



James Hamilton Primary Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh & Sgoil-àraich na Coille Nuaidh

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Head Teacher Welcome

Welcome back to the start of Term 2!

I hope you have all had and a safe, healthy and enjoyable October Break.



Uniform

All pupils have been looking extremely smart in their school uniform since the start of term. We have, however, noticed the decline in school sweatshirts and polo shirts alongside jogging bottoms/ leggings on gym days.

Please actively encourage your child to be wearing school uniform as part of their gym uniform and not tracksuits/ hoodies/football tops.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

COVID

Please continue to be vigilant of any potential COVID symptoms and follow NHS and Government guidance of getting a PCR test if you or your child displays any symptoms. If your child does require a PCR test please ensure to contact the school with this information for both positive and negative results.

There may be times where we require a copy of a negative result before a child can attend school following a PCR test.

Thanks for your continued support to ensure your children, our staff and your family and community can stay as safe as possible during this time.

BLOG

You will find lots of information about what is happening in the life of our school on the James Hamilton Primary School & Sgoil na Coille Nuaidh GLOW blog, the web address is:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/jameshamiltonprimaryschool/>

Each class has their own section on the blog under the 'Class Pages' menu.

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For each class, you will find a 'News and Updates' page, a 'Celebrating Success' page with information about the Pupil of the Week, Termly Outlines to give an overview of what the class will be learning about and Photo Galleries showing some of the learning taking place in the classroom.

Our blog also has a 'Parent and Carer Zone'. From this menu, you can:

- visit the Parent Council section
- read the School Improvement Plan
- read school newsletters
- check the dates of school holidays
- visit the 'Homework' section

You can also find the contact information for the school on the blog as well as a staff list and some information about the committees we have within the school including Dyslexia Friendly Schools and Rights Respecting Schools.

We hope you find the blog informative and useful.

Literacy

The Bookbug and Read, Write and Count initiatives gift book/activity bags will be distributed to all P1-3 pupils in November to tie in with Scottish Book Week. These are gifted by the Scottish Book Trust and are part of the Scottish Government's commitment to addressing the attainment gap. Further information will follow regarding dates when these bags will be given out.

Halloween

The poster opposite was published on the App last week.

Children can come to school dressed up on Friday 29th October for 'Killeween'.

There will be some fun activities in their classroom.



Halloween Fun
Friday 29th October

Children can come to school dressed up and there will be some Halloween activities in their class.

Please leave accessories at home (sword, broomstick, etc.)

Parking

At pick up and drop off times please make sure you park safely in a designated parking space that you are entitled to use. These times can be very busy around the campus so we ask for your cooperation to keep everyone safe. This will be monitored at times by our Campus Police Officer.

Community Council Donation

The school recently donated a variety of tombola prizes and sweets to New Farm Loch's Community Council Halloween event on Friday 29th October. We hope this is an enjoyable and successful event within our local community.

Parent Council

Our next parent council meeting of this session will take place on Monday 29th November at 6.30pm via Vscene.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend. If you would like the link for this meeting it should be requested by contacting wmcilvanneyparentcouncil@gmail.com the week before the meeting.

Social Distancing & Face Coverings

We ask that you please continue to follow the Scottish Government guidance on 'COVID reducing the risks in schools', states:

***if parents/carers are dropping off/collecting children, they should wear face coverings to all school sites (including outside).**

***if parents/carers are dropping off/collecting children, they should be discouraged from gathering outside the school and should maintain distancing (1m) as far as practicable, when dropping off/collecting their children.**

***car sharing with children and young people from different households should be discouraged.**

Thank you for complying with this guidance in and around our school to ensure the safety for all.



Lost Property

We have an ever increasing number of items of lost property at our school office. Unfortunately, many of these items do not have any names on the labels so we are unable to reunite them with their owner. As the colder weather approaches, please can you make sure all items (including hats, gloves, and scarves) are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Sgnoil na Coille Nuaidh (GME)

- **Chòrd Leugh is Cluich le Linda gu mòr ri Sgoil-Àraich, Clas 1 agus Clas 2/3. Dh' ionnsaich sinn beagan Makaton cuideachd.** | Sgòil-Àraich and P1-3 really enjoyed the 'Read and Play with Linda' sessions last term. We even learned some Makaton along the way! We will keep an eye out for any future sessions and opportunities.
- **Tha clasaichean Gàidhlig do phàrantan is luchd-churaim a' toiseachadh an ath-sheachdain! Thig sinn còmhla air Vscene air Diciadain an 27mh aig 6:00f.** | Parent and carers Gaelic classes are starting next week on Wednesday 27th at 6:00pm. Please e-mail Mr McColgan-Smith if you wish to attend the classes. Vscene log-in details will follow at the start of the week.
- We had an initial meeting last term to share information about 'Comann nam Pàrant'. Innes MacQueen from Comann nam Pàrant/ Comunn na Gàidhlig has been arranging a follow-up meeting to try and formulate a committee. If anyone who has not been in contact with Innes already but wishes to contribute to things going forward you can contact him at: Innes@cnaq.org

Communication with the school

If you need to contact the school these are the following methods available:

School phone line (answering service for absence and messages available) - 01563 558505

School mailbox (general information) - eaJamesHailton.ps@eastayrshire.org.uk

Mrs Abercrombie (confidential information) - lynsey.abercrombie@eastayrshire.org.uk



Pantomime

Unfortunately we are not permitted to attend as a school this year due to COVID mitigations in place. We are currently looking into which virtual pantomime looks most suitable to book for the whole school to watch in classes.



Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 21st October- Virtual Climate Conference (2 x P7 pupils)
- Friday 29th October- Hallowe'en Celebrations
- Monday 1st November- P7 visit from Modern Languages staff Kilmarnock Academy
- Monday 29th November- Parent Council Meeting
- Week beginning 29th November P7 visit from Social Subjects staff Kilmarnock Academy
- Tuesday 7th December- P7 Kilmarnock Academy Parents' Information Evening

Christmas Finishing Times

<u>Finishing Times</u>	<u>Classes</u>
2.25pm	P1-7 Gaelic, P2, P7
2.30pm	P4, P6
2.35pm	P1, P3, P5

Once again, I'd like to thank our parents and carers for all of their support throughout what continues to be difficult and challenging times for us all.

Do remember if you have any concerns or queries do not hesitate to contact myself at the school.

Kind Regards,

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