



Newsletter

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Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

It's been a wee while since I sent home a newsletter, but hopefully you've felt up-to-date with everything via all the other notes, letters and text messages which have been issued.

We started the year off strong, with a fabulous whole-school trip to Edinburgh Zoo. This was enjoyed by everyone, and made even better by the fact it was free!



I then had my temporary move to Hillhead Primary. Everyone there was so kind and welcoming, and I enjoyed the experience of working in a bigger school (600 pupils compared to our 160) but I was more than happy to come home to Golfhill! A big shout out to everyone here who kept things running beautifully while I was away.

What struck me most while working in a different establishment was how all schools, regardless of size or location, are experiencing similar challenges. These include staffing, inclusion, and responding to societal changes.



However, what was also clear, is how school staff across the city are working hard to provide the best possible experiences for all learners, in what can often be pretty difficult circumstances.

I am proud to lead the team at Golfhill, who support our pupils in all manner of ways.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our recent Open Afternoon. It was great to see so many families join us to share and celebrate learning.



Look out for information coming home soon regarding the next set of Parents' Evenings, which will be held just before Spring Break.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued and ongoing support of our school. Please let me know if there's anything I can help with.



Yours,
Iain
Iain Morrow
Head Teacher

Our values:

Acceptance

Kindness

Respect

Please be kind

We have noted a number of instances recently where school staff have been verbally assaulted by members of our school community.



This type of abuse towards a member of staff would not be tolerated or accepted in a shop, on a train, or in a doctor's surgery, and nor should it be in our school.

We all remain committed to listening, helping, and solving any problems which arise.

Attendance



As always, we are carefully monitoring attendance, in line with Glasgow's *Attendance Matters* campaign. Unfortunately, attendance has fallen across the school.

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

P1: **91%** P2: **89%** P3: **90%** P4: **90%** P5: **89%** P6: **87%** P7: **90%**
↓ from 94% ↓ from 91% ↓ from 92% ↓ from 92% ↓ from 91% ↓ from 88% ↓ from 93%

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

Please note, no holidays during term-time are ever officially "authorised". We accept they will happen, and absolutely understand the reasons why, but they have to be recorded on our register in a certain way.

We appreciate being informed of your plans, though, and Mr M always enjoys holiday chat!

Latecoming

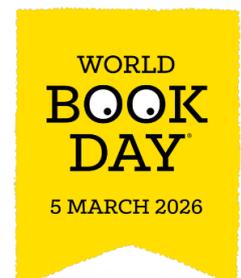
We are still having problems with latecoming, and must ask again that pupils arrive on time to start at **08:45**, and picked up at **14:45**. Good timekeeping is an essential life-skill.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day next week, on Thursday 5th March.

Our theme this year is *Bedtime Stories*, and everyone is invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas. Should be a comfy day!

We have a range of exciting activities planned in the days leading up to it, including trips, competitions, and reading sessions.



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