



Newsletter



February 2026

Dear parents and carers

This term we are welcoming 5 student teachers who will spend time in various classes. We have appointed a new Principal Teacher who starts with us next month, her name is Mrs McCreery and she will be working in the Zen Den as part of her PT remit. Thanks to Miss Spence who has done a wonderful job covering the Zen Den and working with so many groups of children supporting them with their learning and emotional wellbeing in school.

Primary 7 Paris Trip - A group of P7 children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Paris last month, children ordered drinks/snacks in French and used Euros to pay for their souvenirs. We visited the Eiffel Tower, enjoyed a river boat trip and loved all the rides/shows in Disney. It was a wonderful experience, and children were so well behaved. Thanks to the staff who gave up their own time to support children on this residential trip, we couldn't do it without you! 😊

Children's Rights - We teach children about their rights at assemblies and in class, ask them if they can remember any of their rights. We are working towards our Silver Rights Respecting School Award.

School Funds & PEF Budget Update

After a consultation with children and a group of parents, we agreed to set up a **Gaming Zone** in Room 7. We purchased a Play Station 5 and appropriate games for children to play in school, at a cost of £500. This is now a weekly reward for children demonstrating our school values in P6 & P7 and a good incentive for improving attendance at school.

Cycle Partnership - Thanks to our wonderful partners at Drumchapel Cycle Hub who provide weekly sessions for children in Primary 7. A Primary 3 group will be starting soon too! We also plan to spend £1000 from our School Fund budget to purchase more bikes suitable for our younger children.

Calm Room - We have used £7000 from our Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) budget to improve our Calm Room on the ground floor. We have a wonderful new soft play space in Blairdardie blue! P1-3 can now access to help regulate their emotions or relax in a safe space with a member of staff. This also means that our Retreat Room on the second floor will only be for P4-7 which allows our older children more time in this space.

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Our Blairdardie School values:

Honest

Kind

Responsible

Hard Working

Dates for your diary...



February

- ✓ Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th February - Holiday
- ✓ Wednesday 18th February - In-service day

March

- ✓ Monday 9-11th March - P7 Largs Trip
- ✓ Thursday 12th March - Parent/Teacher Meetings
- ✓ Friday 27th March - Eid Celebration
- ✓ Tuesday 31st March - Annie Performance 3.30pm

April

- ✓ Wednesday 1st April - Annie Performance 6.30pm
- ✓ Thursday 2nd April - Easter Egg & Easter Bonnet Competition
- ✓ Thursday 2nd April - School closes at 2.30pm, for Spring Holiday
- ✓ Monday 20th April - School reopens
- ✓ Thursday 23rd April - P6 Trip TBC

May

- ✓ Monday 4th May - May Holiday
- ✓ Thursday 7th May - Election Day/In-service day
- ✓ Friday 22nd & Monday 25th May - Holiday Weekend

June

- ✓ Monday 1st June - Health Week starts
- ✓ Friday 5th June - Sports Day- parents/carers welcome in afternoon
- ✓ Thursday 11th June - Primary 7 Prom 6.30pm
- ✓ Friday 19th June - Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm
- ✓ Thursday 25th June - School closes at 1pm

Attendance

The attendance officer monitors pupil attendance and will be in touch with families when attendance is low. Here are our current attendance figures for each stage.

Primary 1	90%
Primary 2	90%
Primary 3	91%
Primary 4	91%
Primary 5	88%
Primary 6	91%
Primary 7	90%



New I-pads

Glasgow City Council has committed to replace all our P6 & P7 individual iPads and P1-5 shared iPads with the latest model! We have also been allocated new Stylus pens.

Thanks to Miss Campbell who has been busy collecting in all the old iPads and is in the process of setting up 250 new ones, an enormous task!

Children will benefit from using the latest technology to support their learning.



Indoor Shoes

A wee reminder that children need to have indoor shoes to keep our lovely carpets clean for children to sit on in class. We've had a lot of muddy shoes/boots recently making a mess of carpets. Black gym shoes are ideal and inexpensive.

Parent Council

Thanks to our Parent Council, past and present, for their successful grant application to fund our next block of 'Craft Club'. The grant will pay for art materials for class lessons as well as an art teacher who will work with various classes in the school.

Our Parent Council has also donated £880 from funds raised last year. We have consulted children and our parent council and agreed to purchase 'Kapla' sets for each class. Kapla is a wooden construction set which is very flexible for use in science/technology lessons as well as being great fun to play with!