

## Message from Head Teacher

Who can believe we are now at the end of term, and the end of another school year?



It has been an exceptionally busy few months at Golfhill Primary, but staff and pupils have proven themselves to be resilient, remaining irresistibly upbeat through everything.

I am hopeful that next year will be more settled with fewer disruptions. This means we can get back on track with delivering our vision to nurture a love of learning, by developing skills within a community that cares, motivates and believes in possibilities for us now and for the future.

I would like to offer my personal *thank you* to everyone across the Golfhill community for the very warm welcome I have received since taking up post in May. I have been overwhelmed by the positivity shown by everyone, and it has been my pleasure to start getting to know you all.

If there is anything you would like to discuss or that I can help with, please do not hesitate to speak to me. I am usually in or around the playground / front door at the start and end of the day, or I can be contacted using the details below.

I hope you enjoy reading about the latest Golfhill updates and happenings in this newsletter. All that remains is for me to wish you a very happy summer holiday. Stay safe, enjoy yourselves, and come back ready to learn in August. An exciting year awaits!

Yours,



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*Head Teacher*

## Keep in touch...



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### Trips and outings

All classes have had the opportunity to go out on a trip over the last couple of weeks (except P3/2 and P4/3 whose trip to Alexandra Park had to be called off because of Storm Hector!).



P1, P2 and pupils from the Sunshine Room went to *Go Wild* soft-play on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Lunch was provided there, and the fast blue slide appears to have been a firm favourite! Our local *Morrisons* donated very generously to this trip, having organised some in-store fundraising. We are grateful for their contribution, and delighted that a marvellous time was had by all!

P3/2 and P4/3 enjoyed a day of arts, crafts, games and movies on June 14<sup>th</sup>, when the weather meant they could not go on their trip. A great day was had regardless, with the indoor picnic a particular highlight – ice-lolly anyone? A special thank you to the class teachers who made this day such a last-minute success!



P4 and P5 had a wonderful day at Calderglen Park on June 13<sup>th</sup>. There was so much to see and do, including visiting an art exhibition, seeing a range of animals in the zoo, taking in the ornamental and tropical gardens, and enjoying the play area.

P6/5 and P7/6 travelled down to Ayr on June 15<sup>th</sup> for a day at the beach. There was a lot of splish-splashing in the water, ball games on the sand, and ice-creams all round! The train journey went smoothly until a cancellation on the last segment, but there was only a short delay getting back to school!



Thank you to all staff for helping to organise these activities. Putting any experience together takes time and effort, but it is very much appreciated. The pupils gain so much from them.

Thanks also to all the parent helpers who accompany classes when they are out and about in the community or further afield. Your help and support makes a world of difference!

### Bicycles and scooters

It is wonderful to see the number of pupils cycling and scootering to school increasing. We wish to promote a healthy and active lifestyle.

Unfortunately, some bicycles and scooters which have been left at the front of the school have been damaged.



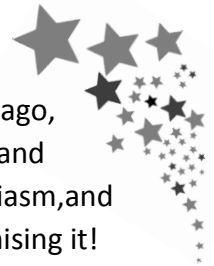
You can help us to combat this by:

- Reminding your children not to touch any property which does not belong to them
- Ensuring any bicycles or scooters left outside are securely locked up

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### Golfhill Talent Show

A huge well done to everyone who took part in our Talent Show a couple of weeks ago, and what a show it was! There was comedy, magic, singing, dancing, violin playing and much much more. Everyone who took part performed with confidence and enthusiasm, and it was a wonderful afternoon of entertainment. Well done to Miss Munro for organising it!



### Social Media Awareness



Could all parents please note that, when attending any school event or activity, they should only post pictures of **their own children** on social media. Thank you.

### The Forest



As you will know, we have an amazing wooded area at the front of the school known as The Forest.

I would love for the children to be able to enjoy this space, so we will be looking at ways to ensure it can be used safely and sensibly. This will include a Code of Conduct.

We will be seeking your views on The Forest, so watch this (leafy and green) space... 

## Staffing updates

We have a lot of goodbyes to say next week...



Mrs Ryan is returning to university next session, to undertake further study of Gaelic. At the end of her course, she will take up a post in one of Glasgow's Gaelic-medium schools. *Tha sinn an dochas gum bidh e soirbheachail!* Mrs Ryan wishes to extend her gratitude and affection to everyone in the Golfhill community.

Mrs Baruah will be retiring this week, after a long and illustrious career. Her infectious enthusiasm and effervescence will be a great loss to Golfhill, but I'm sure everyone will join me in wishing her every happiness for the future.



Mrs Jones will also be retiring at the end of this term. She has dedicated many years of service to the school, and her unwavering commitment and enthusiasm have been an absolute asset to Golfhill. I know everyone will wish her all the best for a very happy and long retirement.



Mrs Aitken will be going to work full-time at St Denis' Primary School. We will miss her at the end of the week, but wish her well in her new and settled role.

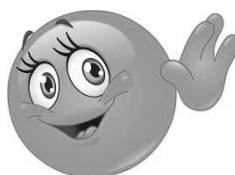
Miss Daniels has secured a permanent job at Crookston Castle Primary School. We thank her for stepping in to P2 so confidently, and giving the learners a great experience. Well done and good luck!

Mr Miley will also be leaving us next week. He will be taking some time out and embarking on some exciting travel adventures. P4 have had a wonderful time learning with Mr Miley, and we wish him *bon voyage!*

## However, there will be lots of welcomes to make in August...

Four new teachers will be joining us...

- Ms Bradbury
- Miss Allan
- Miss Kane
- Miss Skeoch



As well as two new clerical assistants...

- Miss Trotman
- Mrs Tomlinson

We will be sure to make them feel right at home!

Dates for your diary...

<i>School closes for summer</i>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June @ <b>12:45</b>
<i>In-service Days (no pupils)</i>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August
<i>School reopens to pupils</i>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August @ <b>08:45</b>
<i>September Weekend</i>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
<i>In-service Day (no pupils)</i>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October
<i>October Week</i>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
<i>Return to school</i>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October @ <b>08:45</b>
<i>School closes for Christmas</i>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December @ 14:15
<i>Christmas and New Year</i>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
<i>Return to school</i>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 @ <b>08:45</b>
<i>February mid-term</i>	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>In-service Day (no pupils)</i>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>School closes for Spring Break</i>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March @ 14:15
<i>Spring Break</i>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
<i>Return to school</i>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019 @ <b>08:45</b>
<i>Easter Weekend</i>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
<i>May Day</i>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>In-service Day (no pupils)</i>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>May Weekend</i>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>School closes for summer</i>	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June @ <b>12:45</b>

