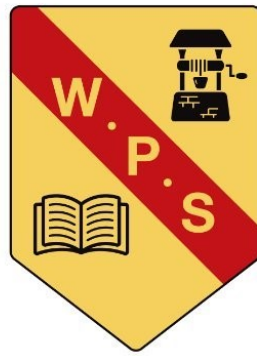


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March 2024



Newsletter

Welcome to our March newsletter! As we approach Spring Break and have a busy month ahead. We would like to remind families that, during the Scottish springtime, there is every chance of seeing all four seasons in one day. Therefore it's always worthwhile encouraging children to wear sensible shoes, and having a waterproof jacket despite the clearer and at times sunnier days.

We are working hard developing our approaches to equality and inclusion this session. A big part of this is how we celebrate our wonderfully diverse school community. This includes -

- Our Families from 20+ countries, and the wide range of languages spoken
- Our Families of colour / families from BAME backgrounds
- Our Families with differing family types/ structures (same-sex parents, adoption/fostering, kinship)
- Our various Faith Communities, and those of no Faith
- Our approaches to ensuring equality of opportunity for girls and boys

This session we are specifically focusing on improving our approaches to anti-racism. As part of this we are looking to gather the views of our parents/carers who identify as Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) at our first parent/carer focus group meeting on Tuesday the 19th of March 2024 at 9.15am. *As part of our equalities and inclusion work, next year we will be developing our approaches to LGBTQ+ education*

As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss, or something that I can help with, please do get in touch.

Yours

Miss L Davidson (Head Teacher)



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0141 557 5041

Headteacher@wallacewell-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

Child Protection Co-ordinator:

Miss Davidson (HT)

Deputy Child Protection Co-ordinators:

Mrs Taylor (DHT) or Miss Kelly (DHT)

Please ask to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team if you have any concerns regarding the welfare or safety of any child/young person.

Our Vision, Values & Aims

This term we are refreshing our school values. A refresh of our existing values has not happened for some time. We want to ensure that our values embody the aspirations of our whole school community. As such we are asking our parents/carers to complete a short survey to identify the values that matter most to them. We will then collate the results and share them with staff and pupils, who will have the important job of identifying the top 4 or 5 values that matter most to us as a school. Your opinion really matters to us. As such please use the link below or scan the QR code to complete our survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/dKg91wuik7>



FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM) - APPEAL

We are aware that many of our families who are entitled to the support of FSM have not yet signed up. For many families this may be because their child is in Primary 1-5 and free school meals are provided as standard for all pupils at these stages. However, we would like to remind families that applying for the free Meal/Breakfast Club grant also comes with many other benefits for families and the school—

- Pupils in receipt of FSM can access Breakfast club free of charge where pupils are provided with a full breakfast and have the opportunity to socialise and play with friends.
- Pupils in receipt of FSM also benefit from the School Clothing Grant award of £120 for a Primary aged child or £150 for a Secondary aged child. This is available on an annual basis to assist with the cost of purchasing essential school clothing.
- ***Our schools FSM allocation percentage also impacts on funding and staffing for our school. Higher FSM allocation percentages can result in increased staffing levels and more funding for our school.***

We would like to encourage all of our families who believe they may be entitled to the free School Meal/Breakfast Club and Clothing grant to apply. Please using the link below for further information or scan the QR code. If you need any help or support please do not hesitate to contact us directly at the school.



<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/schoolsandlearning>

Parent Council 2023-24

Parent council meetings for the remainder of 2023-24. Meetings are held in the school & start at 6pm. All welcome. Childcare is available.

Monday 18th March Monday 29th April

Monday 27th May Monday 17th Jun

Parent Council Contact Email: wallacewellparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk

Website Link: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/wallacewellprimary/>



Please note: For school specific enquires please contact the school directly as apposed to the Parent Council or another third party.

Our Parent Council Meeting on Monday the 18th of March 2024 will focus on the impact Glasgow City Councils new budget will have on education and Wallacewell Primary. As always, all welcome.

Health and Wellbeing

INDOOR SHOES— For health and safety reasons children **MUST** bring a change of shoes to school. We call these indoor shoes. These can be kept in school or brought in each day but **MUST** be changed into each day whilst in school buildings. Children will change in and out of these shoes throughout the day and will wear their *outdoor* shoes at playtime/lunchtime. This helps to keep our school clean, tidy and free dog mess which unfortunately at times seems to litter surrounding streets. Please help us to keep everyone safe and keep our school clean and tidy by ensuring your child has a change of shoes in school each day. Thank you.

PE KITS— We are seeing an increase in the number of children not bringing PE Kit to school. We have started to issue letters via Groupcall to make parents/carers aware, as we know that some of our printed letters have not made their way home to parents/carers. Gym kits are required for health and safety reasons. Physical education is an entitlement of all children and as such, teachers at Wallacewell Primary plan for 2 hours of quality PE each week.

