



Woodlands' News Update

Hello from Woodlands!

Angus Council
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We are fast approaching the end of another term and what a term it has been; the Woodlands Wardlers, supported and guided by Miss Allen took part in our first ever Glee competition. They were amazing and we are very proud of them all! Netball and football clubs continue with the teams attending competitive games again this month, whilst, in other classes, clubs continue to provide a range of opportunities such as table tennis and yoga.

Our nursery went to the local shops to help their learning about money and P1 and P2 visited the Aquarium in St Andrews to also enhance their learning, P5 visited DSC, whilst P6 have continued to build their skills in E-Sports sharing what they are doing with parents, through an invite to class this week. In addition, parents of nursery and P1 children were invited to a wellbeing afternoon in school and P7 are currently taking part in Bikeability, learning how to cycle on the roads safely.

Next week we have our Day of Sports Celebration to celebrate gaining our second Sports Gold Award. This is being organised by our Sports Council, led by Miss Stewart with a wide range of activities planned for the classes to experience including pickleball, rugby and bowls. Our Danceathon is also going to run on this day, with monies raised going towards our funds for developing our outdoor reading area.

Thanks must go to our Parent Council who organised and ran our very successful Bingo Night recently, raising more funds for the school. Our Parent Council this term alone have also successfully applied for £2,500 towards seating for our outdoor reading area and purchased our P7 Leaver's Hoodies.—thank you!

Earlier this month, our P7 Reading Council organised our World Book Day activities with the children dressing in their pyjamas (they love wearing their pyjamas to school) and taking part in a competition to create a story character out of a potato. Who knew you could be so creative with a potato? The class displays were incredible and admired by all who visited our school that day and the next.

Our end of term celebration is taking place on Monday 31st March at 1.45pm but prior to this we have our Curriculum Afternoon on Thursday March 27th when parents are invited to attend their child(ren)'s class to see them engage in their writing—we hope you can make it to both of these events. Enjoy our term 3 newsletter.

Suzanne Smith, Head Teacher

End of Term

Our end of term service takes place on Monday 31st March @ 1.45pm in church. To enable us to attend we need parent/family helpers to walk us there and back. Please inform the school office if you or a family member can help. Term ends on Friday 4th April at 3.20pm.

Homework Policy

As a result of our parent survey feedback, we established a homework policy review group comprising pupils, teachers and parents. They reviewed and discussed our homework policy and have updated it. The policy will now be shared with staff, Pupil Council and Parent Council before being finalised and shared with our parent forum. Thanks to all who took part.

Pupil Voice and Celebrations

Digital Leaders

This term our digital leaders have led 2 school assemblies on Internet Safety. These focussed on how to spot a scam and how to avoid being scammed. They talked about the importance of having an adult in the room or nearby when using the internet and always keeping personal information safe and secure.

We are now looking at all of our chromebooks, ipads and laptops and ensuring they are in tip-top condition, labelled, num-



Pupil Council

The pupil council have been working on our outdoor reading area. We have been continuing to discuss ideas and have created a vision board to bring out ideas to life. We have decided on an 'Enchanted Woodland' theme. Our next steps are to link with others to help bring our vision to life. A Dance-a-thon has been organised in school to raise money for our outdoor area to add to monies raised to date.

Sports Council

The Sports Council are continuing to work on their development plan. Our reps from each class have completed member profiles which will be share on our Sports Council noticeboard. To celebrate achieving the Sports Scotland Gold award we will be having sports celebration day on Monday 23rd March. All classes will take part in a wide range of sports all day in school. We have also been busy creating a loyalty scheme to promote attendance at our extra curricular clubs. The Sports Council are also going to be planning activities for the nursery children later in the year. We have continued to add to our clubs and have further plans when the weather improves in the final term.

Rights Respecting Schools Group

We have met as a group to identify some of the actions we have still got left to do this session. We have planned a design a mascot, refreshed some of the posters and are also planning a refresher assembly for all classes.

We have managed to achieve many of our action ready for our Silver Accreditation next term.

Eco Group

Our Eco council have been busy making plans to complete another litter pick in the House Grounds and put up their posters to remind people to use the bins. They will be using scrap paper from classes to make seed bombs to attract bees to our garden area. We are hoping to visit Baldovie Recycling Centre to learn more about what happens to our waste.

Spring has Sprung

Thank you to all who were able to join us at our community garden event on Saturday.

We laid stone chips to our Zen Garden and cut back the willow in what will be our Reading Area.

Refreshments, fun and laughter was had!



News from the classes...

