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# Woodie News January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone. Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025! I hope you all had a fantastic festive break and enjoyed the special time with your children and families.

We are back and ready for another busy term!

It was fantastic to see so many Mums, Dads, Aunts, Uncles and Grandparents at our Open Morning at the end of November when **73%** of our pupils had a visitor on the day. Thank you for coming along as I appreciate its not always easy escaping from work or commitments. Your feedback was highly positive and I will share some of your comments over the page.

Of the 248 parents who responded to our questionnaire :-

- **100%** stated that their child was able to 'teach me' how to learn.
- **100%** stated the tasks let them see how their child learns in school.
- **100%** now have ideas on how to support their child at home.

On the run up to Christmas many of our children were coming to school wearing casual and designer clothing. Please can I highlight **the importance of wearing school uniform**. It keeps everything equitable, ensuring everyone looks the same and are part of Team Woodie. Not wearing uniform can also impact on behaviour at times with some children. If you require extra uniform we have a massive supply of preloved pieces so either drop by or give the office a phone. I would really appreciate your support with this as we are all really proud of our children. Our playground becomes a mud pit in the winter months so we would appreciate if all our children could bring a change of shoes for indoors to keep our Gym Hall and school building clean.



I also need to stress the importance of attending school and being at school for **9am**. We have a number of children arriving late every morning and they are missing out in vital learning. Thanks you for your support with this.

A big 'Thank You' to all the parents who have already paid **£5** towards their child's school trip. Every stage will participate in an educational outing over the next few months. Primary 3 have already had a fab outing to New Lanark and P6 are off the Scottish Parliament soon.

Kind regards

Elaine Renwick

Head

Teacher



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## Dates For Your Diary

6th Jan	Primary 1 enrolment online
10th Jan	Panto performance in school—Pinocchio
13th Jan	Class Newsletters emailed this week
22nd Jan	Flu catch up
7th Feb	Newsletter
14th Feb	Dress Down day (donation £1) more
17th Feb	Holiday
18th Feb	Holiday
19th Feb	INSET day school closed for children

**Parental Improvement Group** I would really like to share the journey of our school so far this year and gather the thoughts and opinions of our parents on our work. If you are free on **Monday 27th January at 2pm** then please pop along and join me for a very informal catch up. Your opinions and ideas really do matter. Can you call or email me to let me know you are available. Thanks

**Parent Council** The next meeting will be in Woodside on Wednesday 22nd Jan **at 7pm**. All parents are welcome to come along. They have taken on your comments from our October Questionnaire and will offer an online link for anyone who wants to join from home. Look out for more info on this .

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**We will contact our new enrolment families during week beginning 13th January. We look forward to speaking with you all.**

**Here are a small selection of some of the many comments from the Open Morning:-**

\* We really loved coming in and seeing the way our son learns and I liked the dice subtraction game and will use this regularly at home

\* It was a great insight to see how and what the children are learning and gives us more ideas how to support their learning at home.

\* It was very well laid out and managed. X was very excited and clearly loves his teacher and class.

\* The classroom was a very calm environment and all the children were engaged in the activities. It is clear that they are all very happy and it is a great environment to learn in.

\* A lovely opportunity to see more of how X is learning in class.

\* Good to see interaction of peers and teachers and good to see learning techniques for home.

\* This offered an excellent insight into how the children are taught at Woodside.

\* Thank you for providing an opportunity to allow X to showcase / lead his learning. A very organised morning with a range of activities to show learning that takes place in the classroom.

## Festive Fun day

Woodside went festive crazy on Wednesday 18th of December. The day was packed full of parties, festive hat making and Christmas movies. The House and Vice Captains organised an 'obstacle course' for the P4-7 children! It was a very busy day however we still managed to find time to squeeze in a special visit from Santa and his elf for Rooms 1, 2 and 3.

A big thank you to the Parent Council for providing the snacks for the day and to all the parents who donated to the dress down days in September and October as this covered the cost of the hats.



**Staffing Updates** Miss Kirsty Watt has returned to Woodside to take over in Room 8. Miss Watt worked with some of the children when they were in Primary 1 so it is great to have her back in our team again.



Mrs Dundas had a surprise early Christmas present when her gorgeous baby Daisy arrived on Boxing Day. Both are doing well and we can't wait to meet her.



## January Rights Of The Month

**Theme:  
International  
Day of  
Education  
Friday 24th  
January**



### Article 28 (Right to Education)

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child.



### Article 29 (Goals of Education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

