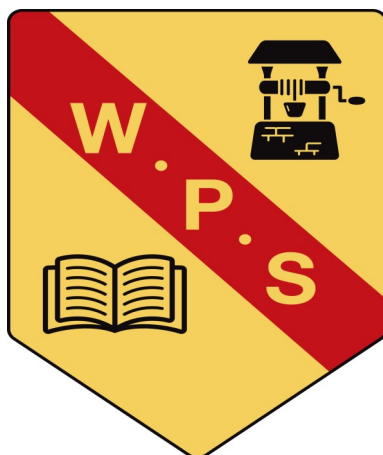


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Keeping You Posted

Primary 3b

A Message from the Class Teacher

P3b have had a great start to the year so far. They have enjoyed working together, are engaging with their learning and making new friends in their new class. I am extremely happy with how well the children have settled and getting used to the new routines.

Yours

Mrs McCafferty

Home Learning

Homework from the week beginning 18/09/23 will be sent home every Monday, this is to be handed in every Thursday. Homework will include a weekly spelling list. Reading books will be given out on a Monday or whenever appropriate along with a reading record and required reading pages. We encourage the children to read every night. Please ensure reading books are returned to school every day for further learning.

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 how we can process and regulate these feelings. We will be continuing this learning using The Emotion Works. P3b have P.E every Monday and Thursday. This term we will be doing both Netball and Zumba and learning transferrable skills which we will build up on all throughout the school year.

Expressive Arts

Our expressive arts learning has been closely linked to our IDL/ topic. In music we will create soundscapes, and will be playing with sound and instruments to explore our story. We will build confidence in drama and use this to support and further develop our learning within reading.

Religious & Moral Education

Throughout this term in R.M.E the children have started their learning on Judaism. All R.M.E learning will support and use skills within other curricular areas, such as art, music and literacy. The children will be learning about the different cultures and practices within Judaism.

Interdisciplinary Learning

This term the children expressed their interest in learning about plants and animals, and we have started our IDL topic focusing on animals and plants of the forest. Throughout this learning we will cover science, numeracy and maths, literacy, expressive arts and social studies. So far the children have learnt about living and non-living things, we are moving onto food chains and learning what plants need to grow.

Numeracy & Mathematics

During this term the children will be focusing on their number awareness. We have begun to develop the children's understanding of place value and the importance of '0' as holding a place in a number as well as using partitioning for both 2 and 3 digit numbers. We will build confidence in working with number bonds and various mental maths strategies throughout this term, counting in 2's 10's 5's and 4's each day to support our learning. We will build confidence using number lines, along side addition and subtraction with focus on number bonds and part whole relationships. We will be investigating measurement and this will be intrinsically linked to our IDL and outdoor learning.

Literacy

Literacy is the key to all learning and we will work very hard to develop all children's literacy skills to the highest standards.

Reading— Within reading our focus is very much on the individual and pupils will learn sounds within spelling and read books at their own pace. A mixture of practical and written activities will support all reading. Reading books will be targeted towards the individual and will be changed each week. We will also use other story books throughout the term to develop reading comprehension, prediction and summarising skills. These story books will link directly to our *Plants and Animals of the Forest* topic.

Writing— For writing, this term will focus on the genres of recount and procedural writing. We will focus on encouraging confidence and independence in all writing across the curriculum.

Listening & Talking— Listening and talking are very important and fundamental literacy skills, and your child will have many opportunities to develop these skills in individual, paired and group activities across the curriculum where and when possible.

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>

