



# Newsletter

## November 2023

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### Message from Head Teacher

The temperatures are down, the mornings are frosty, and we're well into named-storm season. It can only mean one thing... it's time to start thinking about Christmas!



Last week we sent out our request for donations for our upcoming Christmas Fair. This is always a highlight of our annual calendar, but we cannot do it without you, so thank you in advance for your help and support. We're looking forward to welcoming you in!

There will be opportunities to purchase a range of craft items, take part in an array of activities and competitions, and enjoy some delicious refreshments.

As always, we have devised a full festive calendar for our children, the details of which can be found in the centrefold of this newsletter. Our *Reverse Advent Calendar* (foodbank collection) is back for its fourth year, Nativity rehearsals are already in full swing, and we're getting excited about our panto trip... oh yes we are!



Last week, our P7s enjoyed a week at Blairvadach Outdoor Education Centre.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our P7 families for all their fundraising efforts. This significantly reduced the price of this wonderful experience for our learners, which was really appreciated. Well done to all involved!

Thanks also to Miss Kirkland for organising the whole trip so seamlessly within tight timescales, and to Miss Jamieson, Mrs Smith and Mrs Blyth for giving up their time to accompany P7.

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.



Yours,

*Iain Morrow*  
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Head Teacher

### Attendance

Our current average attendance is **91.6%**. This is *very slightly up* from last month.

We offer a gentle reminder of the importance of school attendance for attainment, achievement and well-being.



Our values:

Respect

Safe

Equality

## Homework referendum

Thank you to everyone who voted in our Homework Referendum which was held at Parents' Evening last month.



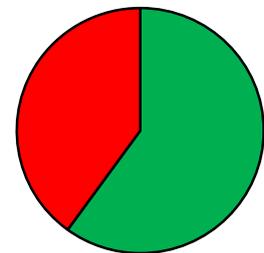
Thanks also to our P6 and P7 classes who designed posters and created videos outlining the arguments *for* and *against* homework. They did a great job, and presented some very compelling cases.

The votes have been counted, and the results are in....

Should homework be given at Golfhill Primary?

Yes 60%

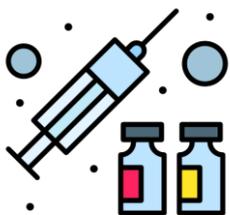
No 40%



■ Yes ■ No

Our next step will be to explore what homework will look like (but that'll be for after Christmas!).

## Flu Vaccinations



We were delighted to welcome the wonderful NHS Scotland Flu Vaccination team on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. They were impressed with the maturity of all our learners, and the arrangements we had made to ensure the morning ran smoothly.

If your child(ren) missed this opportunity in school, families can call 0800 917 6115 to book an alternative appointment at a local health centre.

## Being outdoors



Gentle reminder that 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, and don't forget to label everything with your child(ren)'s name!



## Dates for your diary

*School closes for Christmas*

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December @ 14:15

*Christmas and New Year holiday*

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January

*Pupils return to school*

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

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