

Dates for your Diary

- P7a Assembly 6th May
- P1a Assembly 13th May
- P5b Assembly 20th May
- P1b Assembly 3rd June
- Parent Council 'Family Fun Quiz' 3rd June
- P6a Assembly 9th June
- Primary 1 Induction visits – 2nd & 14th June.
- Sports Day – 10th June
- Nursery Outing 17th June
- School report cards and nursery summative reports issued – 16th June.
- The P 7 Induction visits to Woodfarm High School – 13th & 14th June.
- Giffnock P 7 Ceilidh 15th June
- Meet your Class – 16th June
- Nursery Graduation 22nd June
- Summer Service – morning of 24th June at Orchardhill Church

Holidays & In-service Days

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| Election: | Thurs 5 May 2016 |
| May Weekend (2): | Fri 27 & Mon 30 May 2016 |
| E.U Referendum: | Thurs 23 June 2016 |
| Summer Holiday: | School closes Fri 24 June 2016 @ 1pm |

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| In-service Day: | Tue 31 May 2016 |
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Please remember if you have any compliments, concerns or queries please do not hesitate in contacting me at the school or come along to one of our management team drop ins: 9 – 9.30 a.m. every Friday.

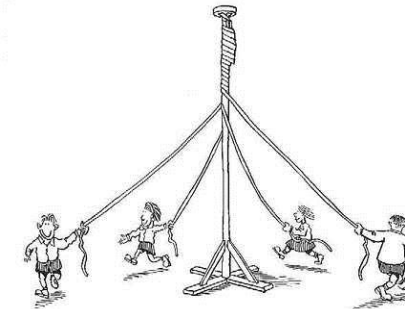
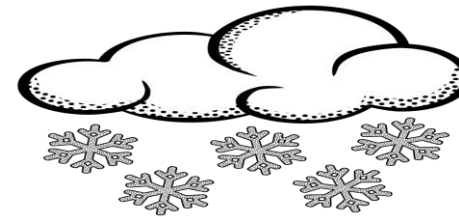
Yours sincerely,

Pauline Ferguson

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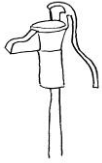
Newsletter



April/May 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

A short but extremely busy 'summer' term - I use that word loosely, as we seem to be experiencing four seasons in one day at the moment! Nonetheless lots to look forward to.....



Article 12: All children have the right to clean water

RRS We were lucky to have a WATER AID speaker at an assembly who told us about building wells in lots of African and Asian countries bringing water into the villages and changing the lives of children forever. If there are no wells in the village, children can walk 8 miles in the morning to collect water in their buckets, before heading to school.

Spring Service Thank you to the children in primaries 3 and 4 who led the service so confidently and competently. The Easter parade was led by our Nursery children and as usual brought many a smile. Thank you to all who contributed to the £245 collected which will be shared between WaterAid and Diabetes UK.

Mile a day Following the positive feedback from the pupils who have been piloting this initiative, all classes will now participate on a daily basis during the summer term.

Fresh from organising the Sports Relief mile (the pupils raised £256), the **Sports Committee** are filming a video about the great work all the pupils, staff and volunteers do with clubs at Giffnock Primary School. This will assist the bid to reach gold status in the SportScotland School Sports Award.



Rocket Science Project Our mission to grow rocket lettuce seeds which have been on the International Space Station with Tim Peake, is well underway. Already the seeds have germinated and the team are taking it in turns to water and turn the trays. Along with many classes, the Rocket Science team made hypotheses about how the growth of the space seeds may be different from that of the seeds we are growing which stayed on Earth. These hypotheses have been placed in sealed envelopes awaiting Tim Peake's announcement in June about which of the packets we received contained the space seeds. We will have all the data from the experiment by then, heights of the seedlings, number growing and other measurements. We hope you will keep following the progress of this exciting experiment as we post regular updates and pictures on our school website.

Parent Council The next Parent Council meeting is on Monday 9th May @ 7pm. If you are interested in joining or would like to find out more, please email giffnockpc@hotmail.co.uk. The next fundraising event will be the 'Family Quingo' on the 3rd June. Further details can be found on the school website.

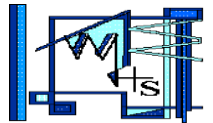


Partnership links A group of P5 pupils have volunteered to take part in a project with School Food Matters and Whole Foods. We will be working on a variety of tasks such as sauce making, farm visit and market day! Watch this space.

Skills for learning, life and work- Dream Big Day 2 Following on from last year's successful pilot, Mr McNeill has been busy working with teachers and parents to put in place workshops and a Career Fayre this term. If you are interested and have not already volunteered please contact Mr McNeill should you wish to become involved.

Keyboard Skills The lunchtime club will be running again as from 9th May. Due to the popularity of this club it will now run over two lunchtimes during the week. If you are interested please return the forms and make sure your child attends if you are booking a place as spaces are limited.

Woodfarm High School Learning Festival takes place on Thursday 19 May from 4.30-6.30pm at Woodfarm High School. All parents and carers of pupils from P5 upwards are welcome to go along.



Primary Two had a great afternoon at the Tesco Football Festival. We got to practise lots of different skills while playing in mini games all afternoon. We are enjoying trying to keep up our fitness by running a daily mile. We have also been learning about schools in the past and would love it if you could share any playground games you remember so your child can teach it to us!



Giffnock Primary School is taking on the JTS 90kg Rice Challenge! JTS is a not-for-profit fair trade organisation that works with farmers' associations in Africa. JTS supports rice farmers as they develop their businesses and keeps them motivated with a promise of good UK markets for their produce. 90KG of rice is what a farmer has to grow to pay for one of his children to go to school. To support this cause, Pupil Council Representatives will soon be selling delicious fair trade rice in school! More details to follow soon...

