

### Message from Head Teacher

Dear parents and carers,



It is with sadness that I must start this newsletter with news that Mrs Sandra Trench, who worked at Golfhill for many years as a Support for Learning Worker, has passed away. I know many of you will have fond memories of Mrs Trench, and the contribution she made to our school. Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this sad time.

As we move ever deeper into the cold Scottish winter, it is important that we all keep safe and warm, and look out for each other. At Golfhill we are helping to do this in the following ways:

#### Clothing Bank



Outside the office, we have racks of school uniforms which you are welcome to help yourself to. They are good quality items (some are even brand new) and in need of a new home! If you have any uniforms you no longer require, please hand them in for others to benefit from.

#### Foodbank



We have partnered with local foodbank, *The Everlasting Foodbank*, and will be collecting for them over the next couple of weeks. Please refer to the letter issued separately for details about what to donate.

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.



Yours,

Iain Morrow  
Head Teacher

### Christmas Fair

We are holding our Christmas Fair on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** from **13:30 – 14:30**. All money raised will go towards school funds.

Each class will be making items to sell, and there will be a variety of stalls from local crafts-people. We will also have bric-a-brac, toys and books for sale – if you have anything you no longer need, please hand it in!

There will also be face-painting, a tea room, home-baking, a tombola and lots more!

We are having a Scottish-themed non-uniform day on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Rather than asking for money, we are asking for donations for the fair.

Thank you in advance for your support, and we look forward to seeing you on December 7<sup>th</sup>!



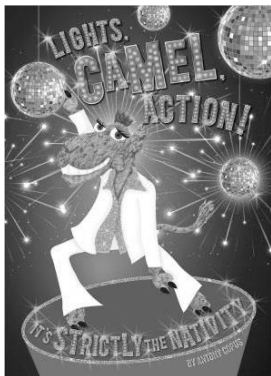
## Health and wellbeing: *repeat information from September newsletter*

In line with school policies across the city, could the following please be noted and adhered to:

- Energy drinks are **banned** at Golfhill, and across the Whitehill Campus. Please only provide your child with fruit juice or water
- Football colours, *from **any and all** teams*, should **not** be worn in school
- Jewellery must not be worn on PE days
- No birthday cakes should be provided for distribution in school



## Nativity



Our P1 pupils are in full rehearsal mode for this year's nativity extravaganza, *Lights, Camel, Action!* P2 will be providing vocal assistance as the chorus.

*The blurb:* The Bethlehem Broadcasting Company is recording a dazzling dance show to celebrate the special occasion of Jesus' birth – it'll be a Christmas celebration like never before!

The dress rehearsal will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, while the main performances will be on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**, when there will be a morning *and* an afternoon performance. Ticket information will be coming soon.

While P1 and P2 will lead the nativity, all other classes from P3 – P7 will be performing a Christmas classic on the day.

## Family Film Night

Thank you to our Parent Council for organising the showing of festive favourite *Nativity!* which will be on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets cost £2 per adult, £1 per child, and no more than £6 for a family ticket.

Get into the holiday spirit and come along to the annual holiday family film night!



## Pantomime



We are delighted to be welcoming M&M Theatrical Productions to Golfhill on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, where they will be presenting this year's panto, *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

We have decided **not** to ask for a donation from parents or carers towards the cost of this. It is simply our wish that all children get to experience the joy of live theatre.

### Excursions

Over the last few weeks, our learners have been out and about enjoying different experiences across the city. These are only possible with the help of parents who accompany classes – thank you!

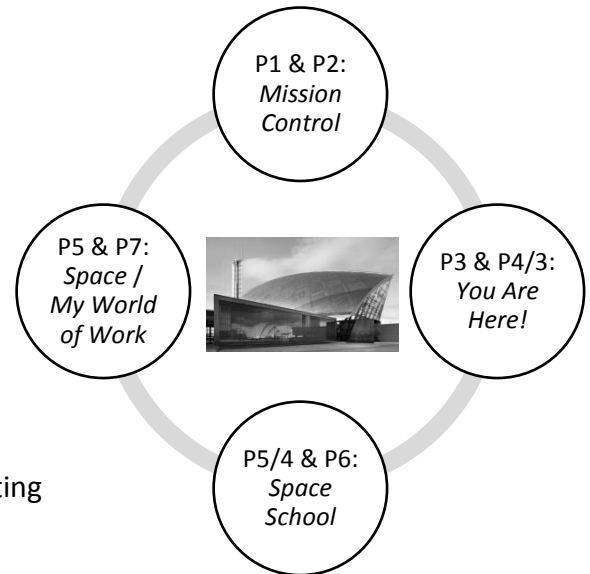
### Science Centre

All our classes have had (or will have) the opportunity to visit Glasgow Science Centre to take part in a range of workshops.

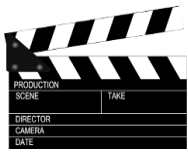
These visits were provided at no cost to our families:

- Entrance fees covered by the Science Centre
- Cost of coaches covered by school

Thank you to Miss Munro and our office staff for co-ordinating these visits.



### Cinema



Every class has also been to Cineworld at The Forge to see a free film. For some our learners, this was their first experience of going to the cinema. We are delighted to have been able to provide this.

### Ardentinny

The big experience this month has been the P7 trip to Ardentinny. A huge **thank you** must go to Mrs Campbell and Miss Quintero for going all week, and to Miss Allan and Mr Hay who did half the week each.



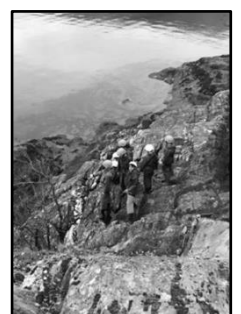
These teachers sacrificed time with their own families and loved ones to go, and it is very much appreciated. It is a prime example of the dedication our teachers show to our learners.



Activities across the week have included team-building exercises, hill-walking, climbing, abseiling, gorge-walking, archery, orienteering, and much more... (including tidying up after themselves and making their own beds – no more excuses for messy rooms at home now!)



*Lots of photos available on Twitter!*



### Dates for your diary

<i>Non-uniform day</i>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
<i>P4/3 St. Andrews' Day Assembly</i>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November @ 11:20 (parents of P4/3 are welcome)
<i>Christmas Fair</i>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
<i>Christmas lunch</i>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
<i>Pantomime</i>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
<i>Nativity performance</i>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
<i>School closes for Christmas</i>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December @ <b>14:15</b>
<i>Christmas and New Year</i>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January ( <i>inclusive</i> )
<i>Return to school</i>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 @ <b>08:45</b>

There will be no newsletter in December, but please keep an eye out for letters and notes coming home. We will also communicate via text message and Twitter.

For now though, stay safe, stay warm, and enjoy all the joy that the season will bring.



### Keep in touch...



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