

# Golfhill Primary School, Whitehill Campus

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## Newsletter - October 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you had a wonderful October break and that the children were able to get out and about and enjoy the autumn weather. This term in school is full of exciting things and particularly as we begin to look towards the festivities of Christmas. Indeed it is hard to believe that Christmas is only 9 weeks away! There is a lot of general information to share this month. As a result, a lengthier spotlight on the classes will be included in the November newsletter.

### P1 enrolment

It is that time of year again when we start to register new children for Primary 1. This will take place across Glasgow schools in the week of 7-11 November. If you have children due to start school or if you know children who are due to start, please share these details with them.

Members of the School Leadership Team (Principal Teachers/Head Teacher) will be available at the following times to enrol children for school:

Monday 7 November and Tuesday 8 November 9 – 10 a.m.

Wednesday 9 November and Friday 11 November 9 - 10 a.m. and 2 - 3 p.m.

Should these times not suit, please telephone the school office for an alternative.

It is important that children enrol at the catchment school. Should parents/carers wish to send their child to a school other than the catchment school, please ask at the catchment school for a placing request form. Details of catchment schools can be found at <https://glasgowgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3296a79016c34af98c4e71c0f1e02fa5>

### Whitehill Secondary transition

Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils and parents/carers are invited to Whitehill Secondary School on **Tuesday 1 November at 7-8.30 pm**. This will give pupils and parents/carers the opportunity to look round the secondary school and find out a bit more about the school. This evening is the start of the transition process.



Here are just a few of the additional outings arranged to support transition:

- **Tuesday 8, 15, 22 and 29 November** P7 pupils to Whitehill 1.25 - 3.25 p.m. (Please note the late finish on these days.)
- **Friday 2 December** P6 and P7 pupils to Bellahouston Ski Centre leave Golfhill 9 a.m. and return to school for 1 p. m.

## Contact details



Should any contact details change, please let the office know so they can update our records. This is important should we need to get in touch when children are unwell or in the event of an emergency.

## Clubs

We are very fortunate to have several clubs on the go at the moment. Children can take part in dance, football and tennis after school and Mrs Duff's knitting club is proving very popular too. We are looking forward to seeing some of their creations at the Christmas Fayre.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone that just as in school, we expect the highest levels of behaviour at clubs.

## Ladies' Night Fundraiser Update

Thanks to Diane Dickie and her family in putting on a special fundraiser just for the school. Diane handed in an incredible £1100 following the night at the bowling club. This money will go directly to supporting the summer school trip. Thank you!



## Pantomime



In the last newsletter I shared the news that 'Rapunzel' at Platform Theatre in Easterhouse has been booked for the whole school on Thursday 15 December. **Tickets cost £5 per child. If you are able, please send in money for this now as the tickets have to be paid this month.**

## Playground

Amey staff (who look after the building) wish me to bring parents/carers attention to the fact that there are a number of tree roots sticking out of the soil along the edge of the playground near the fence on Onslow Drive. Amey have asked that I make parents/carers know that these are a potential trip hazard. In the meeting with Amey I shared that many of our children love exploring this area as part of their play. I am sure you will join me in encouraging all our children to be risk aware, however, should you prefer your child not to use this area, please let the office know.

As the weather changes, please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing to play outdoors.



## Lost property



On Thursday 13 October Mrs Thomson and a number of P7 children took the lost property outside for parents/carers to claim. Sadly there is a significant number of polo shirts, jumpers, jackets etc. still waiting to be claimed. We will have another opportunity for this in Term 2 together with the opportunity to make a donation to school funds for unclaimed items. We want to further encourage the children to take responsibility for their items and your support with this is greatly appreciated. It may be worth looking to check if your child's name is on all items. This can prove helpful in reuniting lost items with owners.

## Developing a website

As you may be aware, Golfhill Primary School did not have its own website as it was formerly part of Whitehill Secondary School. The desire for a dedicated school website was something that both parents/carers and school staff were keen to remedy. As a result I have constructed a website using glow. You can find it at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/golfhill/>



The website is very much a work in progress and we want to grow the information shared there. Moving forward, it is our hope that classes will have a sense of ownership over what is posted on their page and that the children together with their class teacher will update their class page regularly.

If you are able, could you please take a look at the website as it is and consider what you would like to see included in the website. You might like to have a look at it with your child. If you have ideas for what else to include, let us know using the tear off slip below. Thanks in advance.



### October newsletter comments – Please return

#### Thoughts about the website....

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Did you find it helpful? (1 for not helpful 5 for very helpful) 1 2 3 4 5

Any comments or things you'd like included?