Nursery

This term we have been learning about our bodies, how they are different, and how to look after them. We have learned about what foods are good for, about allergies and medicines. We have learned about space and built a rocket in the cloakroom, using our engineering skills to plan. We have been learning about measuring and the language that goes with it, using our height charts to see who is taller. We are learning about calendar and seasons and using our calendars to count on to the next birthday or celebration day. In literacy we have been looking at fact books and fiction books and we are learning the difference between capital letters and lower case letters, and lots of children have been writing their names using both. We currently have a shop in our cloakroom and the children are learning about money; including a trip to the local shops to spend some money on resources for the nursery. We used technology to look at our homes and our community on the Prowise board.

Primary 1 This term our topics are water and weather. As part of our learning we are visiting St Andrews Aquarium on 10th March to learn more about local sea life. We have also had a visit from the RNLI teaching us all about water safety. In February we took part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch using tally marks to count the birds in our school habitat. We have been looking at Scots language and learned poems and songs which we then performed at a local care home. Mrs McGarry came in to tell us some Scottish stories. We have been using the description bubble to describe the Gruffalo characters and are getting very good at adding detail using a joining word. In art we have been looking at primary and secondary colours.

Primary 2 - This term we started by looking at Scots language and learned some poems and songs which we then performed at a local care home with P1. We also had Mrs McGarry come in to read some Scottish stories to us too! In maths, we have been looking at number bonds to 10 and 20 to support our addition and subtraction skills. We are now learning to tell the time on both analogue and digital clocks too. Our this term is water and as part of our learning we are visiting St Andrews Aquarium with P1 to learn more about local sea life. We have also had a visit from the RNLI teaching us all about water safety. In Literacy, we have been using the description bubble to write response texts, giving our opinion about different things. In French we have been working on our numbers and in art we have looked at primary and secondary colours! It has been another very busy term but we are having lots of fun!

Primary 3 - This term our topics are 'Famous Inventors' and 'The Ice Age'. We started the term off by looking at Scots language and learned our Scottish poems. In P.E we have been focusing on Scottish country dancing as well as dances from all around the world. We have also enjoyed developmental gymnastics and creating routines and sequences. In maths we have been learning about money and in numeracy we are working on multiplication and division. In literacy we are focusing on response texts and have enjoyed providing a judgement about short films which we have been watching in class describing the characters and favourite parts. It has definitely been another fun and busy term in P3!

Primary 4 -

This term in class we have been learning all about Dundee both past and present. We have loved finding out about how people used to live in the city. We have been looking at the work of local artists and were very lucky to have Mrs McGarry come in and read us the story that she had written all about Dundee! In maths we have been learning about money and in numeracy we have been working on addition and subtraction. In Literacy we have been focusing on writing response texts. We have been watching short films and writing our response and writing down on our thoughts on what we have watched. It has been another busy term in P4

News from the classes...

Primary 5

This term the class have been learning about life in the Victorian times and making comparisons between then and now. They have particularly enjoyed finding out about child's lives then and the laws that were put in place to protect their rights. They have also been taking part in Learning Lab sessions. The focus of this has been looking into renewable energies in Scotland. A trip to the DSC was an added bonus with the class having a great time putting some of their knowledge into practise.

In number the learning has been around multiplication and division and being able to use different strategies to answer problems. The children have also started planning their enterprise projects, looking at consumer research, cost and profit. They are looking forward to selling their products next term.

Gymnastics has been a great success with enthusiasm being shown for using the equipment, especially the wall bars. Further lessons on rugby and hockey skills will make up the remainder of the term.

As with the rest of the school, the writing focus is response texts where the children have watched adverts and movie shorts and written positive and negative reviews. We will be moving onto recount texts next.

Primary 6 -

We started off the term by looking at the Scots language, and the children did a brilliant job of learning their Scottish poems. We also learned some Scottish dances during our P.E. lessons. Our topic is *The Titanic*. So far, we have learned about the construction of the ship, the similarities and differences between 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class, famous survivors, food, and fashion. We have enjoyed our outdoor learning sessions where we learned how to light a fire safely. In maths, we have been learning about money, and in numeracy, we have been working on different multiplication strategies. Our focus in writing this term is recount texts. We are continuing to use describing bubbles to help us enhance our writing. Another fun and busy term for P6!

Primary 7 - In Primary 7 we were also looking at Scot's language and enjoyed learning our poems and sharing them with both our class and our buddies in the infant department. In P.E we learned some Scottish dances. In Literacy we have also been working on poetry analysis linked to poems about the sea. We have really enjoyed our Titanic topic and we designed and created our very own Titanic cabins after studying the different elements of the rooms on the ship. We have now moved on to learning about sustainability in our oceans, looking at climate change and plastic pollution as well as sustainable fishing. In writing we have created response texts based on our class novel *Running Wild*. In Numeracy and Maths we have been focusing on Multiplication and Division strategies as well as chance and probability. Our favourite lesson was looking at the probability of pulling out different colours of skittles from a bag. In Primary 7 we have also had another visit to Carnoustie High School, this time participating in an English and Geography lesson. We are also enjoying Bikeability on a Monday morning, especially now that the weather has been a little more favourable.

