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Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

Autumn has definitely arrived, bringing shorter days and a nip to the air. Please remember, our children are outside as much as possible, so should always bring a coat to school.



This week, we are saying goodbye to a valued member of the Support for Learning Worker team. Mrs Paterson is leaving us to take up an exciting new position in the NHS. She will be greatly missed, but we wish her all the success in the world. Good luck!

Over the last three years, staff and pupils have worked incredibly hard to put on three amazing school shows (*Rocky Monster*, *Alice*, and *Cinderella & Rockerfella*). These have been absolute triumphs. However, they are huge undertakings, so we are taking a break this year. The shows will go on, but not until 2027.



We're looking forward to welcoming everyone who requested a Parents' Evening appointment for Thursday 9th October. Times will be issued next week.

And don't forget... our school photographer will be here on Friday 24th October!

In the meantime, we wish everyone a happy September Weekend, and if there's anything I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.



School hours

Another wee reminder... our school day runs from **08:45** until **14:45**. This is not new.

Due to latecoming, pupils can miss between one hour and one day of education every week. It is important to be in the playground for the bell ringing at **08:45**. Thank you for moving back from the lines once the bell has rung.

At the end of the day, a number of pupils remain uncollected on time. Please ensure arrangements are made to have your children collected at **14:45**.

Our values:

Social media and online safety

We are living in an increasingly digital world, and our young people need support to navigate this. As part of the Health and the Technologies areas of the curriculum, we address aspects of keeping safe online. We also expect our pupils to uphold our school values in all areas of their life.



We need your help though, as unfortunately we've heard increasing reports about unpleasant interactions taking place in group chats. If your child has a phone, we fully encourage you to monitor their activity, behaviour and usage. There is little we can do about events which occur outside of school, outwith school hours.

Social media platforms are age-restricted for a reason, generally at **13yo** or older. This includes (but is not limited to):

Facebook Instagram Messenger Snapchat Whatsapp X / Twitter

Attendance



We are continuing to monitor attendance closely this year, in line with Glasgow's *Attendance Matters* campaign. Last year across the school, over 10% of education was missed.

Average attendance, per class, so far this year is:

P1: **96**% P2: **92**% P3: **90**% P4: **94**% P5: **92**% P6: **89**% P7: **96**%

Good attendance at school goes beyond achievement and attainment. It is essential for the development of life skills and building positive relationships.

Halloween

Our Parent Council have once again organised the annual Halloween disco. It will be taking place on Wednesday 29th October.

Further information will be issued after the October Week holiday, with tickets on sale from Tuesday 21st. (NB: the evening is split P1 – P3, then P4 – P7)

We will be celebrating Halloween in school on Friday 31st October. Dressing up encouraged!

Dates for your diary

September Weekend Friday 26th and Monday 29th September

Parents' Evening Thursday 9th October 15:30 – 20:30

In-service Day (no pupils) Friday 10th October

October Week Monday 13th – Friday 17th October

Our values:

Respect

Acceptance Kindness