



Newsletter

February 2020



Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

Can you believe we're in February already? The festive season seems a distant memory, but we've been busy busy busy since coming back from the Christmas holidays.

Our Burns Celebration, featuring an array of Scottish song, poetry, artwork and dance, was a resounding success. Thank you to learners and staff across the school for their hard-work and enthusiasm, and to everyone who came to support us.

Some of our P7 pupils recently participated in the *Super 7s* athletics event at the Emirates Arena. Pupils from across the city took part, competing against each other in a range of disciplines. We were very proud to return with two silver medals!

Back in November, our P4 classes took part in a project to design a heritage trail map for Dennistoun, highlighting local landmarks and points of interest. The map has now been published, and was launched at a very special event featuring presentations and songs. Thank you to the Glasgow City Heritage Trust for inviting us to be part of this project.

Rehearsals are underway for our production of *The Rocky Monster Show*, an all-singing and all-dancing show guaranteed to raise the roof. Pupils from P4 to P7 are working hard with Miss Jamieson and Miss Allan to put the show on. Ticket information coming soon!

You may recall a letter was issued recently concerning our school badge. It has been updated by the Marketing Team at Glasgow City Council to make it fit for purpose in the digital age. Pupils and staff have been voting on whether to keep the current badge, or adopt the new one. We will be asking you to cast your vote at the Open Afternoon on Friday 14th February.

As ever, 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

Our values:

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Student teachers

We are delighted to have been joined by a number of teaching students from the University of Strathclyde in classes across the school.

BA2	P2	Miss Adie	P3	Miss Donaghy
BA3	P5	Miss Brown	P6J	Miss Mackenzie
PGDE	P7	Miss Henzie		



The students will undertake a range of teaching duties, under the supervision of the class teacher. They are also supported by a tutor from the university. We wish them all well!

Parent Council

We are really keen to get our Parent Council up and running again, and would like to invite anyone interested to a meeting on Friday 21st February at 14:00.

This will be a chance to find out about what being in the Parent Council involves, meet other parents, and engage in dialogue with members of the Senior Leadership Team.



Our hope is to cultivate a positive environment to share ideas, respond to challenges, and generally work together to support Golfhill on our improvement journey.

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible there!

LGBT Schools Charter



Along with five other primary schools across the city, Glasgow City Council has given us funding to undertake the LGBT Schools Charter.

The programme has been developed to support schools to undertake training and to review policies, practice and resources. This will ensure that we are meeting legislative needs and are being as inclusive as possible.

Achieving charter status makes a clear statement that equality and diversity are at the heart of everything we do.

What the charter is about:

- Celebrating diversity
- Inclusivity
- Challenging stereotypes
- Awareness raising
- Developing policies
- Challenging discrimination

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Latecoming



Our school day runs from **08:45 until 14:45**. It is imperative that pupils are on time in the morning, to make the most of planned learning experiences. We also ask that pupils are collected timeously, to prevent unnecessary anxiety.

Winter illnesses

There are lots of bugs and viruses going around just now.

In cases of sickness and diarrhoea, please wait *at least 48 hours* after the last bout before sending your child back to school.



For further advice about the range of winter illnesses, please see www.nhsinform.scot or contact your local pharmacist.

Football



A wee reminder that, as per Glasgow City Council policy, **no football strips** should be worn at school regardless of team or country. This includes tops, shorts and tracksuits.



We recently asked our pupils not to play football in the playground before 08:45, as it's too busy in the morning with everyone arriving for school. We are delighted to report that this has been adhered to without too much fuss (and only a few reminders!).

Cars



Unfortunately, our staff car park continues to be used as a drop-off / pick-up point. An increase in staff numbers across the three campus establishments (Westercraigs, Golfhill and Whitehill) means space is already limited, so please make alternative arrangements.

We have also had reports that cars have been mounting the pavement on Onslow Drive at the start and end of the school day, thereby putting our pupils at risk. Could we ask that all drivers pay due consideration to others, keeping safety in mind at all times.



Carpets

Our P2 and P3 classrooms recently had carpets installed. They were previously art rooms belonging to Whitehill Secondary, and were a later addition to the Golfhill estate.

We would like to thank our local councillor, Allan Casey, for his help in securing funding for the carpets. Learners and staff in both classes are thrilled with the results!



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School badge

Here's a reminder of the proposed new design for our school badge...



Upcoming dates for your diary

<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Friday 7 th February
<i>Mid-term Break</i>	Monday 10 th and Tuesday 11 th February
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Wednesday 12 th February
<i>Open Afternoon</i>	Friday 14 th February @ 14:00
<i>Parent Council meeting</i>	Friday 21 st February @ 14:00 **We need members**
<i>Purple Friday</i> (non-uniform – wear purple!)	Friday 28 th February
<i>World Book Day</i> (theme to be announced)	Thursday 5 th March
<i>School closes for Spring Break</i>	Friday 3 rd April @ 14:15
<i>Spring Break</i>	Monday 6 th – Friday 17 th April
<i>May Day holiday</i>	Friday 8 th May
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Monday 11 th May
<i>Parents' Evening</i>	Wednesday 20 th May
<i>May Weekend</i>	Friday 22 nd and Monday 25 th May
<i>School closes for Summer</i>	Wednesday 24 th June @ 12:45

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