



Newsletter

September 2021



Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

Welcome to our new look newsletter! The previous one was only available online, in an effort to save paper, but we appreciate it can be difficult reading things on a screen. This condensed format will still save paper, while also sending a copy home.

It has been brought to my attention that there have been some concerns over the way we have conducted this term's Parent Evening. I can only apologise to anyone who feels let down or disappointed.

We would have loved to get everyone back in school for face-to-face conversations, but the ongoing Scottish Government guidance prohibited this. The majority of schools across the city have opted to issue short written reports, but as a staff we felt it was important to actually talk to you directly. We appreciate you bearing with us as we attempt to get round everyone via telephone call.

The current situation is a strange one. While society as a whole is enjoying a greater degree of normality, schools are still duty bound to follow certain restrictions. These were initially required for six weeks after summer, but were extended until the October break. We should find out soon how much longer they need to be in place.

My thanks go to the Parent Council for their candour, and to all our families for their support. I also extend my gratitude to the staff team for everything they do. We all just want the best for our school, and the best way to do this is to work together.

As always, if there's anything I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Scan the QR code with your phone's camera for direct access to our website!



Healthy snacks



Water

Just a reminder that only water should be brought for drinking in class.

Fruit juice (i.e. diluting juice, cartons of orange, Fruit Shoots or CapriSun) is absolutely fine for play-time snacks or with lunch.

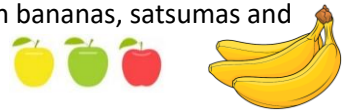


Under no circumstances should fizzy drinks or energy drinks be provided.

Fruit

Glasgow City Council have received funding to provide primary school pupils with a piece of fruit twice a week.

From October, we will receive our allocation on Tuesday and Thursday. The choice will alternate weekly between bananas, satsumas and apples.



Fun 31 / United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Some of you will remember that we used to use *Golden Time* in school as one of our behaviour management strategies. This was 30 minutes of free-play at the end of the week, but time could be lost for a variety of reasons.

This was recorded on classroom displays, with names moving up and down. We stopped this public-shaming when we launched our *Relationships* policy back in June 2019. We have now established a new initiative, taking inspiration from Scotland being the first country in the world to incorporate the UNCRC...

At the end of the week, we have...

Fun 31

31 minutes of fun, rest and relaxation to get us ready for the weekend!

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 31



I have a right to relax and play



Children's Woodland competition

Schools across Glasgow have been invited to help create a new Children's Woodland in the south of the city, as a lasting legacy of Glasgow hosting the United Nations COP26 Climate Change Summit in November.

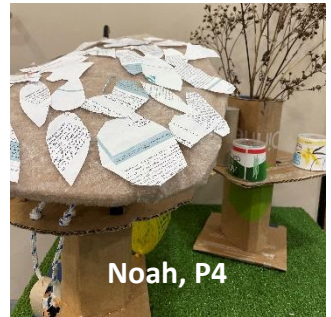
As you will remember, we held a competition to select which eight pupils will attend the tree planting ceremony on behalf of Golfhill. We got loads of great woodland scenes – all made using reclaimed, recycled or reused materials entries - but the lucky winners are...



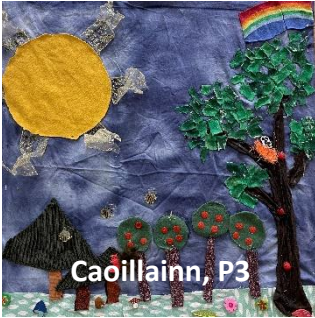
Zoe, P6



Émilie, P3



Noah, P4



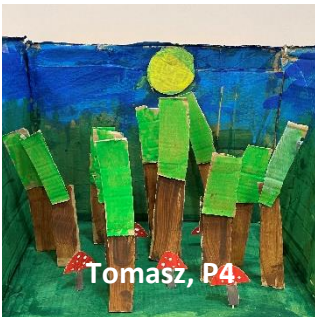
Caoillainn, P3

These pupils will be attending the event on the morning of Tuesday 5th October, accompanied by Mr Morrow and Miss Taylor.

Get those wellies ready!



Chloe, P3



Tomasz, P4



Tammi, P5



Edanne, P6

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who took part!

Eco-responsibilities

Every class in the school has been allocated an eco-responsibility: a duty or project which supports the environment, and encourages our pupils to help look after our planet. These will be developed across the year.

P1AB + P1CB	Life-cycle Observers	<i>Growing seeds and butterflies</i>
P2	Polytunnel Protectors	<i>Looking after our hot-house</i>
P3	EnviroHeroes	<i>Litter-picking and energy-saving</i>
P4	Team Recycle	<i>Paper and plastic recycling</i>
P5	Clothing Champions	<i>Pre-loved uniform and clothing bank</i>
P6	Clyde in the Classroom	<i>Hatching and releasing trout</i>
P7/6 + P7	John Muir Award	<i>Certified project named after Scottish environmentalist, John Muir</i>



Dates for your diary

In-service Day (<i>no pupils</i>)	Friday 8th October
October Week	Monday 11th – Friday 15th October
Hallowe'en celebrations	Friday 29th October (<i>pupils may wear fancy dress</i>)
School closes for Christmas	Wednesday 22nd December
Christmas and New Year holiday	Thu 23rd Dec – Tue 4th Jan
Pupils return to school	Wednesday 5th January



Our values:

Respect

Safe

Equality