



Education Resources  
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# Woodie News May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well.....that was all a bit exciting last Friday afternoon! An issue with the electric box outside in our playground meant Scottish Power arrived at the front door and announced they were shutting down our power, just as we were about to serve our 501 Woodie weans their fish and chips.

A big 'Thank You' to our school team for quickly putting our emergency procedures into place. I can confirm our system works well! Thank you to every parent, carer, grandparent, auntie, uncle and neighbour who arrived promptly for a pick up. It was definitely a school community effort as I saw car loads of our weans leave. Fingers crossed we don't have to do that again!

Our new MUGA surface caused great excitement when we returned after the Easter break. We were able to secure a Scottish Government grant, which allowed us to purchase some new play equipment too! This is a game changer for our school and I'm hoping we won't need as many plasters and ice packs! A huge 'sorry' to our cleaning staff as our stairwells are now covered in wee bits of black rubber.



We are now in the process of formulating our classes for next session. This is a massive number crunching exercise in a school our size. We look at every child's learning, and focus on their literacy. Looking at our numbers this means that next session, there will be a change of class for all our children. More details regarding classes will follow later in June.

Please remember to get online and book an appointment with your child's class teachers for our **Parental Meetings** on Thursday 9th May from 3.15-8.00pm. We will be seeking your ideas and suggestions on our School Improvement Plan, so please pop into the Gym Hall to take a look at the information displayed. Our Senior Leadership Team will be on hand to answer any of your questions.

Enjoy the long weekend and I will look forward to seeing you all at the Parental Meetings next week.

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## Dates For Your Diary

Mon 6th May	HOLIDAY
Thurs 9th May	Parental Meetings 3.15pm - 8pm
Fri 10th May	Dress down day for RSPCA
Thurs 16th May	Parent Council at 7pm all welcome
Tues 21st May and Wed 22nd May	Primary 7 visits to Hamilton Grammar New Primary 1 children visit
Fri 24th May and Mon 27th May	HOLIDAY
Fri 7th June	Newsletter
Friday 7th June	Parent Council Summer Fayre details to follow
Fri 21st June	P7 Leavers Service 10am at St Johns Church
Wed 26th June	School closes at 1pm

## Davie Cooper Soccer 7s

Both our boys and girls football teams will be playing in the competition on the morning of Sunday 12th May. If you are free please pop down to the Hamilton Palace Grounds to cheer both teams on!



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## Mrs Gibney



After 21 years in Woodside, our famous 'Mrs G' has decided to leave us. I know this has not been an easy decision for Mrs Gibney as she loves our school, all our children and their families. She truly is a one off and I am not sure how we are going to extract all her Woodside knowledge from her head before she leaves us on Thursday, 23rd of May. She is the first point of contact for all our parents and has gone that extra mile for many wee people when they have needed medical support or a special hug. A heartfelt 'Thank You' for all her care, love, patience, mischief and laughs. We are all going to really miss her. Mrs Gibney is going to take a bit of time for herself this summer and go on lots of long walks with her beloved dog Barney before deciding which path she will choose next. Who knows she may get a full time job working for Santa!



## Transitions

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 **21st and 22nd of May.**

Miss Officer is working in partnership with Hamilton Grammar, Holy Cross and Braidhurst to ensure the smooth transition of all our P7 pupils. The maths department at the Grammar has already been out working with the children when they took part in the P7 Maths Challenge.

## Careers Week

**Our Careers Week will begin on Monday 13th May. A big 'Thank You' to all our parents, carers and family friends who are coming into the school to talk to our classes about their jobs.**

**A change for P4-7 this year as Mrs Callaghan has organised a 'Careers Fayre' in our Gym Hall allowing the children more opportunities to speak to people about their work. Thanks Mrs Callaghan.**

## Hamilton Rotary Quiz

Well done to Jacob, Jamie, Lily and Mia in Primary 7 who came joint 3rd in the Hamilton Rotary Quiz.

## Emotions Works Silver Award

We have received another award



'Good Luck' to Mrs MacKenzie who leaves us next Friday to start her maternity leave. We look forward to meeting your special wee bundle soon.



## Primary 1, 4 and 7 National Assessments

As you may be aware, the Scottish Government has tasked schools to raise the attainment of all pupils supported by the National Improvement Framework. We are currently working with all our children in P1, 4 and 7 to complete the Scottish

National Standardised online assessments as part of their daily work programme. 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 judgment 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>

Place2Be are offering **FREE** 4 week 'Parenting Smart' Online Course starting 11th June. Have a look on their website for more information. They have organised a short information session on **Wednesday 8th May at 4pm.**



To register your interest please follow the link <https://place2be.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=60399de5aba8683371fb112c3&id=86abed2ee8&e=2b15fc553b>