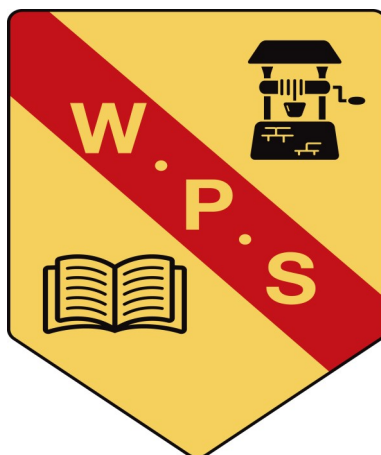


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Keeping You Posted

Primary P2a

A Message from the Class Teacher

Primary P2a have had a fantastic start to the year and have really settled in to the new routines of the classroom and made lots of new friends. We are so proud of how much they have engaged in new learning experiences already and are always trying their best in school. Please keep checking the school Blog as we will post regular updates and photos from the classroom. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the school office and leave us a message.

Kind Regards

Mrs Scott (Class Teacher)

Home Learning

Our focus for home learning this term will be reading, spelling and numeracy.

Homework folders and reading books should be brought to school daily and completed homework will be collected on a Thursday.

Reading—Children will receive a reading book and updated reading record on a Monday. Reading pages will be set in their reading record. Please read with your child at home and support them by using the reading strategies and questions provided.

Spelling— Each week we will focus on a new spelling sound (phoneme) or common words. Choose *one spelling strategy* each week and complete this in the homework jotter provided.

Numeracy and Mathematics—This term we are going to focus on Sumdog for our maths homework. Please log in and play for at least 10 minutes each day. The questions are unique to your child and will increase with difficulty as they play more frequently.

Parent Pay & Parent Portal

Your child has been issued with log in details for both platforms. Please ask Mrs MacAulay at the school office for another copy if you do not have these!



ParentPay



parentsportal.scot

Parent Pay is the online payment solution used in all mainstream primary and secondary schools in Glasgow. ParentPay is used to pay for all school trips, meals, concert tickets, uniforms, etc and will enable us to remove all cash and cheques from schools. In addition, you can now pre-order your child's lunches.

Parents Portal will provide access to information about school, allow you to complete the annual data check, update your child's details, view the school calendar and complete electronic permission slips and forms. This will reduce the need printing of letters and use of the costly texting system. We will be phasing out the use of texts and letters, so please sign up to this as soon as possible.

Health and Wellbeing

We are learning about different emotions and exploring strategies to regulate our emotions. We will continue to use the Emotion Works programme to develop our learning. Primary 2a have P.E. every Monday and Wednesday afternoon. We are developing skills this term through team games and Zumba.

Expressive Arts

Pupils will explore music, drama and art this term through activities in the playroom linked to our IDL topics. They will create music using body percussion as well as musical instruments and explore imaginary situations in drama. Within art, they will create images using a variety of materials.

Religious & Moral Education

This term in R.M.E, we will be exploring other world religions and beliefs by reading and hearing stories from different faiths. Pupils will have opportunities to share their own experiences with each other.

Interdisciplinary Learning

This term our main focus within Interdisciplinary Learning is 'The Museum' where we will learn about people in the past and 'Journeys' where we will explore the world around us. Pupils will have learning experiences in social subjects, science, literacy, numeracy and digital learning within these contexts.

Numeracy & Mathematics

This term in **numeracy** we will be developing our understanding of numbers from 0 to 50. We will focus on creating numbers to show their value, reading and writing numbers and adding and subtracting using Glasgow Counts strategies. This term in **mathematics** we will be developing our understanding of 2D and 3D shapes. We will focus on naming, identifying and classifying shapes through a range of activities. We will also focus on position and direction.

Literacy

- In **reading** we will read our reading books in school each day to develop reading fluency and understanding. We will be reading two times per week with a Primary 6 reading buddy and pupils will have opportunities to choose and read a library book for their enjoyment.
- In **writing** we will focus on retelling stories heard through story books, film clips and audio books. Children will be encouraged to write independently with a focus on writing sentences with a capital letter and full stop. They will be encouraged to use their phonics knowledge to 'have a go' at writing learned and unfamiliar words.
- In **listening and talking** we will focus on speaking aloud in class with increasing confidence. Pupils will have opportunities to ask and answer questions based on a range of texts. Pupils will participate songs, rhymes and stories.

School Pick Up

At Wallacewell Primary our primary goal is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all of our pupils. All children from Primary 1 to Primary 7 are reminded by their class teacher and through assemblies that if there is nobody there to pick them up or they are unsure of the travelling home arrangements they should remain with their teacher or member of school staff who will contact their parent/carer to clarify. We kindly ask all families to reiterate this message to all children.

We would also like to remind families that school finishes at 3pm. Whilst we appreciate that on occasion circumstances such as traffic or appointments may result in you collecting your child late from school however we kindly ask all families to adhere to the schools opening and closing times and collect their child on time from school at 3pm. All late collections are recorded and where concerns arise we will arrange a meeting to discuss this and any further action with the relevant parent/carer.

Free School Meals

Lots of our families, who we believe are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), have still not registered. As you will be aware all P1-5 pupils attending school in Scotland are entitled to free school meals.

For other pupils (P6-7), parent or carer must be in receipt of -

Universal credit and earning no more than £726 in the monthly assessment period before you apply.

CTC only with income under £18,725

CTC/WTC with income under £8,717

Income support

Income-based jobseeker's allowance

Income-related employment and support allowance

Asylum support from the Home Office

If your child is in P1-5 and also eligible for free school meals due to low income, you should still apply for free school meals to make sure that you get the Scottish child payment bridging payment. We would also encourage parents/carers of pupils in P6-7 to apply if you think you meet the criteria above.

Please visit the website for further information and to apply. If you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/17885/Clothing-Grants-and-Free-School-Meals>

Reporting Absence

How to report your child absent from school:

You should call the Pupil Absence Reporting (PAR) Team on: 0141 287 0039 to report your child absent from school. You can call the line every school day from 8:00am. You should call the absence reporting line before 9.30am on the first day of your child's absence.

Please do not use Seesaw to report your child's absence as this may not be seen by school staff and is not GCC protocol for reporting absence.

The Pupil Absence Reporting (PAR) team:

The Pupil Absence Reporting (PAR) service is provided by a dedicated team of experienced Education support staff. The information you provide to the team is updated in the school's system when you call, so the school is immediately aware of all absence information.

The Pupil Absence Reporting(PAR) service has been created to provide an efficient flexible way for parents/carers to report absence. We recognise that in some circumstances, for example, to report or discuss a sensitive issue, you may still require to speak directly with the school. The following guidance should be applied:

Please phone the PAR team to report the following absences:

- Sickness absence: if the absence lasts more than one day, parents and carers are required to call on subsequent days to provide an update. A letter should be provided to the school when the child returns from their absence.
- Medical or dental appointments: Parents and carers should call the team to report absences for medical or dental appointments. The school requires a letter or appointment card as evidence of the appointment to ensure permission is given to be absent from class.

Please phone the school directly to report the following absences:

To make sure you receive the right support you require, parents and carers should still contact the school directly to report absences of a sensitive or personal nature, for example:

- Bereavement
- Serious illness, for example, an absence which is going to last more than one week
- Injury, for example, broken limb
- Contagious diseases or illness

You can also report your child's absence by using an online form, though you need to register with myaccount to do so. More information can be found here: <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence>

