



Newsletter

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Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

There may only be seven weeks left until the Summer holidays, but there's a lot still to be done before then...

This term will see some more days off, our annual Fun Day, P7 leavers' events, completion of reports and a Sports Day. There will also be more trips up to the Sports Hub at Alexandra Park, as well as more interesting teaching and learning across all classes.

The majority of COVID restrictions have now been lifted in schools, as they have been in the rest of society. We will continue with regular handwashing, and ask you not to send children to school if they are unwell or have a high temperature, but we are now almost back to how things were before the pandemic. That's something to be celebrated!

Information was sent home this week about *Parentsportal*, a new website being rolled out across all schools in Glasgow. It is really important that you get registered on there, as it will be one of our main ways to get information out to, and from, you in the new school year.

Our aim is to go as **paper-free** as possible, which will help the environment, and cut our costs. All the information you need about *Parentsportal* can be found on our website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/golfhill/parentsportal-info-and-links/>

This term's Class Newsletters are attached to the end of this newsletter. We hope you have found these a useful and informative addition to our communication methods this year.

Quick staffing update for this term... last week we welcomed Mrs McCrimmon to the school office. It's great to have this vacancy filled at last! We also have Miss Ferguson with us until summer. She'll be teaching, covering and supporting classes across the school.

As always, if I can help with anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Yours,


Iain Morrow
Head Teacher

Our values:

Respect

Safe

Equality

Staffing and classes next year



We are not yet in a position to confirm what staff we will have next year, or what the classes might look like.

Staff numbers in all schools are worked out by the local authority using different formulas. We have no control over this. Part of what they look at is how many pupils we have. At this stage, we do not know how many new P1s will be joining us in August.

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Another element which affects staffing is the number of pupils who receive Free School Meals and Clothing Grants. We have found that these things are not being applied for, as all pupils in P1 – P5 in Glasgow receive a Free School Meal anyway.



Therefore, going forward, we will be asking **everyone** to complete the form for this, regardless of age, income or background. Look out for more information on this in the future.

We will update you on classification and the staffing situation in June.

Latecoming



This was mentioned in the last newsletter, but continues to be something of an issue. Please remember our school day runs from **08:45 – 14:45**.

It is vital that pupils are on time in the morning, to get ready for the day, avoid disruption, and make the most of planned learning experiences.

Bike and scooter shelter

You may have noticed our brand new bike and scooter shelter in the playground. We are absolutely thrilled with it, and it's been great to see it being used so much already!



This is a safe and secure space to store bikes and scooters, as it is locked throughout the school day. We thank the Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability department at Glasgow City Council for funding and arranging the installation of this wonderful resource.

Euroquiz

A group of our P6 pupils recently took part in the Glasgow heat of the *Euroquiz*, a national quiz dedicated to strengthening knowledge and understanding about Europe.



They studied really hard, and learned so much about Europe. We are proud to announce that our team came **third** which was a great result. A huge well done to F, P, R, R and Z!

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Equality Policy

This session, all schools across Glasgow were asked to create an Equality policy. A template was produced by Education Services at Glasgow City Council, but with room for an element of personalisation from individual schools.

We have worked on this as a staff, and the final draft has been quality assured by the local authority and our Parent Council. We are delighted to say that it is now available to view in the *Useful documents* section of our website...

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/golfhill/school-documents/>



Reports

End-of-year reports will be issued next month. We are using the same stream-lined format which we introduced last year, which makes them more focussed and relevant.

Look out for them coming home around June 17th.



Fun Day

Our annual Fun Day will take place this year on Wednesday 1st June. There will be lots of exciting activities for our pupils to take part in across the day. We will be asking for a small donation from everyone (*pennies or pounds, whatever you can manage*) to cover some basic costs.



To add to the fun, we are asking everyone to dress in their best holiday outfits. Think Hawai'ian shirts, floral prints, bright colours etc (*please don't buy anything new!*)

Families are invited to join us in school from 13:45, as the Parent Council will be hosting an informal café, offering tea, coffee and treats.

Dates for your diary

May long weekend	Friday 27 th May
Fun Day	Wednesday 1 st June
Platinum Jubilee long weekend	Thu 2 nd and Fri 3 rd June
School closes for summer	Fri 24 th June @ 12:45
Schools reopens to pupils	Wednesday 17 th August @ 08:45

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