



Education Resources
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Woodie News September 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

Did summer even happen? I think we all got soaked every single day during our first week back. The children are now all settled into their classes and we continue with our 'three relentless routines' for the whole school to use. These are:-

1. Our hand signal
2. Woodie Walking
3. Line orders for each class



Every classroom now has a 'Recognition Board' which encourages pupils to work towards a specific class target in line with our whole school rules. 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.

All our Primary 3-7 children have now selected which Pupil Voice group they would like to be part of this session and they will meet their group for the first time next Friday. After seeking the views of both children and staff, we have made a few changes and this year our Primary 1 children will focus on helping their teachers organise play and our Primary 2 children will be developing a special community links.

We continue to work on Children's Rights and 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.

We continue to focus on the 'Cost of the School Day' and really try hard to keep our costs at Woodside to a minimum. I have included a copy of our Cost of the School Day policy and a calendar of events. I will be in touch soon about the payment of school trips.

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 **Thursday 12th September at 2pm**. It would be great to have your input.

Finally, please make sure you have updated all your details on the Parents Portal. We have many children leaving school early or going for appointments which we did not know about. I must stress the importance of letting the school office know in advance and of children being here from 9am until 3pm.

Kind regards
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Dates For Your Diary

26th Sep	School photos Details to follow
27th & 30th Sep	Holiday
3rd Oct	Parental meetings with the teacher in school. Details to follow.
11th Oct	Dress down day £1 donation
14th Oct - 18th Oct	Holiday

Homework After

consultation with parents, we have devised our Woodside homework policy. A copy of this has been sent to you, please have a read. Homework started this week. Our Homework routine will be as follows:-

Week 1—Literacy tasks in a jotter/worksheet.

Week 2—Numeracy/ maths tasks on a worksheet.

Parent Council

The first Parent Council meeting for the new sessions took place last night. Barry Naismith has taken over the role of 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 is 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.



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Star of the Week and Hot Chocolate

Our Star of the Week certificates will focus on the Curriculum for Excellence 4 capacities.

We will be looking for children who demonstrate that they are **Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens or Effective Contributors.**



Over the course of the year, every child will have their special moment and will have the chance to have a wee hot chocolate and a small biscuit, usually a Custard Cream, with the 'Heidie' in the staffroom. It's my favourite part of the week!

If your child has any allergies which would prevent them from taking part please contact me directly. Thank you.

Mrs Lawson

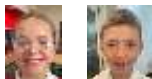
Mrs Lawson will be finishing on Friday 20th September to have baby Lawson number 3. We are hoping she has a bit of time at home for a wee rest before baby arrives. Good Luck!

House Captains

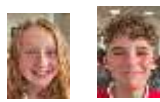
Our Primary 7 House and Vice Captains were voted for by our children and announced at the end of last term. Our Primary 1 children and any new children to the school have been sorted into a House.

Our Captains and Vice Captains for this year are as follows:-

Ash—Alexis and Lewis



Chestnut— Millie and Fergus



Maple— Georgia and Edith



Oak— Caley and Carlos



Children collect House Points for good behaviour and helping round the school. A small House prize is given out every term. Watch this space!



Lockerbie Manor

72 (our biggest number ever!) Primary 7 children had a great (but soggy) time last week at Lockerbie Manor. They were, canoeing, abseiling, cycling and loads more. I hope all our P7 parents enjoyed the peace and managed to cope with the dirty washing. The children were a real credit to the school and really looked after each other. A massive 'Thank you' to Miss Officer, Miss Mearns, Miss Noble, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Mitchell for leaving their own home lives and looking after our P7 crew. A special mention to Mrs Swan who came back from retirement to go with them!

A few Primary 7 children have taken part in a school based activities this week including gardening in our playground, going to the park, swimming, painting, cooking and lots more.

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 views.



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



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





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