**Upcoming dates and events (please also refer to dates in the Parent Council update)**



- Monday 24 October – BA4 student Miss Differ begins a placement with P7 until 18 November 2016
- Friday 28 October – Celebration Assembly and P7 children to St Denis' Primary for entertainer
- Friday 28 October (pm) – P1-3 Hallowe'en party in school bring clothes to change at lunch time (no weapons thank you!)
- Monday 31 October – Friday 2 December – student Miss McCracken with P1
- Tuesday 1 November – Flu Vaccination Programme
- Wednesday 2 and 9 November - NSPCC will visit the school to do workshops/presentation with P6 and P7
- Friday 4 November – school photographer in for class groups
- Week beginning 7 November – Dyslexia Awareness week
- Week beginning 7 November - P1 enrolment
- Monday 7 November – P1 and P7 Dental Inspection
- Thursday 17 November – parents'/carers' night – 3.15p.m. – 8.45p.m. This will take place in the Whitehill Fuel Zone and street area. Please enter via the Whitehill Secondary entrance. Slips for you to request a time will be sent home week beginning 24 October.
- Friday 25 November – school orchestra rehearsal (further details from Mrs Ryan)
- Friday 2 December – Carol singing at the Forge and P6 and P7 to Bellahouston Ski Centre
- Monday 5 December – Friday 9 December – Whitehill pupil Eilidh Stirling in school
- Friday 9 December – Christmas Fayre – more details to follow
- Thursday 15 December (a.m.) – Rapunzel at Platform Easterhouse
- Thursday 15 December (p.m.) – P5 children to Kerrydale Suite at Celtic Park for Christmas party
- Friday 16 December – school nativity/concert
- Christmas parties – Monday 19 December (upper school) and Tuesday 20 December (infants)
- Wednesday 21 December – non-uniform day and school closes at 2.15pm
- Thursday 5 January 2017 – return to school

As you can see there is a lot happening in the school this term. We will send home updates via letters and text messages as needed. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office.

Best wishes

*Mairi*

Mairi Thomson  
Head Teacher

## Golfhill Parent Council Report October 2016



Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Ladies Night fundraiser on 7 October organised by Andrea Williams and Diane Dickie. It was a sold-out evening and loads of fun that raised lots of money for the school!

### Important upcoming dates

**24 October:** *Autumn School Disco!* 5:30-6:30 pm P1-P3 & 6:45-8p P4-P7. £2/pupil\*

**28 October:** *Film Club* – showing Bolt! 2:45 – 4:20pm. All welcome! £2/pupil\*

**10 November:** Scottish Government Education Review Consultation in Glasgow

**11 November:** *Film Club*

**17 November:** NPFS focus group at Golfhill – all parents/carers welcome & encouraged to take part

\*Tickets available from the school office

**Two consultations** – lots of opportunity to make your voice heard

### GPCF

The National Parent Forum for Scotland would like to talk to you on a range of different topics. They are hosting a focus group at the school on 17 November. No preparation is required, they just want to know gut feelings and impressions. It is totally casual with no right or wrong answers.

The focus group will run for about 90 minutes **from 1:30 pm** with refreshments on offer for those involved. The NPFS will also make a small donation school funds. This is the same evening as parents night and the focus group will take place prior to parents evening kicking off at 3pm.

### SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

On 3 October Ashley attended a meeting of Glasgow's Parent Council Forum to represent Golfhill Primary School and learn more about the **Scottish Government's Education Review**. The Scottish Government has begun a national consultation into how our schools are run. They are looking feedback about how things are working and what could be better. In their words:

*Who should take decisions in relation to the education of children and young people and how the funding of education can be made fairer. We know that teachers and practitioners need support to do their jobs and that they need opportunities for high quality professional development. The governance review seeks your views on how this can be improved.*

The Scottish Government have kicked off a national consultation about this review. They want the views of parents, teachers and all communities. You can read the consultation document here <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/empowering-schools/a-governance-review> and learn more about it here <http://www.gov.scot/educationgovernancereview>.

There are 17 questions the government are asking in the review. These are open questions ranging from looking at governance generally, to value for money, to accountability. There is a lot in the consultation document so I would encourage you to have a look for yourself!

If you would like to feed into the consultation, there will be an in-person event in Glasgow where you can share your views with the government on **10th November**. One session from 10-1 and a second session from 6pm – 8pm. Register using this link.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ministerial-engagement-session-education-governance-review-tickets-27627397289>

If you have thoughts that you'd like her to feed in, Ashley Smith Hammond (PC chair) has already registered to attend that evening. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with her either in the playground or via email ([golfhillpc@gmail.com](mailto:golfhillpc@gmail.com)).

If you wish for more information, you can get in touch with the Scottish Government about the Governance Review or ask questions:

- **Via email** [governancereview@gov.scot](mailto:governancereview@gov.scot).
- **On Twitter** #edgovrev or follow @engageford
- **On Facebook** /TheScottishGovernment

This will be an opportunity to influence the current and future school provision that we all care about. It is a chance to shape future policy that will affect our children and future generations.

That's all from the Parent Council for October. Thanks and stay in touch!

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