



Newsletter

August 2022



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Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

It is my pleasure to be issuing the first newsletter of the new school year, and welcoming everyone back to Golfhill. A special *hello* is extended to our new P1 pupils, who have been settling in well.

We also have new pupils in classes across different year groups. Thank you to all our families for choosing, and continuing to support, our school. It is really appreciated.

This year we have 8 classes across the school, as well as The Sunshine Room. Class sizes have been kept as small as possible, within the constraints of our staffing allocation.

We were delighted to welcome a new member of teaching staff to Golfhill when we returned after summer... Ms Stewart will be working in P7Golf (we also have a P7Hill), alongside Miss Ferguson who joined us back in April.



Mrs Duff will be returning from her maternity leave just after the October break, and will take over Miss Ferguson's P6 teaching duties.



As we move further towards more sustainable working practices, **this will be the only paper newsletter sent home this year.** In future you will be notified via the Groupcall messaging system (on the *Xpressions* app, by text message or by email) that newsletters are available to view on our website.

I hope you find the information contained in this newsletter useful. If you have any concerns or questions, or if there's anything I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you and your family all the best for the school year ahead.



Yours,

Iain Morrow
Head Teacher

Our values:

Respect

Safe

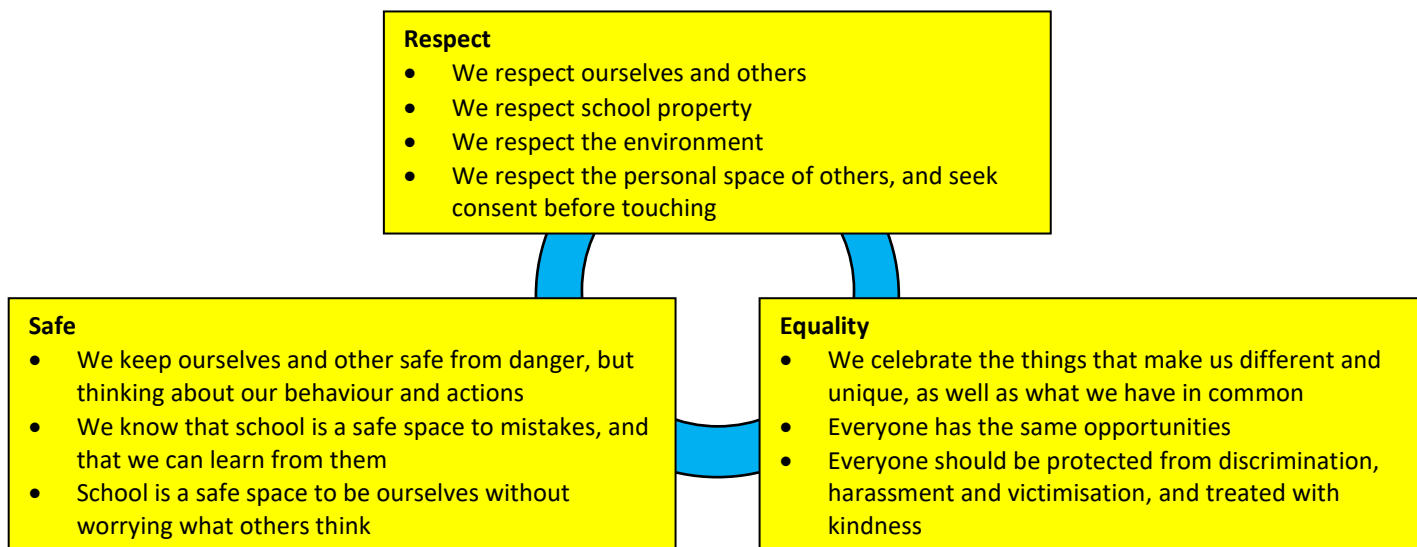
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Assemblies

Before summer, we were really happy to be able to have our assemblies again. These are lovely opportunities for the whole school to come together to celebrate success, sing some of our assembly songs, and learn about different events of religious or cultural significance.

They are also a chance to be reminded about our values, Respect, Safe and Equality, which we are very proud of, and which we hope to embody in our everyday practice.

The following definitions are used to describe what each value means...



Family survey

Back in May, we conducted our annual Family Survey. Thanks to everyone who took part.

The results were overwhelmingly positive, with lots of lovely comments being made.

They can be seen in full by following this link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/golfhill/family-survey-may-2022/>

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School photographer



We have booked Tempest Photography to come in to take photographs. They will be visiting on **Monday 5th September**.

They will be able to take individual photos, as well as sibling group shots.

NB: This will only be siblings who actually attend Golfhill Primary.

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At home-time...

Please let us know if someone different is collecting your child at home-time (for example, a family member we haven't met before, or if they're going on a play-date).

We know there are lots of friendship groups and family relationships across the school, but we just need to know who's collecting who. This keeps us right and everyone safe.



Similarly, if your child is to start walking home themselves, when previously they've been picked up, let us know that too.

Wellbeing

We have pupils at Golfhill with nut allergies.



Please try to ensure that playtime snacks and packed lunches do not contain any nuts.



Please provide your child with a full water bottle each day.

Staying hydrated is really important!

NB: this includes Kinder Buenos and anything with Nutella.

Remember that fizzy drinks, energy drinks and chewing gum **should never** be brought to school. We encourage healthy snacks where possible.

Bike and scooter shelter

Our bike and scooter shelter continues to be well used by pupils across the school. It is so lovely to see so many of our young people travelling to school this way.



All Golfhill pupils are welcome to use this safe and secure facility, which is locked through the day. A member of staff is usually available to assist at the start and end of each day.

Outdoor learning



We aim to get our pupils outdoors as much as possible. This will inevitably mean that pupils (and staff!) will sometimes be out in the rain, so please provide your child with a waterproof jacket and appropriate footwear.

The weather in Glasgow is unpredictable, so regardless of the forecast, we recommend coming prepared for all seasons.

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Dates for your diary

<i>School Photographer</i>	Monday 5 th September
<i>Proposed industrial action</i>	Tue 6 th , Wed 7 th and Thu 8 th Sept (<i>school closed</i>)
<i>Open Afternoon</i>	Friday 16 th September, from 13:45
<i>September Weekend</i>	Friday 23 rd and Monday 26 th September
<i>Parents' Evening</i>	Thursday 13 th October
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Friday 14 th October
<i>October Week</i>	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st October
<i>Hallowe'en celebrations</i>	Friday 28 th October (<i>pupils may wear fancy dress</i>)
<i>School closes for Christmas</i>	Thursday 22 nd December @ 14:15
<i>Christmas and New Year holiday</i>	Friday 23 rd December – Tuesday 3 rd January
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Wednesday 4 th January
<i>Open Afternoon</i>	Friday 10 th February, from 13:45
<i>Mid-term break</i>	Monday 13 th and Tuesday 14 th February
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Wednesday 15 th February
<i>Purple Friday</i>	Friday 24 th February (<i>wear purple to celebrate diversity</i>)
<i>Parents' Evening</i>	Thursday 30 th March
<i>School closes for Spring Break</i>	Friday 1 st April @ 14:15
<i>Spring Break</i>	Monday 3 rd – Friday 14 th April
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Monday 17 th April
<i>May Day holiday</i>	Monday 1 st May
<i>Fun Week</i>	w/b: Mon 22 nd May
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Thursday 25 th May
<i>May Weekend</i>	Friday 26 th and Monday 29 th May
<i>Schools closes for summer</i>	Friday 24 th June @ 12:45

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