

# Golfhill Primary School, Whitehill Campus

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June 2016 Update



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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the session draws to a close and our thoughts turn to the long summer ahead, I thought I would update you on matters occurring since the June newsletter. I hope it is helpful.

## Classes for next session

As you will be aware the children received slips home telling them which class they will be in in August 2016 and who the teacher will be. Here is an updated list for your information:

Class/role	Class Teacher	Additional information
P1	Mrs Kate Buchanan (Monday – Tuesday) Ms Hazel Sim (Wednesday – Friday)	current P1 classroom
P2/1	Miss Samantha Munro	current P2/1 classroom
P3/2	Miss Nicole Jamieson	1 <sup>st</sup> floor current P3 classroom
P3	Mrs Jane Little (Monday – Wednesday) Mrs Karis Johnstone (Wednesday – Friday)	1 <sup>st</sup> floor current P3/2 classroom
P4	Miss Kirsty McCarten Mrs Ruth Duff	1 <sup>st</sup> floor current P6/5 classroom
P5/4	Mrs Sheena Gray (Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays Ms Noelle Ryan (alternate Wednesdays, Thursday and Friday)	1 <sup>st</sup> floor current P7/6 classroom
P6/5	Miss Rowan Hayworth Mr Peter Mackin	new classroom in what was Whitehill Art department
P7	Mrs Nirala Baruah	new classroom in what was Whitehill Art department
The Sunshine Room (Nurture)	Miss Catherine Thomson	1 <sup>st</sup> floor room
Improvement Challenge and NCCT - Mrs Ruth Duff		
EAL support - Ms Marilyn Gordon Tuesday and Wednesday am		

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team of Support for Learning Workers in Golfhill who support children across the school. Timetables for supporting classes will be firmed up in the new session.

I have been informed that the work to convert the Art Department in Whitehill Secondary into two classrooms and a general purpose room for Golfhill will go ahead. The timeframe for this is the summer holidays. I look forward to returning from the break to newly painted rooms and classroom furniture ready for the start of term. I am certain our upper school classes will thrive in the new space.

## Parent Council Update

### Summary of Golfhill Primary School Parent Council AGM report 2015-16

The Parent Council meets regularly to represent parent views and work in partnership with the school to achieve the best for all Golfhill pupils. The Parent Council always needs new members to keep it vibrant. Everyone offers something different and useful to make it work. You can get involved as volunteers for events and fundraisers without being a full member. Anyone can submit an agenda item for PC meeting.

Parents and carers work positively and collaboratively with staff to feed in queries, observations and concerns as well as keep up to date about the school's priorities and challenges. Parent Council activities are primarily focused on fun, community focused fundraising events to help the school meet the challenges of shrinking budgets.

#### Summary of issues that the Parent Council was consulted on, informed of and participated in during 2015-16

- The growing demand for places at the school and the demand for more classrooms.
- Staff changes - probationary teachers, retirement, leave coverage & new hires including the active role taken by Golfhill parents on the hiring panel for Head Teacher Recruitment
- Activities and resources: new awards; curricular resources; learning weeks and special days; clubs for families and pupils; consultation exercises
- Traffic and road safety issues around the school
- Citywide issues: like the Attainment Challenge and changes to the Breakfast Club programme

#### Fundraising

All funding raised by the PC are directed to support school activities such as clubs, for learning resources or to fill the gaps when the school funds are limited. The past year's fundraising activities included:

- Events including: discos, film clubs, table sales, the yellow tea party and a quiz night.
- Targeted fundraising by the PC for Marie Curie Cancer Care & toward a leaving gift for Miss Dougan on behalf of the school's pupils, parents and carers.
- P7 sub group: dedicated to raising funds for the annual P7 trip in 2016-17. This group were successful in their application for a significant grant. The funds raised by this group are managed separately, in parallel with the regular PC funds.

Funding was allocated to:

- Subsidy of: P7 leaver's hoodies; School ties for new P1s; replacement nativity costumes; school trip funds; school clubs' needs; thank you and leaving gifts for school staff and volunteers

You can reach us on **GolfhillPC@gmail.com**. You can also subscribe to a public Google calendar of school and PC events using that address. Regular updates and information is also published on [Facebook.com/golfhillprimaryparentcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/golfhillprimaryparentcouncil). Please join us for the first meeting in 2016-17 30 August at 6:30 pm.

