

Wider Achievement

Our children will achieve in many areas of their life and learning and our Awesome Achievers system helps to celebrate these achievements. This is of great importance for our children's growing self-esteem and confidence. In their Awesome Achievers Records, our children may consider achievements in school but also those outside, including:

- hobbies and interests, such as participating in a sport
- youth work
- volunteering
- caring for a relative
- activities they undertake in the life of the school, such as Eco Schools or Buddying
- their participation in clubs such as Rainbows/ Brownies
- recognised awards or programmes, such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Awesome Achievers

At Giffnock all of our children have their own Awesome Achievers Record. This record is used approximately every 8 weeks for children to note special things that they have achieved. The record is completed in class and taken home to be shared with their family. Once pupils return their records, these are celebrated in class, including some of the achievements being displayed as leaves on our 'Achievement Tree'.

We use our celebrations and school events to embrace our school values of Respect, Inclusivity, Friendship, Kindness, Honesty and Determination. At our special Awesome Achievers Assemblies, certificates celebrating School Values based upon achievements are celebrated with copies of these certificates being displayed in our Achievement Area in our Achievement Hall which the children themselves designed.

Language of Learning

Our children are regularly encouraged and taught how to articulate their learning using evaluative and expressive language. Our younger children evidence some of this through their big book of shared learning, with individual 'Learning Journeys' or profiles of learning and achievement developing for every child throughout the school. In Primary 4-7, our children create electronic 'Learning Journey' folders of their progress and achievement.

This aspect of learning helps children to reflect on their development and to share this with parents and families. In developing our children's independence and ability to evaluate and articulate their own learning successfully, we are keen to encourage our children to talk with other pupils, staff and parents about their learning and take account of this feedback to decide upon their next steps. Our Awesome Achievers Booklets are a great opportunity to further develop this evaluative language with your child.