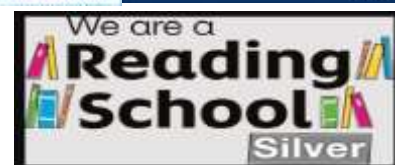




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Woodie News December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

The countdown to Christmas has started!



We are on the count down to our '**Festive Funday**' on **Wednesday 18th December**. Please remember that this is a non school uniform day and due to your kind donations on our 'dress down days' **there is no cost**. Anything goes..... Christmas jumpers, party clothes or just casual gear. Its going to be a packed day with P1-3 parties, P4-P7 obstacle adventures, hat making and movies. Hopefully, (if he is free) Santa may pay a visit to our Primary 1 children too! It's only a few days away so it will be a challenge containing all our excitement until then! On Friday 13th December our Christmas Service will take place in St John's Church at 10am. Our Primary 1 children are currently rehearsing the Nativity. A big 'thank you' to Mrs Aitcheson and Team Primary 1 for leading this. All our Primary 6 children, our musicians and Big Community Singing Group will join Primary 1 in the Church building. All other classes will remain in school and beam into the service live. Families and friends are welcome to join us in St John's Church.

Thank you to all who joined us for our 'Open Morning' last Friday. This is another way of reporting our children's progress to our parents. We hope it gave you an insight into how the children are learning in class and gave you some ideas on what you can use to support learning at home. I hope you enjoyed seeing your child in their learning environment.



Mrs Dundas will be leaving us on Friday 20th December to start her maternity leave. We wish her well and I promise to keep you updated when the baby arrives. We will have a new Place2Be Counsellor joining us in January as Megan is moving on. Her name is Lucy and I will share more info in January.

Finally, whatever you and your family have planned over the next few weeks I'd like to wish you lots of festive fun. We are very grateful for your support in all we do.

Best wishes,
Elaine Renwick
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Dates For Your Diary

11th Dec	Christmas Lunch
13th Dec	Christmas Service at St Johns Church at 10am Homework stops
18th Dec	Festive Funday Dress down and be ready for fun.
20th Dec	School closes at 2.30pm
6th Jan 2025	School reopens Enrolment week for new Primary 1 children
10th Jan	Newsletter online Hopscotch Pantomime in school
13th Jan	Class Newsletters out this week
22nd Jan	Parent Council meeting at 7pm. All welcome
6th Feb	P1 and P7 dental checks

Panto Time

Something to look forward to in the New Year. On **Friday 10th January** the children will all watch Pinocchio performed by Hopscotch theatre group. All money raised at our recent dress down day will help with the cost of this. Thank You!



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Pupil Voice Groups - Our Pupil Voice groups from P3-7 have all been busy since the summer and have shared their aims with the whole school. Our Primary 2 children are our new Community Champions, and they have been out visiting the residence at both the Avonbridge Nursing Home and Centenary Gardens Sheltered Housing complex. Mrs Meechan dropped off all your kind food donations, collected by our Charity Champions, to the Hamilton's Churches Drop In Centre and they were very grateful for your kindness.



Masterclasses - On Friday afternoons on the 8th, 15th and 22nd of November all our children engaged in one of their chosen Masterclasses. The children selected a Masterclass from a choice of options and these took place across their floor. We had loads of different activities on offer from Music, Athletics, Lego, Reading, Cartoons, Arts and Crafts, First Aid, History and many more! Many of our classes were delivered by S5 and S6 pupils from Hamilton Grammar (the majority were previously Woodie pupils). It was great to see all our children mixing with new peers and having fun on a Friday! The children will select a different Masterclass in the new term and these will take place throughout February.



Book Week Scotland

In the week beginning 18th November the whole school celebrated 'Book Week Scotland' where we hoped to inspire a love for reading across our school community. Across the school we had loads of different activities taking place from Author's Live events to a Big Book Quiz and a whole school Reading River. Our Reading Rockets and Sustainability Superheroes Pupil Voice Groups organised a Book Swap on the Friday where the majority of children were able to take home a book. It was great to see our grown-ups grabbing a book from the table outside the office. Please remember that you can help yourself to a book from the bubble at the office or our parents room for you or your child.



Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO)

Our new Junior Road Safety Officers, Sophie, Jamie and Ava from Primary 6 have been busy in school. They have devised a competition with a split focus between children who travel on a school bus and those that don't. The deadline is Friday 13th December when they will be drawing entries and giving out prizes. They created a Powerpoint which was shared with all children at assemblies on the Open Morning. They have worked very hard giving up some of their lunch times to get things done. Well done!



December Rights Of The Month

Theme:
International
Day of
Persons with
Disabilities
3rd December



Article 2 (Non-Discrimination)

All children have these rights, no matter who they are or what they look like.



Article 23 (Children With Disabilities)

The right to live a full and decent life with independence and to play an active part in the community no matter what your disability is.





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Absence rates We always monitor our absences across the school and will get in touch with you by letter if your **child's rate drops below 90%** or if they are **often late** for school. We will be sending out letters before the holidays. Evelyn McGonagle, our Youth, Family and Community Learning Officer can support families to improve attendance rates. The table below highlights the importance of being in school.

100%	0 days missed	Best possible chance of success and reaching full potential
95%	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%	19 days of Absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	
85%	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%	36 days of Absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed Half of a term missed	

Club	Stage	Extra Curricular Clubs We have had a busy term full of extra curricular clubs. We have listened to your feedback from our parent's night, October questionnaire and we will provide some new clubs next term. We will also ensure all stages have an opportunity for afterschool clubs too. A big 'Thank You' to the staff who give up their own time after school to deliver these clubs. Mrs Aitcheson is helping our Primary 7's Leadership Team to run a range of playtime clubs for all our P1-3 children. So far we have had football, basketball, running, Lego, dodgeball, arts and crafts, gymnastics, dance and a movie fan club! Thank you for all your hard work P7 leaders and Mrs Aitcheson. Our Active School co-ordinator, Megan Glancy also helps us offer lunch time clubs, such as dodgeball or fun and games, for different stages across the school. After Christmas, our Primary 4-7 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a playtime club too!
Story book	P2	
Big Singing	P4, P5, P6 and P7	
STEM	P5	
Dodgeball	P4 & P5 lunchtime	
Boys football	P7	
Girls football	P7	
Athletics	P7	
Running	P6	
Netball	P6	



Hamiton Grammar School Over the last three weeks all our P7 children had the opportunity to visit HGS. They were given a tour of the building, did an activity in a class and had the chance to share their thoughts or ask questions.



Gym Shoes

If you are out and about in the sales at Christmas please can you make sure your child has gym shoes for indoors at school and for PE lessons. Our playground becomes a mud pit in the winter and we need our children to change their shoes when they are indoors. Thank you.

Staff Christmas Collection

Instead of buying gifts for each other or our classes our staff have all supported the "Terminal 1" Christmas campaign by purchasing a toy for a wee girl or boy from their lengthy wish list. Mrs Aitcheson and Miss McLaron delivered these to the centre this week.

Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE** school.

