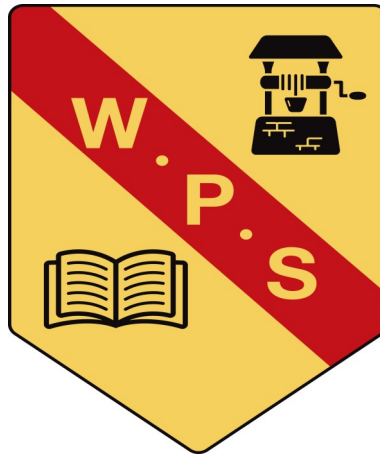


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Keeping You Posted

Primary 4b

A Message from the Class Teacher

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome your child to our new class, Primary 4b. I have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the pupils back to school again and getting to know them during the first few weeks. We have had a busy start to the new term and children are settling in well and have shown great enthusiasm for their learning already. Below you will find information about the exciting learning we have planned for this term.

Yours

Miss Maclellan

Home Learning

Literacy homework will be set on a Monday and should be handed in by Thursday each week. Children will receive a copy of their spelling words and can choose one of the spelling activities from the grid to complete in their homework jotter. This term, we will be focusing on reading in class however would encourage children to read for enjoyment at home.

Maths homework will be set on a Monday and should be handed in by Thursday each week. Please complete one activity each week from the grid provided and evidence this in your maths homework jotter. Children should also log in and practise Sumdog every week as part of the maths homework.

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

HWB— We will be exploring different emotions that we may feel and developing strategies to support us when we require them.

PE - Our P.E. days will be Monday and Friday. We will be learning skills in Zumba and basketball.

Expressive Arts

The class will have opportunities to engage with Expressive Arts throughout the term. This will be linked to both our topic and class novel as well as seasonal or topical events.

Religious & Moral Education

This term we will be exploring bible stories learning about Christian beliefs and values.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our topic this term is Woodlands. We will be researching different woodland animals and their habitats and learning about food chains. This topic will provide opportunities for STEM activities and outdoor learning.

Numeracy & Mathematics

In numeracy we will be learning about whole number with a particular focus on partitioning and place value to 4 digits and beyond. We will then be learning different strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.

In maths we will be plotting and using grid references and exploring data handling, making connections to our topic.

Literacy

Reading- We will be reading daily during ERIC time to develop fluency and enjoyment. Our class novel is the 'Hodgeheg'. We will use this to develop our comprehension strategies. Non fiction reading will be linked to our topic.

Writing - Our focus this term will be writing recounts and writing non-chronological reports linked to our topic.

Listening & Talking - We will be developing listening and discussion skills throughout all areas of the curriculum.

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>

