



Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

As we rapidly approach the end of another school year, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for showing their continued support to our school.

Our key achievements across 2018-2019 include:

- A growing reputation, resulting in an increased roll
- Continued implementation of *learning through play* in the lower school
- Classes enjoying a range of interesting experiences in school, in the local community, and further afield, including:
 - Outdoor residential at Ardentinny
 - *Food for Thought* project (cooking / cafés / installation of polytunnel)
 - Participation in *Oor Wullie* Bucket Trail
 - Forest Schools initiatives
 - Social Enterprise (*P6 Style World*)
- All staff engaging in professional development to better support our learners
- Recruitment of Support for Learning Workers
- Successful launch of the clothing bank in the foyer
- Achievements in a range of sporting endeavours
- Limiting the amount of money being asked for from families

As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss, or something that I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, I hope everyone has a happy, safe and enjoyable summer break!



Yours,

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Don't forget...

Friday 28th June

Finish at **12:45**



Staffing



Miss Kean, Miss Kane and Miss Quintero will be moving on to new adventures. We thank them for everything they have done to support our learners and for their contributions to life at Golfhill Primary. We hope they take with them cherished memories of their time with us, and wish them every success for the future.

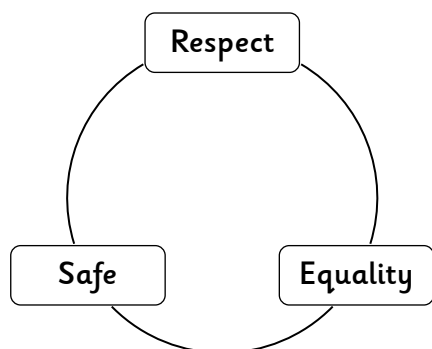
We are also bidding farewell to Sarah Brown, our Family Support Worker from Barnardo's. Sarah has worked with families and pupils from across the school, supporting them in a variety of ways. We wish Sarah all the best.

We are delighted to be welcoming four new members of staff to Golfhill next session. We look forward to welcoming Miss Rehman and Miss Cullen on a permanent basis, and Miss MacLennan and Mr Atkinson for the year.



Values

Further to our consultation at Parents' Evening, and voting by adults and pupils, we are delighted to reveal our new values:



Respect You don't have to like me, agree with me, or enjoy the same things I do... but you do have to respect me.

Equality Everyone is protected from discrimination, harassment and victimisation.

Safe Everyone in our school deserves to feel free from danger or harm.

Vision and aims

The following statements, setting out our vision, have been developed following a survey of families at Parents' Evening, where we asked why they chose Golfhill for their children's education:

Golfhill Primary School cherishes its place at the heart of the Dennistoun community.

We celebrate our diversity and tolerance, and provide a welcoming and nurturing environment where everyone is accepted and supported.

Our aim is to develop resilient, responsible and creative citizens, who enjoy learning and embrace all the opportunities we provide.

School Improvement Plan

Our improvement priorities for next year will be as follows...



Health and Wellbeing

Growth Mindset, resilience and nurture

Learning and Teaching

Numeracy, reading and STEM

Pedagogical Play

Extending learning through play into P3

Pupil Equity Fund

Along with most schools across Scotland, we have received another allocation of funding from the Scottish Government to help support pupil attainment.

Increased costs across different services have forced us to make some difficult decisions, one of which is not renewing our relationship with Barnardo's. We are fortunate that all staff have now received training in *Promoting Alternative Thinking Skills (PATHS)* which is our emotional literacy programme, so this will still be taught. However, we know that the *Stay and Play* sessions have been popular so we will explore other ways to facilitate these.

Much of our allocation is devoted to human resources (staffing), but we have kept some money aside to purchase resources and materials which will enhance the learning experiences of pupils across the school.

Message from Cordia



In line with stricter Scottish Government legislation designed to reduce sugar, salt and fat intake, Cordia (who run the dinner school) have announced that from August, they will no longer be selling cookies at lunchtime. *No more 50ps required!*

Toys

Just a reminder from a previous newsletter.... we know that children enjoy bringing their toys into school, but they often get lost, damaged or irreparably broken, causing lots of disappointment.



Therefore, we kindly ask that things like Lego, toy cars, action figures and other such items are left at home. This will save unnecessary upset and distraction.

Parent Council

WE NEED YOU!



Our Parent Council needs new members! The current board will be stepping down soon, and there are exciting opportunities for anyone interested in getting involved.

The Parent Council, which is open to all families in the school, meets around six times a year, and organises various events to support Golfhill. Please email golfhillpc@gmail.com or contact the school for more information.

Fun Day

We are looking forward to our Summer Fun Day on Thursday 27th June. Staff have been working extremely hard to co-ordinate this end-of-term treat for our pupils.

We would be very grateful for donations of the following...

- Homebaking
- Bric-a-brac
- Raffle prizes



Parents are welcome to join us from 1pm. If you can volunteer to help run the Parent Café, that would be great!

Glasgow Libraries

Our friends at Glasgow Libraries have been in touch asking us to promote the following...

MacMillan at Glasgow Libraries



In libraries across the city, MacMillan offer a free and confidential drop-in service where anyone affected by cancer can get free emotional, practical and financial support as well as reliable information in a relaxed environment.

Summer Reading Challenge

Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure at your local library – *Space Chase*, the 2019 reading challenge!

Children are encouraged to read six weeks over the summer holidays, and can collect special stickers to complete a mission folder.

