

MARCH 2023

CLYDE NEWS

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- 31.03.23 – P6 Assembly/Feel good Friday
School Closes at 2.30pm
- 17.04.23 – School Re-Opens
- 28.05.23 – Feel Good Friday
- 01.05.23 – School closed May Holiday
- 08.05.23 - School closed for Coronation
- 05.05.23 – P1a/b Class Assembly
- 19.05.23 – Primary 4 Class Assembly

A Busy Term!

Going from Strength to Strength!

We have continued to have a very busy year, going from strength to strength with our continuous school improvements through a wide variety of events for learners and families to be involved in including:

- P6 and P7s attend a STEM Fest
- LGBT History Month/Purple Friday
- International Woman's Day
- Family, Food & Fun
- Family Gardening & Games
- Netball Tournament
- Cheerleading Competition
- Pupil Council visit to Chirnsyde PS
- Pupil Council attend Children's Rights event at Glasgow City Chambers
- Podcasting
- Launch of Accelerated Reader

We're sure you'll agree, we have achieved lots in this term alone!

On top of this, we have offered a wide range of extra-curricular activities at lunch and after school including (different clubs to certain ages):

- Football
- Homework Club
- Craft Club
- Cheerleading
- Netball
- Dance
- Art
- Music (glockenspiel)

Some of these clubs have been led by our Primary 6s and 7s. Well done if you've been a leader!

Keeping our Children Safe

Community Action Group

We continue to have safety issues around pick up and drop off time. Our pupil lead Community Action Group will be visiting the school gates to speak with adults who are not following the law and keeping our children safe.



parentsportal.scot

Parents Portal is designed to replace the 'schoolbag run' and provides online access to a range of school related services to Parents/Carers.

It will provide access to Parents/Carers with information about school and will allow 24-hour online access to: -

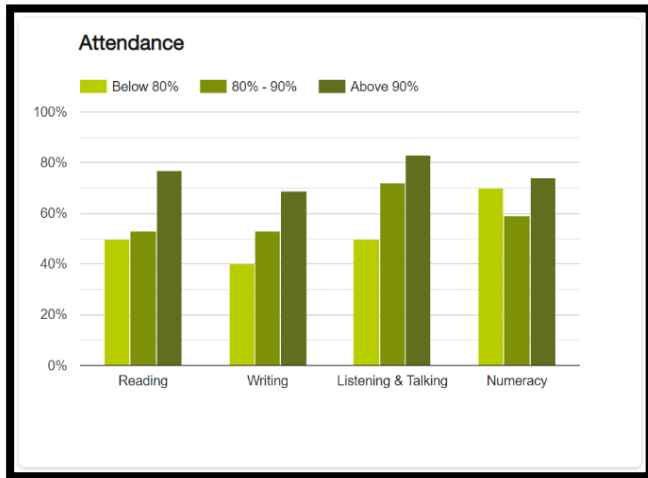
- Complete/update the annual data check process electronically
- Update their own as well as their child's details at any time
- View the school calendar
- Complete electronic permission slips and consent forms

As the Parents Portal develops, you will see more services being introduced in the future including online placing requests, report cards, payments for trips and activities.

REGISTER HERE

Improving Attendance, Improving Learning

Attendance at Clyde has declined from an average of 94% to 89% meaning on average every child has a day off every two weeks. This is negatively impacting on learners and their learning. Our data shows that children who are at school more than 95% of the time do better in their learning.



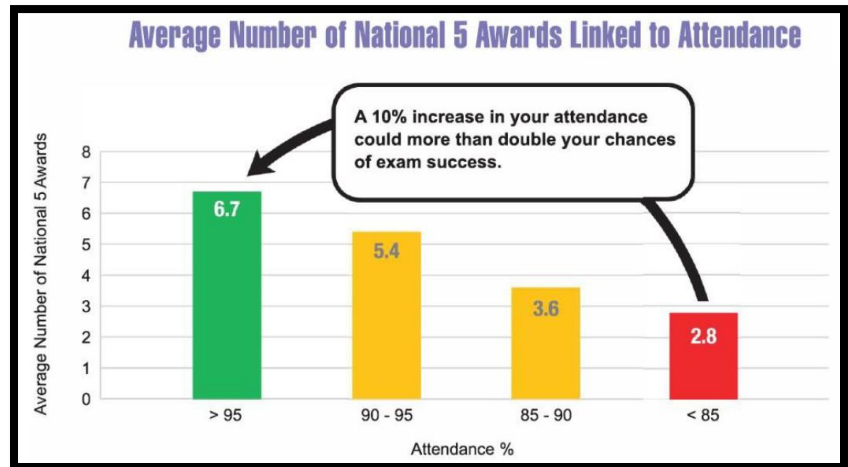
Being off does not only affect your child, it affects everyone. Teachers have to spend time catching up any child who has been absent. Being absent also affects a child's wellbeing and they can be anxious about not understanding learning they have missed.

