



# Newsletter

## August 2023



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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 **seven** classes across the school, as well as The Sunshine Room.

We were delighted to welcome a new member of teaching staff to Golfhill when we returned after summer... Miss Iglinsky will be working with P5.



Mrs Blyth has returned from her maternity leave, and will be our Nurture Teacher again.



As we move further towards more sustainable working practices, we will still issue paper newsletters, but larger documents will be put on our website. You will be signposted to them via links and QR codes.

We had a lot to celebrate last year, and all our successes and achievements can be found in our [Standards and Quality Report](#), available now on our website. In it, you'll also find more information about our improvement priorities for this year.

Scan the QR code to view →



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*  
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Head Teacher

Our values:

Respect

Safe

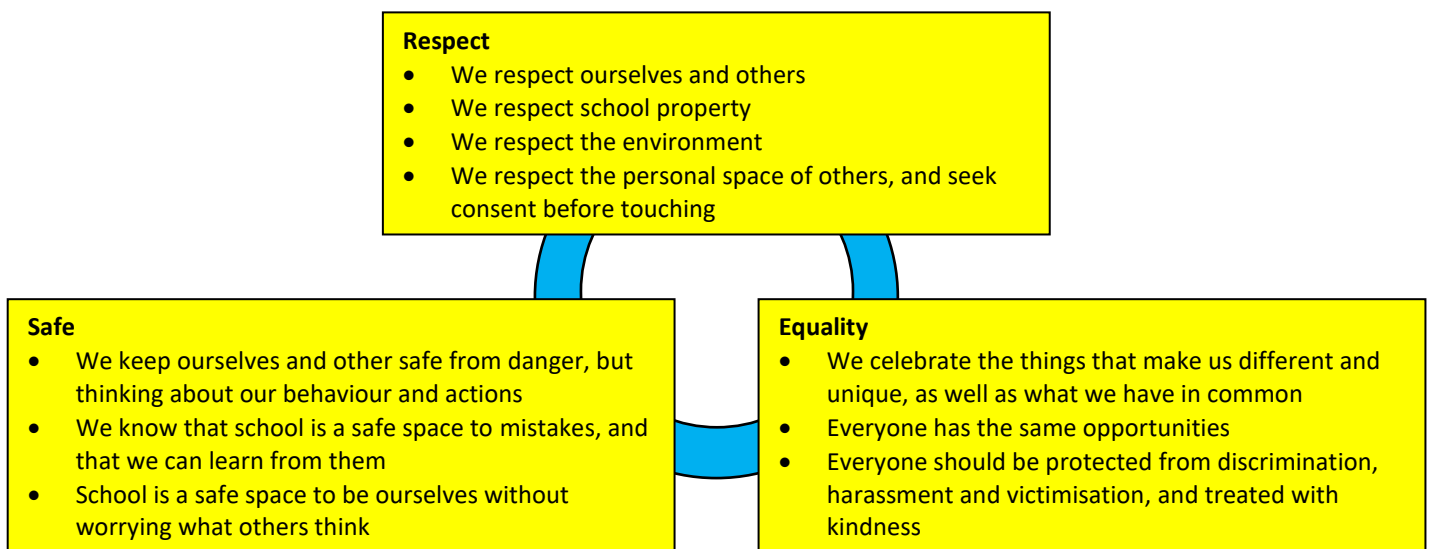
Equality

## Assemblies

Every Wednesday morning, we have a whole school assembly, led by different members of the Senior Leadership Team. 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 June, we conducted our annual [Family Survey](#). Thanks to everyone who took part.

The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive, with lots of lovely comments being made.

The full results can be seen by scanning this QR code →



## School photographer



We have booked Tempest Photography to come in to take photographs. They will be visiting on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**.

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 just 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 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 on wheels.



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>September Weekend</i>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September
<i>Photographer</i>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October
<i>Parents' Evening</i>	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October
<i>October Week</i>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>st</sup> October
<i>Hallowe'en celebrations</i>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October ( <i>pupils may wear fancy dress</i> )
<i>Flu vaccinations</i>	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
<i>School closes for Christmas</i>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December @ 14:15
<i>Christmas and New Year holiday</i>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
<i>Mid-term break</i>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>Purple Friday</i>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February ( <i>wear purple to celebrate diversity</i> )
<i>Parents' Evening</i>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
<i>School closes for Spring Break</i>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March @ 14:15
<i>Spring Break</i>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
<i>In-service Day</i> (no pupils)	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<i>May Day holiday</i>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>May Weekend</i>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>Schools closes for summer</i>	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June @ 12:45

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