly but like everything in life, the costs keep going up. The results evidenced that almost all parents present were agreeable to this change. Thank you! We will now start booking trips for every year group. On ParentsPay you can start to pay the £7 for the trip now. Remember we are still looking for Parental Helpers for school trips so if you are interested please get in touch to get a PVG sorted.

Our House Captains and Vice Captains are busy organising our first 'dress down' day of the year on Friday 9th Oct. This will be a House Colour dress down day. On this date we are having our 'House Building' morning. The children will spend some time with their House peers taking part in a variety of activities. We kindly ask, if you can, for a donation of £1. On our dress down days we are going to try both ParentsPay and 'chuck it in the bucket'. All money raised from this date will be used to purchase treats for our Festive Fun day! Thank you.

Miss McLarnon is leading the refresh of our schools Vision, Values and Aims. It's important we seek your views on what you want your child to be once they leave us after 7 years. What makes the experience at Woodside special? Thank you to everyone who engaged with this during our Parental Meetings. Miss McLarnon will soon be working with the children and our local community stakeholders before she pulls everything together for the relaunch. We will keep you updated on her progress.

Enjoy the October break when it comes.

Kind regards,

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Dates for your diary

9th October - Dress Down Day
House Colours - £1 donation

12th - 16th October
Holidays

7th November
Newsletter

9th November - Inset Day
Children not in school

18th November - Parent Council Meeting
7pm Online

19th November - Parent Council Discos
More information to follow

20th November - Dress Down Day
PJ's - £1 donation

27th November - Parental Open Day
(Morning) - More information to follow

4th December
Newsletter

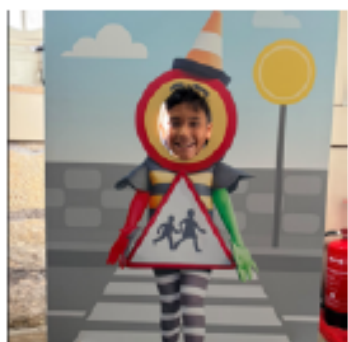


Staffing Updates

Mrs Allan is now off on maternity leave. We hope she rests up before her baby arrives.

Maths Week Scotland

Week beginning 21st September was Maths Week Scotland and the theme this year was 'Maths Matters'. There were lots of learning activities in our classrooms and outside focusing on how maths impacts on play, work and life.



JRSO

Our new Junior Road Safety Officers Aria, Bobby and Isla went on a training day to Chatelherault Country Park earlier this month. They had the opportunity to visit lots of informative stalls. Mrs Callaghan will be working with the children this year.



Participatory Budget

Please remember to vote for what we should spend our £6063.75 Participatory Budget on. Once the votes have all been counted we will be in touch to announce the winner.

School Improvement Plan update

Our targets for this session are as follows:-

- Refresh our Vision, Values and Aims.
- Continue to embed the Skills framework across the curriculum and the use of digital profiling to track learner's journey.
- Enhance our learning and teaching pedagogy through a focus on feedback
- Continue to close our literacy and numeracy attainment gap, increase attendance and support our children's wellbeing.

In Woodside, so far this year

All staff and almost all parents consulted on our Vision, Values and Aims.

Skills working party linking skills to curricular planning and all staff now piloting these.

Almost all staff trained in the importance of enhancing a child's Growth Mindset in order to be ready to receive feedback and this has been shared in all classes.

Our school Nurture groups have started, along with support groups for Literacy and Numeracy.



Engine Idling

A big Well Done to Lacey in Primary 7 whose winning design from last year was made into a banner as part of SLC's campaign. Councillor Robert Brown came to see Lacey's design which is now displayed outside our school.

Pupil Voice groups

All our Primary 3-7 have now had their first Pupil Voice meeting. Please ask your child which group they are in?

Sustainability Superhero, Reading Rockets Healthy Hero, Digital Dudes Playground Pal, S.T.E.M, School Improver, Charity Champion or a Rights Reinforcer!

Period Products

Just a reminder that we offer free period products to all our female pupils. The girls on the top floor all know where to access these in school. If extra products are required during school holidays, please contact the school office.

Absence rates

We know and understand that ill health and injuries do happen but we always monitor our absences across the school and will get in touch with you by letter if your child's attendance rate drops below 90% or if they are often late for school. We will be sending our letters out before the October holiday. The table highlights the importance of being in school. Absence phone calls should be made to the school before 9.30am.

100% Attendance	0 Days missed	Gives a child and young person the best chance of success and ensures that their full potential is achieved
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 week and 4 days learning missed	Is likely to make it harder to achieve full potential and secure the best possible outcomes
90% Attendance	19 days of Absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	
85% Attendance	27 Days of Absence 5 weeks and 3 days of Learning Missed Almost half a term missed	Is likely to impact significantly on learning and progress which can lead to poorer outcomes in achievement, wellbeing and social and emotional development
80% Attendance	36 days of Absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed Half of a term missed	
75% Attendance	45 Days of Absence 9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed Almost 1 whole term missed	

Lost Property

Please can I stress the importance of labelling all your child's school clothes and packed lunches as our lost property is already overflowing and our Office staff are receiving many phone calls asking them to go and look for things. Any unclaimed items without names will be taken to our school clothing bank at the back of Sainsburys Local at the end of next week.



October Rights Of The Month

Article 2 (Non-Discrimination)

All children have these rights no matter their race, religion and nationality



Article 30 (Minority Culture, Language and Religion)



Outdoor Maths and Outdoor PE

As the weather now takes a turn, it is really important that you send your child to school with a waterproof jacket on. All our children can take part in outdoor maths lessons, and most of our classes will participate in outdoor PE. We try our best to ensure our children get outdoors at break times and lunchtimes too, unless it is extremely wet!

