



September 2016

Pupil Group Representatives and House Captains

Dear Parent/ Carer

At Giffnock Primary, we want our children to have a wide range of learning opportunities and it is very important that they have a variety of ways in which they can participate in the leadership of learning, both within their own classrooms and the wider school community. A broad set of skills for life, learning and work can be developed through such experiences.

With these principles in mind, our school has a range of Pupil Groups and Committees that encourage such involvement. Important examples of this include our:

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| • House and Vice-Captains | (P7) |
| • Pupil Council | (P1-7 Class Representatives) |
| • Eco-Committee | (Nursery-7 Class Representatives) |
| • Sports Committee | (P1-7 Class Representatives) |
| • Rights Respecting Schools Group | (P1-7 Class Representatives) |
| • Junior Road Safety Officers | (P6 Representatives) |
| • Librarians | (P5 Representatives) |
| • Twitter Group | (P6 Representatives) |

In order to get these groups started this session, over the next two weeks our children will spend some time in class discussing with their teachers the role of these groups in our school community and how they can become involved with the leadership of them. Since this is entirely optional, some of our P4-7 children may bring home an application form for a Class Representative position. Similarly, our younger children may be asked to explain why they might want to have the role to their classes. These roles will then be elected through 'secret' class votes, a positive process which encourages and supports all of the children in having a go, whether or not they are successful. Our P7 children have already brought home information this week about standing for House Captain positions.

We will then celebrate the election of our new House Captains, Vice Captains and Pupil Group Representatives at a special assembly on the afternoon of Friday 16th September, after which we will share their good news with the wider school community.

Yours faithfully,

Rob Lawson
Acting Head Teacher