



Newsletter

May 2024

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Message from Head Teacher

As we approach the final few weeks of the school year, there are a few important updates to let you know about.

Starting with the nicer news... by now you'll know we are taking the whole school to Blair Drummond Safari Park. We're super excited to be doing this, and are looking forward to a lovely day out.



Be sure to get your £6 per child paid to the school office as soon as possible, and don't forget to collect all your small change for the *Safari Smash* collection!



And now the less pleasant part... In the last newsletter, we mentioned the cuts being made to education services in Glasgow. Thank you to everyone who signed the letter prepared by our Parent Council in protest.

These cuts have serious implications for schools across the city, but some specific consequences for Golfhill will include:

- ✘ Reduced amount of literacy support
- ✘ No numeracy support groups
- ✘ No after-school clubs
- ✘ Reduced supervision in playground
- ✘ Pupil Council and Eco-committee only running for two terms each
- ✘ No EAL support (despite 34% of our learners having English as an Additional Language)
- ✘ Fewer opportunities to showcase learning

However, we will carry on working hard and doing our best to provide quality learning experiences and a welcoming environment for our young people. Your patience and understanding while we navigate new and unprecedented challenges will be appreciated.

As always, 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
Iain Morrow

Our values:

Respect

Safe

Equality

Staffing

One of our wonderful Support for Learning Workers, Mrs More, will be leaving us next week.



She will be taking up a position as an Early Years (Nursery) practitioner in North Lanarkshire. Mrs More will be greatly missed, and we thank her for everything she has done to support our pupils over the last few years. We wish her every success in her new role.

Please note: We will not be able to get a replacement for Mrs More, meaning our remaining SfLW allocation will be stretched even further.

Teacher numbers for next year are settled, and we can confirm that due to the budget cuts, we will have the equivalent of **1½ fewer teachers** next session. More information to follow.

All classes will have a different teacher next year, and we'll get names to you soon. Classes will be able to spend time with their new teacher on the afternoon of Thursday 13th June.

Social media

Issues caused by the inappropriate use of social media platforms such as *Whatsapp* and *Instagram* etc are on the rise again.

We strongly encourage our families to closely monitor their children's activity online, and remind everyone that most social media companies have recommended minimum age restrictions...

Thank you for your support.



Dates for your diary

<i>Long weekend</i>	Fri 24 th and Mon 27 th May
<i>Sports Day</i>	Wednesday 12 th June, from 10:30
<i>P7 Leavers' Assembly</i>	Monday 17 th June @ 13:30
<i>Summer trip</i> (Blair Drummond Safari Park)	Tuesday 18 th June
<i>Reports issued</i>	Monday 24 th June
<i>School closes for summer</i>	Wednesday 26 th June @ 12:45

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