



Education Resources
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Woodie News November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who noted a comment about our school during the Parental meetings in October. We asked you 4 questions:-



What are our strengths in Woodside, what are we good at?
What are our weaknesses, what could we do better?
What new things could we introduce at Woodside?
What things may hinder improvements in Woodside?

Please keep reading to see all of your responses.

Thank you very much for all the positive comments about the team, they were greatly appreciated. We will take onboard your ideas and suggestions as we continue to move forward. Some we can address quickly, some need more time and others may be out with our control. I will talk about these further at the next Parent Council meeting and I am also looking to meet with parents who are interested in any of the comments at a very informal parental meeting on **Friday 22nd November 9.30am**. It would be good to see you!

Silly Socks day was a hit! Your kind donations amounted to **£256**. Monies raised from our 2 recent dress down days will be used to purchase the crafts for our 'Festive Fun day'.

Am I allowed to mention the C word? As a school we try to consider financial costs for everyone, so as a staff group we do not purchase gifts for each other or for our classes. Instead this year we are donating presents to Terminal 1 and toiletries to the Hamilton Food Bank. Please do not send in gifts for staff as your support of what we do is the best gift you could give us.

We will celebrate Christmas in style at Woodside having one, big, crazy Festive Fun day! This will be held on **Wednesday, 18th December**. Our Primary 1-3 children take part in stage parties and our P4-7 children participate in a Christmas obstacle course. More information will follow.

We will be hosting our annual **Open Event** on **Friday, 29th November** where you will get the opportunity to visit your child's classroom for a short time. Times are organised by your child's house and are as follows:-

9.30am - 10.15am Maple and Oak

11am - 11.45am Ash and Chestnut

Due to our class sizes, we will only be able to accommodate 1 parent/carer I will be in touch with details nearer the time.

If you have any questions regarding school, please remember to pop in or give the office ladies a call.

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Dates For Your Diary

Thurs 7th Nov	Parent Council Discos P1-4 6.15pm-7.15pm P5-7 7.30pm-8.30pm
Mon 11th Nov	INSET day. Children not in school.
Tues 12th Nov	Childsmile in school for P1-4
Wed 13th Nov	P3 trip to New Lanark
18th Nov	Book Week Scotland. More information will follow
Fri 29th Nov	Open Event details to follow
Fri 13th Dec	Christmas Service P1 Nativity 10am at St John's Church
Wed 18th Dec	Festive Fun Day
Fri 20th Dec	School closes at 2.30pm

Charity Champions

Our Pupil Voice group did a fab job gathering loads of donations for the Hamilton Churches Foodbank after they sent a plea to the school. Thank you to everyone who sent something in.



Masterclasses

Our very popular Friday Masterclasses start back this month.

After taking feedback from both the children and staff last year, we will have them running for **3** Friday afternoons starting on Friday 8th November.

We have consulted with the children to gather ideas on the types of activities they would like this year. Each child then chooses their top 3 and then they are allocated their Masterclass from these

Masterclasses take place over each floor and the children get a chance to meet new friends, new staff and be in different classrooms. We are delighted that a group of S6 students from HGS come along too and lead their own Masterclasses. It's all good fun and gives our children the opportunity to extend their learning, develop new skills and their confidence.



Remembrance Time

Next week we will be selling poppies in school. Any small donations would be gratefully received, thank you.



Baby Lawson

Big congratulations to Mrs Lawson as baby Brodie arrived early and safely in October. He has already popped in for cuddles!

NUT FREE School

I'm sure you have loads of Halloween treats in your house which the children will bring to school. Please remember that we are a NUT FREE school. This includes treats like Bueno, Snickers, Nutella and lots more.

Participatory Budget Thank you for voting on what we should spend our £6063.75. The votes have been counted and After School clubs was the winner.



Our November Rights focus:-

UNCRC Linked Rights

Article 11 (Protection from kidnapping)

The right to stay in your own country and not be taken out of it illegally.



Article 22 (Refugee Children)

The right to special protection if you have been forced to leave your home and live in another country.



Article 38 (Protection in War)

The right to be protected from war and not allowed to join the army if under 15 years of age.



Article 39 (Recovery and Reintegration)

The right to special support if you have experienced war.



Theme:
Remembrance
November 11th



