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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a busy first term and the children have engaged in lots of wonderful learning experiences, including participating in a Science Week and Maths Week Scotland.

Pupil voice is very important to us in Westquarter Primary School and we have a number of leadership groups and opportunities.

House Captains

Many of our Primary 7 pupils confidently delivered House Captain Election speeches this term. We are very proud of everyone who took part and stood for election, and wish to congratulate our new House Captains . . .

Forth Mhairi and Scarlett
Avon Leila and Albert
Carron Mollie and Nathan
Tay Ollie and Cameron

Young Leaders

Each year, Jen Watson-Brown (Active Schools Coordinator) works with our Primary 6 children to develop the skills they need to become Young Leaders. The children then have the opportunity to lead clubs and activities in school. So far this year, we have had proposals for two lunchtime clubs and I am certain we will have lots more.

The Basketball club is up and running and we have seen lots of smiling faces leaving the hall after Basketball training.

It is lovely to see the Young Leaders' enthusiasm following and watching them further develop their leadership skills whilst running clubs.

Play Zone Helpers

At lunchtimes, we have a range of play zones in our P1-4 playground. The children love playing with the toys, and the excitement whilst waiting at "The Shed" for the toys to come out is palpable - quite a queue forms! We daren't be late in getting there 😊

Many of our P2s and some of our P3s have adopted a leadership role and support the other children in getting ready to play, and playing safely and respectfully with the toys. They encourage the other children and remind them of the expectations for each zone including sharing, taking turns and tidying up. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch.

Librarians

A group of P5 children successfully obtained the role of librarian. They take great care of our library and encourage others to do the same. Along with Miss McKee, they ran a successful poster competition to relaunch the library (which has been out of use for the past two years due to COVID-19 restrictions).

On a daily basis, I pass and see classes using the library which is just super. It is even better when the children are so lost in their books that they don't see me!

Digital Leaders

Our Digital Leaders continue to support all things ICT in Westquarter Primary. On the 28th October a group of Digital Leaders will work with Mrs J Downie and Mrs Abercrombie, Curriculum Development Officer for Digital Learning, to develop our school website. There was talk of buttons and all sort of things that I don't fully understand but all sound very impressive. We can't wait to see the results!

Rights Respecting Schools

We continue to work towards our Silver: Rights Aware Award. In class, children are learning about their rights and putting them into practice every day. Each class has created their Class Charter and elected a representative for "The Rights Squad". The children decided on the name for their group which is led by Miss MacLean and supported wonderfully by Scarlett and Albert.

Already this year, The Rights Squad has presented at assembly, shared the "Right of the Fortnight" with the school and worked together with their classes to create amazing displays about rights for our Main Hall.

Pupil Council

Each class has elected a Pupil Council Representative. They speak on behalf of their class to inform and make decisions about what happens in Westquarter Primary School.

Since the start of term, the children have been involved in creating questions for the Head Teacher recruitment process, purchasing playground toys and equipment, and completing a Nurturing Schools Evaluation to inform our School Improvement Priorities.

☺ We would like to thank all of the children in Westquarter for helping make the school a wonderful place to be ☺

Term 2	
Monday 24.10.22	Pupils return from October holiday.
Tuesday 25.10.22	Wear it Pink We invite children to wear something pink and make a donation to Breast Cancer Now, a charity which has been close to our hearts recently. The link for donations will be sent separately.
Friday 28.10.22	Dress Down Day
Wednesday 02.11.22	Parent Council Disco
Wednesday 23.11.22	Parents Evening Appointments – more information to follow.
Thursday 24.11.22	Parents Evening Appointments – more information to follow.
Friday 25.11.22	In-service Day. School closed to pupils.
Thursday 22.12.22	Christmas Holiday
Monday 09.01.23	Staff and Pupils return from Christmas holiday.

I hope you have a lovely October holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 24th October.

Kind regards,

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Acting Head Teacher