



Education Resources
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Woodie News November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who left a comment regarding our new Mobile Phone policy during the Parental Meetings last month. We have looked through them all and are currently evaluating our draft policy. I will share this with you before the end of term and talk to the children about it at a special Assembly. Our aim is to have it in place for returning in January.



A big 'Thank You' to our Parent Council who kindly donated £75 to each class to purchase some new resources. Fancy felt pens, games and fidgets .have all been delivered. We continue to need an army of parents and friends with PVGs to support our trips and school events. In order to help out at a school disco you also need a PVG. I need to say a massive 'Thank You' to the numerous staff who gave up their night and came along to ensure the disco ran safely. We will be in touch soon with our school outing plans and we will be seeking PVG helpers for these.

Your kind 'dress down day' donations amounted to **£322.62** .Monies raised from this 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 the Hamilton Baby 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, 17th 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, 28th 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 Ash and Chestnut

11am - 11.45am Maple and Oak

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

Mon 10th Nov	INSET day. Children not in school.
17th Nov	Book Week Scotland. More information will follow
Fri 21st Nov	PJs Dress Down day £1 donation
Mon 24th Nov	New Homework begins. More info
Fri 28th Nov	Open Event letter to follow
Fri 12th Dec	Christmas Service P1 Nativity 10am at St John's Church
Wed 17th Dec	Festive Fun Day
Fri 19th 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.



Head Lice—Just a reminder to Please check your child's hair daily.



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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 14 November.

Each child chooses their top 3 from the selection list 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.



Winter Weather Be prepared that our playground turns into a dirty, wet, muddy area at this time of the year. Children's shoes become extremely dirty so we need a clean pair of gym shoes to change into for the classroom. All children must wear their jackets outside and these need to be clearly named.

Primary 5 swimming

Well done to our Primary 5 children who will finish their 12 week swimming lesson block next week. They have received fabulous feedback about their behaviour from the staff at the Water Palace.



New staff member

We welcomed Mrs MacDonald into our Support staff team after the October break. She is already loving life in Woodie! Mrs McAvoy will also be staying with us a bit longer which is good news.

Centenary Gardens

Our Primary 2 children have been over spending time with our older friends at the Centenary gardens Sheltered Housing complex. We have such a special partnership with them and they look forward to our visits.

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



November Rights Of The Month

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



Road Safety

Calendar

Competition

A big 'Well Done' to Jennifer McTaggart in Primary 6 who came 3rd place in the P5-P6 category this year. She will receive a cheque for £20.

