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Newsletter– November Update 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe we are now in November – time is flying by! It is now only a matter of 7 weeks to Christmas and this is us heading into one of the busiest and most enjoyable times of the school year.

Staffing news

Miss Jeromson has joined the Golfhill team and will be teaching the P2 class. She and Mr Fleming are currently working together to ensure a smooth handover for the children. I hope you will welcome Miss Jeromson to the school community. Primary 2 parents will have the chance to meet her at the open session for the class on Thursday 16 November in the afternoon.

I am pleased to be able to share with you the news that on Friday 11 November interviews for the post of Depute Head took place and we were able to appoint a candidate. Mrs Karen Campbell is delighted to be taking up the post and will be joining us as soon as she can be released from her current post in a primary school on the south side of Glasgow. We are in discussion regarding her start date and I am hopeful she will be with us before Christmas. Our sincere thanks must go to the interviewing panel which consisted of two parent representatives and Mr Kelly Head Teacher at Alexandra Parade Primary and Mr Traynor from St Denis Primary for supporting the school with the appointment process.

Skills put to use

We were absolutely thrilled to hear that three Golfhill children put their recently acquired First Aid skills to great use when they spotted a secondary pupil take quite unwell. The girls reacted quickly and as a result no serious harm was caused. Well done Katie Woods, Sarah Manirankunda and Lacey McCann! The children have really enjoyed the sessions with the Youth Worker and the team from Reidvale.

Early Years Scotland

The Play Stay and Learn sessions are now well underway on a Thursday afternoon for P1 parents/carers. The children have been busy painting, building, making masks, climbing and getting dressed up as the smartest giant in town. If you have a child in P1 and can come along on a Thursday afternoon from 1.30 – 2.45, Janet and Karen will be delighted to welcome you.

Active Schools

On Tuesday 6 November Primary 5 children were at the Emirates Arena for Gymfest with approximately 1000 children from across Glasgow. The children performed wonderfully well and were all delighted to receive a medal for their hard work. Thanks to Mr Hay for undertaking this with our children. It was a great experience.

We have a number of children who attend the afterschool dance club taking part in Dancefest on Wednesday 15 November at St Mungo's Secondary School. Lisa the dance coach thinks the children will do well and will squeeze in an extra session to get the performance in tip top shape. We look forward to hearing how the children get on.

P1 enrolment

The process for registering children for school changed this year to an online process rather than completing the forms in school. Instead we welcomed parents/carers and children in to see the school. It was lovely to meet the families who may well join our school community.

Thank you

Thank you to the parents/carers who worked very hard to put on the recent Halloween discos for the children. The children had lots of fun!



Dates for
the Diary:

Upcoming events/Dates to note

- Over the course of Term 2 parents/carers will be invited into their child's class to see the learning taking place. Some classes have already chosen their date while others have still to do so. Teachers will organise this and let you know. Please look out for the date.
- 13 November – PATHS Coach Hazel McGeogh will be in school working with the staff and children to support emotional wellbeing. Hazel will be visiting us on a monthly basis to see how we are getting on. We will invite parents/carers into school to hear about this programme.
- 13 November – flu vaccination programme
- 13 November – anti-bullying week – we will have a focus on this at assembly
- 16 November – P2 and P3/2 open session for parents/carers 1.45 – 2.45pm
- 17 November – Hopscotch theatre company in school for a pantomime – Wizard of Oz. This will be held in the Games Hall.
- 20 November – PEEK will be in school all day delivering structured play activities to all classes
- 20 November – Block 2 swimming begins for P5 children in P6/5. Meet at the pool at 8.45am
- 21 November – 1.45 pm Talk for P7 parents/carers re Blairvadach trip
- 27 November – Book Week – children hearing stories each day
- 29 November – P4/3 Open session for parents/carers
- 1 December – P1, P2 and P3/2 visit the Science Centre for 'Santa's Starry Adventure'. If you are able to join the trip as a parent/carer helper, please let the office know.
- 1st week in December – celebration of community art project at Impact Arts 319 Craigpark Drive, Dennistoun
- 4 December - Work experience pupil to join the school this week
- 5 December – P6/5 open session for parents/carers
- 8 December – Christmas Fayre we are hoping to have the use of the gym/games hall for this event to increase the space available. More information on this to follow.
- 12 December - 1pm Christmas nativity/show
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- Week beginning 18 December – Christmas parties
- 20 December – non-uniform day and Christmas sing along
- 20 December – school closes 2.15pm
- 4 January return to school
- 9 January Mrs Murray Music teacher begins with P4/3 and P4
- 22 January – Burns Celebration
- 9 February – Open Afternoon – this is a chance to see children's writing
- 12 – 13 February holiday
- 14 February – in-service day (children do not attend)