This graph shows our attainment levels. Children with attendance below 80% do not meet the same learning expectations as those with above 90%.

Only 40% of children with attendance below 80% meet the national standard and expectation in writing. These children also miss the planned additional support therefore find it very difficult to catch up. This affects our attainment levels of the whole school

Not only does attendance affect your child now, this graph to the right shows the effect of poor attendance on your child's future exam success.

Your child's success is in your hands.



Attendance percentages can be misleading.

Consider the following:

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| 100% Attendance | 0 Days Missed | Excellent | Gives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying start. |
| 95% Attendance | 9 Days of Absence 1 week and 4 Days of Learning Missed | Satisfactory | |
| 90% Attendance | 19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed | Poor | Less chance of success. Makes it harder to progress. |
| 85% Attendance | 27 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed Almost half a term missed | Very Poor | Serious implications on learning and progress. |
| 80% Attendance | 36 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed Half a term missed | Unacceptable | |
| 75% Attendance | 45 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed Almost 1 whole term missed | Unacceptable | |

Unlike test scores where 85-100% is very good, this is very misleading with attendance. This table has been created by a parent group in Scotland to explain the impact of misunderstanding percentages when thinking about attendance. See the table to see how a percentage links to days/weeks off.

We, like you, want to give your child every chance of success both at school and in life. The best way of achieving this is to be in school, on time, every day. Being off for a birthday,

unwashed uniform, trip to the cinema/football/play date, is not an acceptable reason for absence. If you need support please contact the School Leadership Team.

Staffing Update

Staff Changes and Looking Ahead

We recently had competitive formal interviews to officially fill our Principal Teacher post. Miss Campbell was successful at interview and will now move into this contract (she was already Acting Principal Teacher). Miss Barrowman and Miss Deery will also continue to be Acting Principal Teachers until June following the interview process. We wish them well in their posts.

Miss Ferrier who has been covering P6b is moving on from Clyde after Spring Break. Miss McInnes will be covering her post until further notice.

At this point in the year, many people begin to ask about classes/teachers for next year. This will not be shared until early/mid-June when Glasgow City Council have confirmed our staff and class sizes for next session.

Annual Survey

Your Voice Matters

It's coming towards the time when we want to hear your views on what 2023-24's School Improvement Plan should look like. Many of the suggestions from parents and pupils last year have been part of our programme of improvements this year such as;

- Improved consistency on Seesaw
- More after school clubs
- Improved advanced notice of events (Parent Calendar)
- More trips (£10,000 of funding was set aside for this)
- More Outdoor Learning (see later in newsletter)

Please look out of this survey, your feedback helps us to improve and also to celebrate our successes.

Parent Council & Outdoor Learning

#EverybodyHasSomethingToGive

Our Parent Council and Mrs Wight have worked hard in the background this year to develop our approaches to Outdoor Learning and improve our outdoor spaces.

The Parent Council has worked hard to secure XXX funding which has allowed them to purchase a personal set of wellies for every child in P1-4, outdoor learning clothing so full classes can go outdoors in all weathers and provided us with a huge amount of resources. Mrs Wight has organised training for staff, and already organised more for October 2023.

Mrs Wight and the Parent Council are launching our new outdoor resources in May and will be inviting in all families to take part in Outdoor Learning Week which will introduce the benefits of outdoor learning to you. Days and times for your child's class will be issued before the Spring Break but watch this space for week beginning 8th May.

We would like to thank the Parent Council for their continued support. They are always looking for new members. If you would like to contact the Parent Council please contact

clydeparentcouncil@gmail.com

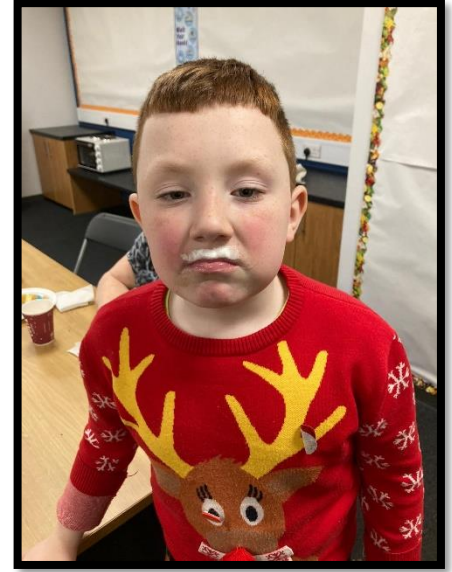
Next meeting: Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm on Teams.

Remember, you can nominate a pupil or member of staff for a Parent Council 'Kindness Award' following this link: <https://rb.gy/4gmhnt>





You've been spotted!



Please come and see Miss Toner's Parent Lending Library every Friday at 3pm in the playground! #DontBeShy!