



Welcome to Primary 7!

We hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and is ready for the year ahead. It has been lovely to see all the children in school and they all seem enthusiastic to learn. Please have a read of this newsletter and get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Brown will be in Primary 7 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Mrs Sloan will be in Primary 7 on a Friday.

## Communication

We have set up a class Teams page which we will be developing the use of with the class throughout the year. This is the way we will share homework this year and it is also the way you will be able to contact us with general questions. The children should be very familiar with how to use Teams. **It is vital that they log in to Teams regularly at home as this is where we post all information on homework and this is where we will post any notifications which the children need to be aware of.** **Please help your child to check they can access the P7 Teams page at home.**

Alternatively, if you wish to contact us please send us an email.

Our email addresses are –

Mrs Brown – [gwo8browntracey01@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gwo8browntracey01@glow.sch.uk)

Mrs Sloan - [gwo8sloanalison@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gwo8sloanalison@ea.dumgal.sch.uk)



## P7 Expectations

Our main expectation is that your child is happy in the class and always tries their best. If there are any issues it is important that you make us aware of these.

Your child should come to school each day ready to learn. They will need

- a full water bottle
- indoor shoes
- PE kit is needed on a **Monday** and a **Tuesday**. They should come to school in school uniform with their P.E. kit in their bag. They will then come home in their P.E. kit.
- a waterproof jacket **every day** as the weather can change..

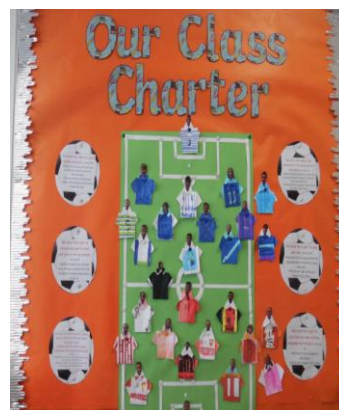


We will provide all resources needed but if your child wants to bring in a small personal pencil case they may do so.

We have discussed the children's wishes for their year in Primary 7. They have expressed that they would like to order hoodies, receive a yearbook as a leaving present and participate in a P7 show. More information will follow about each of these in due course.

## Lunches

School lunches are ordered using iPayImpact where every child has their own unique log in. We have ensured that every child in P7 has this so that lunches do not need to be organised in class. Please ask your child to log in to their own account and choose their lunch option for the week ahead. **They should be doing this even if they are packed lunch.** It takes up time to organise this in the morning so we ask with your assistance in making sure this is done before arriving at school. If you still require a log in please let us know.



## Class Charter

As a class we discussed the rights which we felt were most relevant while at school. In line with this and our own values we have created a class charter which all the children have agreed upon.



## Wider Achievements

We are always keen to hear about your child's wider achievements outside of school. Please encourage them to share these with us. They will find a master copy of the Wider Achievement Certificate in their Teams page. They should go to the General channel and they will find it in the Files section at the top. Please download a copy of the master and edit this and then save their own version.

## Literacy

During work in Literacy we will be developing our writing skills through descriptive and narrative writing.

In reading the children will be focussing on their reading comprehension skills through their group texts and Accelerated Reading texts. The children will be given time to read this in class but there is also an expectation that they will spend some time reading this at home.

We will also be reading a class novel titled 'The Wilderness War' and will use this to pursue different areas linked to outdoor learning.

The children will be given new spelling words on a Tuesday and they should work on these in class and at home throughout the week. They will be shared on the P7 Teams page so that the children can practise these for homework before their spelling test in class on a Monday morning.

Within modern languages we will focus on French where we will use information about ourselves to begin "Mon Dossier".



## Maths and Numeracy

Our work in numeracy this term will focus on working with money and calculations relating to profit and loss.

We will be working on shape on a Friday with a focus on properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

We will continue to develop our mental maths and problem solving skills through weekly challenges.

We will be continuing with the use of Sumdog both in class and as homework. It would be beneficial for children to spend a little time each week working on developing their numeracy skills which can be done through Sumdog.



## Health and Wellbeing (H&WB)

In PE we will be learning skills associated with team games. P.E will be on a Monday and a Tuesday. Children will go home in their P.E. kit.

Our Wellbeing focus will be looking at 'Achieving' and sharing their strengths and next steps.

While focussing on Substance Misuse we will be looking at how media can influence the choices we make. We will also be learning how to deal with emergency situations.

P7 will also be participating in Operation Safety this term– further details will follow on this.

## Other Curricular Areas

Within Digital Literacy we will be developing our skills within Microsoft Teams and One Drive. We will be revising how to keep ourselves safe online and responsible behaviour in an online forum. We will also be looking at different ways to save documents including online platforms.

In Science we will be focussing on Food Chains and Life Cycles.

Within Expressive Arts we will be developing skills using different media in art and design.



## Homework

Homework will be issued electronically on our class Teams page.

- Spelling – new spelling lists will be issued on a Tuesday. These words should be practised at home using the suggested activities and children will complete a spelling test in class on a Monday. There is no need to hand in any spelling homework.
- Numeracy – children will be set a Sumdog challenge to complete once a month. They will also be given a written or practical maths task to complete once a month.
- Reading – your child will bring home a book where they have been set reading homework. Children should aim to read for a minimum of 10 minutes each night.

If here are any concerns or issues then please get in touch.



## Bits and Pieces

- **Snack-** We would encourage this to be a piece of fruit or a healthy alternative as often as possible. Your child should also have a water bottle with a sports cap in class every day. Please fill these at home in order to avoid using the water dispenser as much as possible.
- **We will be working on producing a Yearbook for Primary 7 as a leaving gift. We are asking you to email a photo of your child in Primary 1 to myself as soon as possible. Please send the picture to [gw08browntracey01@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw08browntracey01@glow.sch.uk)**
- On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September there will be an Open Afternoon between 2.15-2.45pm. P7 will be at PE with Mr Sharp during this time and parents are encouraged to come along and join in.
- We will regularly update the school blog page with what is happening in P7B. If you haven't already visited here have a look and see what the children have been up to so far in P7B. It has been great to see parents engaging with their child's learning and leaving comments for us to read. There is a link to the Blog on your child's Teams page or you can find it at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/heathhallschool/><https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/heathhall>