As per Glasgow City Council policy, no jewellery is allowed to be worn during PE lessons, such as gym sessions, dance workshops and swimming lessons. Please scan the QR for further information on the policy. Jewellery includes, but is not limited to:

- bracelets
- necklaces
- earrings
- nose-piercings



All jewellery needs to be removed before taking part in taught physical activities. This rule applies to boys and girls.

February 2024



Whole School

Average attendance

89.96% *(-0.89% from January)*

Lowest stage
attendance rates

P4 – 86.95%

P5 – 89.49%

P2 – 90.05%

Attendance = Attainment = Wellbeing

Attendance & Engagement

A number of families are taking holidays in term-time. We understand the reasons for this, and offer no judgement or penalty. However, we need to remind everyone that this should be avoided, and attendance at school is essential for attainment, progress and well-being.

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

Partnership Working

As you will know, we are passionate about working together to get it right for our young people and their families. Through self-evaluation we have identified that we would like to work more closely with external partners to enhance the learning opportunities for our pupils. We are delighted to share that this month we have extended our partnership working by linking with **Cedar Project**.

Cedar (Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse Recovery) is a unique way of working with children, young people and their mothers who have experienced domestic abuse. The Cedar programme takes place over 12 sessions with groups for children, young people and their mothers running in parallel. The groups provide an opportunity to explore the experiences, understanding and feelings with an emphasis on providing fun and creative activities that keep children engaged and interacting with each other. It is about creating a safe place for children and their mothers to help each other to find the best strategies to deal with their experiences and rebuild their lives. A key aim of the programme is to help mothers to support their children in their recovery.

Cedar Project runs locally in Bishopbriggs. If you feel you and your family would benefit from what this project can offer you can contact the Cedar Team and self refer by calling **0141 955 3040**. Alternatively please call the school for more information. Involvement in the project does not cost anything and information shared during sessions, which take place out with the school, are confidential.

<https://edamh.org.uk/services/cedar-project/>



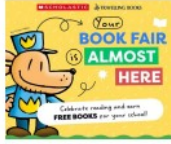
Community Events

We are excited to share with families some school events and local community events and opportunities happening in the area that may be of interest to you.

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Book Fair Coming Soon



When: Tues 5th March until Friday the 15th of March 2024
All pupils will get a chance to see and interact with the books with the class and Teacher.

Where: Wallacewell Primary School (Gym Hall)

Opening Times for Families:
Tuesday 5th March 2024 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 14th March 2024 5-30-8.30pm
If possible please bring cash along to Parents Evenings.

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WORLD BOOK DAY 7 MARCH 2024


Everyone Reading In Class
Daily reading time - bring a book or comic from home and read it in class. Share your favourite book with the class!

FREE BOOK TOKEN
Pupils will receive their £1 token to exchange for a book or to be used against the cost of a book from the Book Fair.

BOOK ACTIVITIES
All classes will be focusing on reading for enjoyment and will be working on reading activities throughout the week!

BOOK FAIR
From Tues 5th March until Friday the 15th of March the Book Fair will be in school! All pupils will get a chance to see and interact with the books. Then, at Parents Evenings, families will have the opportunity to order/purchase books. If possible please bring cash along to Parents Evenings. All book sales earn our school rewards to purchase books for our library.

DRESS as a CHARACTER
On Thursday the 7th March children can choose to come to school dressed as a character from a book, in their PJs ready for a bedtime story or simply dress down! There will be an assembly where we will celebrate the books we love!



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Hop to it

FAMILY FUN EGGSTRAVAGANZA

@WALLACEWELL
COMMUNITY CHURCH
NORTHGATE ROAD
Saturday 30th March 2024
11am-1pm or 2pm-4pm
£4 Child £2 Adult, £2 Sibling

[PayPal.Me / wallacewellchurch](https://www.paypal.me/wallacewellchurch)

PICNIC

Egg Decorating
Card Decorating
Easter Story

SPECIAL GUEST
APPEARANCE

Achieve More Scotland

Dance Classes

Ages 5-18

Drop In & Dance (FREE)

BARMULLOCH ROYSTON POSSILPARK

HAGHILL SPRINGBURN SHETTLESTON SCOTSTOUN

Scan the QR code to sign up to a class in your area



Barmulloch Community Development Company (BCDC)

BCDC is a community development trust who aim to support communities in Ward 17 (*Balornock, Barmulloch, Millerston, Robroyston, and Springburn*) to offer important services and provide much needed premises. They offer a variety of community events each week, with free creche facilities, including -

Dancercise (Wednesday 9.45-10.40am)

Yoga (Thursday 10-11am)

IT Support (Thursday 11am-1pm)

Meet & Eat Social (Thursday 12-2pm)

Numeracy Support (Friday 10am-12pm)

International Women's Day Celebration (Friday 8th March 11.45am-12.45pm)

For more information about BCDC and their events keep an eye on their social media posts or contact them directly.