News across the school...

Glee—Feedback from the Organisers

It was so lovely to welcome Woodlands Primary School's "Woodland Warblers" along to this year's Glee Challenge. We hope you all had a great time and enjoyed your first experience of the Glee Challenge.

It was another fantastic night at the Caird Hall and we were blown away by all the amazing performances. You really did give our judges a difficult task.

A huge thank you to **you** for bringing along the Woodland Warblers and for all of your hard work. Many congratulations to the Woodland Warblers on a superb performance. No-one would have guessed that this was your very first Glee Challenge. Really strong vocals in the set song, with lovely harmonies and some beautiful solos and small groups. You gave us everything - great choreography with fabulous aerography; a few lifts, and lovely dancers. We especially enjoyed the slow mo section, Absolutely loved "Movin On Up". We've heard it a few times already this season but this was by far the best version. Again lovely solos at the start and some fab upbeat movements. A very strong and confident performance and if we hadn't told them no-one would have guessed that this was your very first Glee Challenge - you did a fantastic job and judging by the audience response they clearly felt the same. A special shout out to your young rapper - loved this unique Scottish twist. Once again, congratulations Woodlands Warblers!

Useful Links

Parent Portal - <https://parentsportal.scot/pportal/>

Parent Pay (School Lunches) - <https://www.parentpay.com/>

Connecting Parents Angus <https://sites.google.com/an.glow.scot/connectingparentsangus/home>

School Reports—<https://woodlands.pupiltracking.com/>

Clothing Grants—

https://www.angus.gov.uk/schools_and_young_people/free_school_meals_and_school_clothing_grants

Change of Address Form—

https://www.angus.gov.uk/schools_and_young_people/schools/advise_a_change_of_address_schools_and_early_learning_and_childcare

NHS Tayside CAMHS portal

The CAMHS Neurodevelopmental Parent Portal is a dedicated space for expert guidance, practical tools, and a wealth of resources—accessible anytime, anywhere. The Portal offers information and support around common neurodevelopmental concerns with strategies designed to help you navigate challenges and celebrate progress.

<https://www.nhstaysidecamhs.co.uk>

School Fund

Our wonderful book fair raised a total of £1238.80 which means we have £681.34 to spend on books for the school, thank you to everyone who helped us raise this amount.

Also, well done to everyone who helped us raise £358.93 from the Asda rewards app we will be purchasing items for the playground with this great amount.

Parent Council

Thank you to Our Carnoustie who donated £2500 for our outdoor reading area.

We held our bingo night on Friday 7th March, it was a great success and thank you to everyone who came along.

We are delighted to see the P7's in the leavers hoodies, we think they all look very smart.

We are also looking for parents to join the parent council, if this is something you can help with please contact us on social media or via a current member of parent council.

Allergies and lunch orders: Due to some children in school having allergies which can lead to anaphylaxis, we ask that you please avoid snacks and foods containing peanuts and sesame seeds where at all possible. Please also ensure that your child's name is displayed on the outside of their packed lunch container and that dinners are chosen by 8am each day.

Dates for the diary...

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March	3	P7 Bikeability starts
	5	Nursery and P1 wellbeing afternoon for families
	6	World Book Day
	7	Homework policy group meet Parent Council Bingo Night
	10	P1 and P2 School Trip to St Andrews Aquarium
	12	Netball Tournament
	15	School Gardening Morning—all welcome 9.30-11.30am
	17	P6 E-Sports showcase and online safety for parents
	21	Football Tournament
	24	Sports Gold Award Day of Sport and Celebration
	27	Curriculum afternoon for families—sharing our writing focus
	28	Girls football tournament
	31	End of term service 1.45pm start—all welcome (TBC)
April	4	End of term (usual finish time)
	22	Start of term 4 (Tuesday)
May	5	May Day holiday (school closed)
	7	Parent Council AGM (6pm)
	21-23	P7 residential
	26	Inset Day 5 (school closed to children)
	28	Sports Day (weather permitting P1-4 am and P5-7 pm)
	29	Golf tournament
June	11	P7 to CHS
	12	P7 to CHS and move up morning for all other classes
	13	Reports to parents
	23	Proposed end of term service
	24	P7 Leavers event
	27	End of term —3pm finish for all
August	18	Inset day 1 (school open to staff only)
	19	Term 1 starts for all pupils