



# Newsletter

## March 2024

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### Message from Head Teacher



It barely seems a moment since we returned from the Christmas and New Year holidays, and but longer days and (occasional) brighter skies mean we're hurtling full speed towards Spring Break!

Before then, however, there are lots of exciting things coming up...!

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, P4 – P7 are being visited by volunteers from Glasgow University's WiSTEM programme, giving our learners a range of experiences across science, technology, engineering and maths. They only visit two schools a year, so this is a fantastic opportunity.



We have World Book Day and our Scotland Showcase coming up this month, more details of which can be found later in this newsletter.



Following the huge success of *The Rocky Monster Show* last year, we are delighted to be presenting **Alice The Musical** on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Miss Jamieson, Miss Allan, Mrs Macleod and Mrs Blyth have been working incredibly hard with the cast, and this fantastical trip to Wonderland promises to be another smash hit! Tickets on sale now.

As well as all this, our P7s are delighted to be the first in our learning community to be wearing their Leavers' Hoodies! Huge thanks to Michelle (K's mum) and the gang for organising these, from measuring to ordering. Not an easy task, but they look amazing. Well done! 😊



Finally, we will be hosting our second Parents' Evening of the year on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Appointments will be issued very soon, and we look forward to discussing your children's learning and progress.

If you have any concerns or questions in the meantime, or if there's anything I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours,

Iain Morrow

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## Scotland Showcase

Those of you who've been part of the Golfhill family for a long time might remember we used to put on a wonderful Robert Burns Celebration every year. The pandemic unfortunately put a stop to that, but we're delighted to be bringing it back in a new guise...



Our *Scotland Showcase*, being held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, will see every class perform a Scottish song or poem, and we'd love to invite you to join us!

There will be two performances – **11:00** and **14:00** – and tickets will be on sale from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, for £1 each.

## Attendance and latecoming

The average attendance for the whole school for January and February is **88.51%**. This is *down* from the average before Christmas.



Across the school, average attendances since January are:

P1	90.67%
P2	89.19%
P3	86.13%
P4	88.91%
P5	90.80%
P6	88.91%
P7	85.97%

Attendance levels and what they mean...

<i>98% or more</i>	<b>4 days off</b>
<i>Between 95% and 97%</i>	<b>5 to 10 days off</b>
<i>Between 90% and 94%</i>	<b>11 to 19 days off</b>
<i>Between 81% and 89%</i>	<b>20 to 27 days off</b>
<i>Less than 80%</i>	<b>Over 38 days off</b>



Also, due to latecoming, many children regularly miss between **one hour** and **one day** of education each week. Please be ready to line up outside at **08:45**.

At the end of the day, a number of pupils are still not being collected on time. Please ensure arrangements are made to have your children collected at **14:45**.

## Free bus travel

Don't forget, everyone under 22 years old and living in Scotland is eligible for free nationwide bus travel.

To apply for a National Entitlement Card, please visit **freebus.scot**

Please note, schools are no longer able to process applications.



Young Persons'  
**Free Bus  
Travel Scheme**

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## Crossing patrols



It's been brought to our attention that there have been some issues regarding the local crossing patrols (lollipop people).

Our Parent Council have been on the case, and it seems that if someone is absent, there is no-one to provide temporary cover. However, in the event of a post becoming vacant, a replacement will be sought.

In the meantime, we would ask you to exercise all the usual precautions when crossing the busy streets in and around Dennistoun:

**Think!**

First find the safest place to cross.

**Stop!**

Stand on the pavement near the kerb.

**Look and listen!**

Look all around for traffic and listen.

**Pay attention!**

Stay alert and keep looking in both directions.



## World Book Day



We are super excited about World Book Day, which is coming up on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. A note with all the information has already been sent home, but just to remind everyone...

Our theme (as organised by Miss Jamieson and the Pupil Council, and voted on by pupils) is:

### *Disney and Fairy Tales*



Pupils are welcome to come to school dressed up on World Book Day, but we don't want anyone spending unnecessary money. Creativity is key!

We know there is lots of discussion in the media about the appropriateness of dressing up, and that the day should purely be about books and reading. That will always be the main focus. However, our feeling is that if dressing up helps to engage one more child in one more book, it is absolutely worthwhile (and remains, of course, optional).



A huge thank you to Miss Munro for organising all our World Book Day events, including the book fair, visits to Dennistoun Library, online events, and a whole-school quiz.



One of the highlights of the day is the story-telling sessions, where pupils get to choose a story to listen to, from a selection presented by staff across the school.

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Please leave at home...

Chewing gum



Football strips / colours  
(any team or nation)



## Dates for your diary

<i>World Book Day</i>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
<i>Scotland Showcase</i>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
<i>Parent Council meeting</i>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March @ 19:00 ( <i>all welcome</i> )
<i>Parents' Evening</i>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
<i>School closes for Spring Break</i>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March @ <b>14:15</b>
<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 @ 08:45
<i>In-service Day (no pupils)</i>	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>Reports issued</i>	week beginning: Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June
<i>School closes for summer</i>	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June @ <b>12:45</b>

## Keep in touch...



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