0141 533 1056

www.bcdcglasgow.co.uk

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Dates for the Diary 2023-24

March 2024

- 05.03.24 Parents Evening (Early) and Book Fair. *Appointments have been issued.*
Pupils Forum trip to City Chambers. *Info has been shared with identified families.*
- 07.03.24 World Book Day. *Event details have been sent to families and are attached again to this newsletter.*
- 08.03.24 Primary 3 Easter—Learning Showcase (2-2.45pm). *Reminder has been sent to P3 families.*
- 12.03.24 EAL Parents Day 1. *Appointments have been issued.*
- 13.03.24 EAL Parents Day 2. *Appointments have been issued.*
- 14.03.24 Parents Evening (Late) and Book Fair. *Appointments have been issued.*
- 22.03.24 Primary 6 Education—Learning Showcase (2-2.45pm). *Info will be shared with families separately.*
ASN Blether Café (9.45-10.45am)
- 28.03.24 School closes at 2.30pm.
- EASTER HOLIDAY—Friday 29th March 2024—Friday 12th April 2024.

April 2024

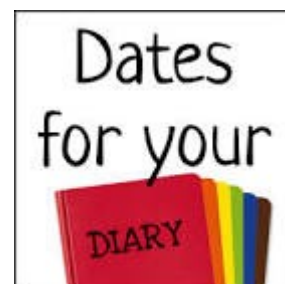
- 15.04.24 Return to school
Learning for Sustainability Week (In School)
- 18.04.24 Community Clean Up Day. *More info to follow in future newsletters.*
Maths Workshop for Parents/Carers (6-7pm). *More info to follow in future newsletters.*
- 22.04.24 Worlds of Work/DYW Week (In School). *More info to follow in future newsletters.*
- 25.04.24 Developing the Young Workforce Careers Fair (In School) *More info to follow in future newsletters.*
GDSS Dyslexia Workshop for Parents/Carers (6-7pm). *More info to follow in future newsletters.*
- 26.04.24 Primary 5 Diversity—Learning Showcase (2-2.45pm). *Info will be shared with families separately.*

May 2024

- 10.05.24 P4 Children's Rights Learning Showcase (2-2.45pm). *Info will be shared with families separately.*
- 14.05.24 BLAIR DRUMMOND SUMMER TRIP—Primary 1-3
- 16.05.24 BLAIR DRUMMOND SUMMER TRIP—Primary 4-5
- 17.05.25 BLAIR DRUMMOND SUMMER TRIP—Primary 6-7
- 21.05.24 Primary 7 Induction Day at Smithycroft. Pupils to make their own way to Smithycroft.
- 22.05.24 Primary 7 Induction Day at Smithycroft. Pupils to make their own way to Smithycroft.
New Entrant Induction Day 1 (AM)
- 24.05.24 HOLIDAY
- 27.05.24 HOLIDAY
- 28.05.24 Rookie Rockstars (In School – Tue - Thur)
- 31.05.24 ASN Blether Café (9.45am-10.45am)

June 2024

- 05.06.24 New Entrant Induction Day 2 (PM)
- 06.06.24 Rookie Rockstar Concerts. *More info to follow in future newsletters.*
- 07.06.24 Sports Day. *More info to follow in future newsletters.*
- 10.06.24 Primary 7 Residential Week. *Info has been shared with families.*
- 13.06.24 P1-6 Summer Beach Disco. *More info to follow in future newsletters.*
- 20.06.24 Primary 7 Leavers Assembly (AM). *Info will be shared with families in due course.*
Primary 7 Leavers Dance (6-8pm). *Info will be shared with families in due course.*
- 26.06.24 School closes at 1pm



Dates for the Diary 2023-24

School Term Dates

January

- Schools return on Monday, 8 January 2024

February mid term break

- Monday, 12 February 2024
- Tuesday, 13 February 2024
- Wednesday, 14 February 2024 (In-service day)

April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 28 March 2024
- Good Friday 29 March 2024
- Easter Monday 1 April 2024
- Monday, 1 April - Friday, 12 April 2024 (Spring Break)
- Schools return on Monday, 15 April 2024

May

- Thursday, 2 May 2024 (In-service day to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)
- Monday, 6 May 2024 (May Holiday)
- Friday, 24 May 2024 and Monday, 27 May 2024 (May Weekend)

June

- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024

August - Monday 12 August 2024 (Teachers return - amended)

School Term Dates 2024-2025



August

- Monday, 12 August 2024 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)
- Tuesday, 13 August 2024 (In-Service Day)
- Wednesday, 14 August 2024 (Return date for Pupils)