<b>ITEMS</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>SPEND</b> (includes expected and actual)
<b>Events</b> (discos, film club, tea party, quiz night, school fairs)	£ 1,435.00	£ 640.00
<b>Activities</b> (Christmas & Summer trips)	£ -	£ 200.00
<b>School expenses</b> (nativity costumes etc.)	£ -	£ 150.00
<b>School clubs</b> (Eco, Knitting, Library)	£ -	£ 500.00
<b>Gifts</b> (welcome packs & thank yous)	£ -	£ 230.00
<b>Admin costs</b>	£ -	£ 20.00
<b>Charity</b> (Marie Curie)	£ 470.00	£ 470.00
2016 <b>P7 trip</b> subcommittee	£ 1,976.00	£ 1,976.00
<b>Core funds</b> (starting balance, GCC, interest)	£ 1,081.00	£ -
<b>total</b> to carry forward to 2016/17	<b>£775.00</b>	

### #iwill Campaign Ambassadors - Recruiting Now!

Do you know a young person who gives their time to others? Who is making a difference in their community? #iwill are looking for Scottish young people aged 10-20 who are making a difference to become ambassadors for the #iwill campaign. There are already 100 fantastic ambassadors from across the UK and this summer the #iwill campaign will be recruiting 50 more. 45% of young people in Scotland are volunteering, campaigning, fundraising or doing social action – so nominate some shining stars who can shout about it and encourage other young people to get involved!

Nomination deadline 8 July.

Email: Sam Newell [sam.newell@stepuptoserve.org.uk](mailto:sam.newell@stepuptoserve.org.uk) at Step up to Serve or Liz Green [lgreen@youthlinkscotland.org](mailto:lgreen@youthlinkscotland.org) at YouthLink Scotland

### Update on trips

The trips to Alexandra Park and Glasgow Green were very successful and for the most part the rain didn't dampen spirits. In school the children were treated to Mulan and The Emperor's New Groove and the snack proved popular. Thanks to the staff, parent helpers and the Parent Council who helped make the day a success for the children. There are a number of pictures on Twitter of the day...if you haven't had a look, please do so.

### Uniform update

Last week you were asked for your thoughts on uniform colours and in particular the colour of trousers, skirts and pinafores. Thanks to all parents/carers who returned the consultation. Less than half of our school population replied. As a result, I do not feel this is a strong enough result to change. Therefore we will continue with navy as the colour for trousers, skirts and pinafores. Should this continue to be an area for concern, we will re-visit this in the future. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### Online security

You may remember being asked if you would like to be part of an online security workshop. We have asked our campus police officer to assist with this and we hope to host this in the new session.

### **P5-7 Emirates Arena Sports' Day**

The upper school enjoyed an additional Sports' Day with the cluster schools and Whitehill Secondary in the Emirates Arena. The sportsmanship and excellent teamwork from Golfhill pupils continued and they conducted themselves beautifully. Many of our children were placed as medal winners. Great achievement!

### **P1 Update**

As part of our improvement work, we are linking closely with Westercraigs Nursery and will be joined by four members of staff over the course of the first two weeks to help the children settle into P1 and P2/1. This will give staff an opportunity to work and learn together across Early Level. Thanks to Lesley Morrison Head Teacher at Westercraigs for supporting this exciting venture.

### **Sense over Sectarianism**

Our current P6 children will be taking part in a Communities United project with St Denis' Primary School when they return to school in August. This involves joint work and is strongly supported by Glasgow City Council. The children have already shared the WW2 learning with the children in St Denis' and we look forward to more shared learning.

### **Eco Group visits Alexandra Park**

Our Eco Group were delighted to be present for the revealing of the cherub outside Alexandra Park last week. We look forward to seeing the official photograph.

### **Talent Show**

Well done everyone who auditioned for the Talent Show. It was wonderful to see the children display such confidence in front of their peers at the audition stage. The talent Show took place on Monday afternoon and we were all treated to quite a show. I am certain snippets will be shared on our twitter feed.

### **For after the summer - upcoming dates and events**

- Thursday 11 August – staff return
- Monday 15 August – pupils return
- Thursday 18 August 6.30pm Ardentinnny meeting for current P6 parents/carers
- Monday 22 August current P6 children leave for Ardentinnny residential experience
- Thursday 25 August - P1 Taster Lunch 11.30am – parents/carers welcome
- Tuesday 30 August Parent Council meeting
- Wednesday 31 August Meet the Teacher – 3 – 4pm
- Families in Partnership Literacy Workshops will take place in September

Finally I wish to thank the school community for the warmest of welcomes as I have now completed my first term as Head Teacher. I am proud to be part of this community and look forward to working with you to lead the school.

Wishing you a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you all again in August.

Best wishes Mairi Thomson Head Teacher