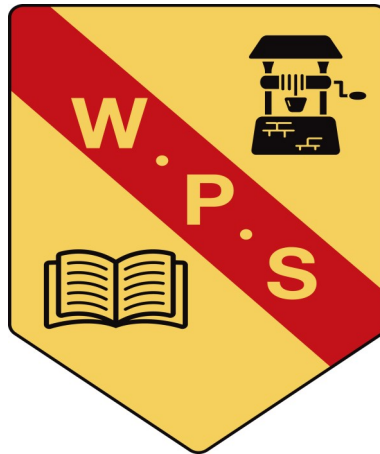


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Primary 6B

### A Message from the Class Teacher

I would like to take this opportunity to say that I am delighted to be part of Wallacewell Primary School and I am super excited to grow and learn with Primary 6B! We have had a fantastic start to the term and all pupils are settling in well.

Yours

Miss McLaren (Class Teacher)

### Home Learning

Homework will be issued on a Monday and should be returned on a Thursday to Mrs Souter. Your child should bring their class novel to school everyday. Each week homework will consist of maths, spelling and reading. More information can be found in your child's homework folder.

### 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

- In Health and Wellbeing this term we will be focussing on building a positive class ethos as well as supporting children's social and emotional wellbeing through a range of lessons using our Emotion Works programme.
- PE days are Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs Johnston and Mrs Souter, where children will participate in basketball and Zumba/aerobics.

## Expressive Arts

Children will have opportunities to engage with expressive arts throughout the term. We will be linking music, drama and art to our topics, novel study and health and wellbeing lessons, as well as taking account of seasonal or topical events for inspiration.

## Religious & Moral Education

Our focus in RME this term will be on Christianity, looking at the teachings of Jesus and exploring some of the parables. The children will be learning about this with Mrs. Souter.

## Interdisciplinary Learning

Our interdisciplinary learning will focus on our topic 'Powering the Future.' This will explore subtopics such as renewable and non renewable energy sources, the advantages and disadvantages of both and creating as a more sustainable future.

## Numeracy & Mathematics

In Numeracy we have been focussing on Place Value, Rounding numbers, working with numbers between 5-7 digits. This will provide a basis to move on to exploring all 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). With a particular focus on addition and subtraction, reinforcing strategies for solving different calculations. Children will always have the opportunity to use a CPA (concrete, pictorial, abstract) approach to their learning. In maths the focus will be on Shape and Measure this term with Mrs Souter. Problem solving, reasoning and enquiry will be embedded throughout.

## Literacy

Reading— This term our novel study is 'Double Act.' This will be used for core reading lessons, exploring reading strategies as well as enhancing punctuation and grammar skills. We will also work on adding expression to reading. Non fiction reading will be linked to our topic.

Writing—. We will begin by looking at recount writing this term, focussing on diary entries which we can link to our novel study. We will then move on to writing balanced arguments and discussions, which we will be able to link to our topic.

Listening & Talking— this is embedded throughout all areas of the curriculum. There will be a particular focus this term on skills required for active listening and group discussions.

## 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>

