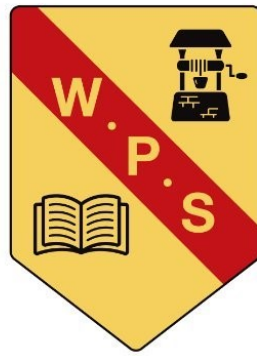


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May 2024



# Newsletter

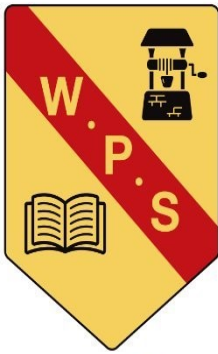
Welcome to Term 4, and the final push before the summer holidays! Longer days and brighter skies are certainly putting a spring in our step! Unfortunately, there is a bit of gloom on the horizon. You will have seen the headlines about the devastating cuts to education in Glasgow. While we are still waiting to see how this affects us directly at Wallacewell, it is safe to say there will be fewer staff and less money available. Across the city, 172 teachers are being lost (and that is just the beginning). Our Parent Council have been working hard on a campaign for all families to voice their concerns, and we strongly encourage everyone to get involved with the work of our Parent Council. Our promise at Wallacewell Primary to you is that we will continue to provide the best learning experiences and environment we possibly can for our young people, with the resources we have. We simply ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate any changes ahead.

In nicer news, we are looking forward to our summer trips to **Blair Drummond Safari Park**! We have been able to arrange for this trip at no cost to families. We are also delighted to share that we have been successful in securing places for our Primary 6 pupils on a new pilot programme - **Glasgow's Urban Adventure Award**. Our young people will each benefit from 3 full days at Pinkston Basin between now and the end of term. The children in Primary 6 worked exceptionally hard last term to raise just over £500 as part of their enterprise project. This money will be used to partly fund this experience, which costs £30 per head, not including the cost of the buses. The school will cover the remaining cost of the experience. We are also looking forward to our first **Houses Sports Day** on Monday the 3rd of June 2024.

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

Yours

*Miss L Davidson* (Head Teacher)



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

**Contact Details:**

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.*

## Health & Safety

Please continue to leave at home...

Chewing gum



Football strips / colours  
(of **any** club, team or nation)



Any drink **other than** water or fruit juice



Any snacks which contain nuts  
(this includes anything with Nutella, and Kinder Bueno products, as they contain hazelnuts)



### FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM) - APPEAL

We are aware that many of our families who are entitled to the support of FSM have still 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>

April 2024



# Whole School

Average attendance

**95%** (+4% from March)

**Lowest** stage  
attendance rates

P6 – 93.05%

P7 – 94.14%

P1 – 94.82%

Attendance = Attainment = Wellbeing

## Attendance & Engagement

As we enter the Summer term more 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

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Parents Evenings in March 2024. Average attendance at this parental engagement opportunity was 93.63%.

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. To allow us to foster better links with our wider school community we have planned a Community Networking Breakfast at the school on Tuesday the 21st of May from 9.30-11am. The aim of our Community Networking Breakfast, is to bring people and organisations together to share resources, connections, and experiences. A wide variety of organisations are invited to share information and partner together for the benefit of the community. We would love to welcome you along.

If you are working or volunteering in the Robroyston community and would like to come along to the Community Networking Breakfast, please scan the QR code to sign up.





WALLACEWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL'S



# MATHS SHOWCASE

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

How we do  
Numeracy  
and Maths at  
Wallacewell.

Glasgow Counts  
Strategies.

Fun games and  
learning to do at  
home.

COME ALONG ON THURSDAY 16TH MAY!

SESSION 1: 2PM UNTIL 3PM.

SESSION 2: 6PM UNTIL 7PM.





## 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.

**Next Meeting—Monday 3rd June 2024 (Last PC meeting of the session)**

**Parent Council Contact Email:** wallacewellsparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk

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



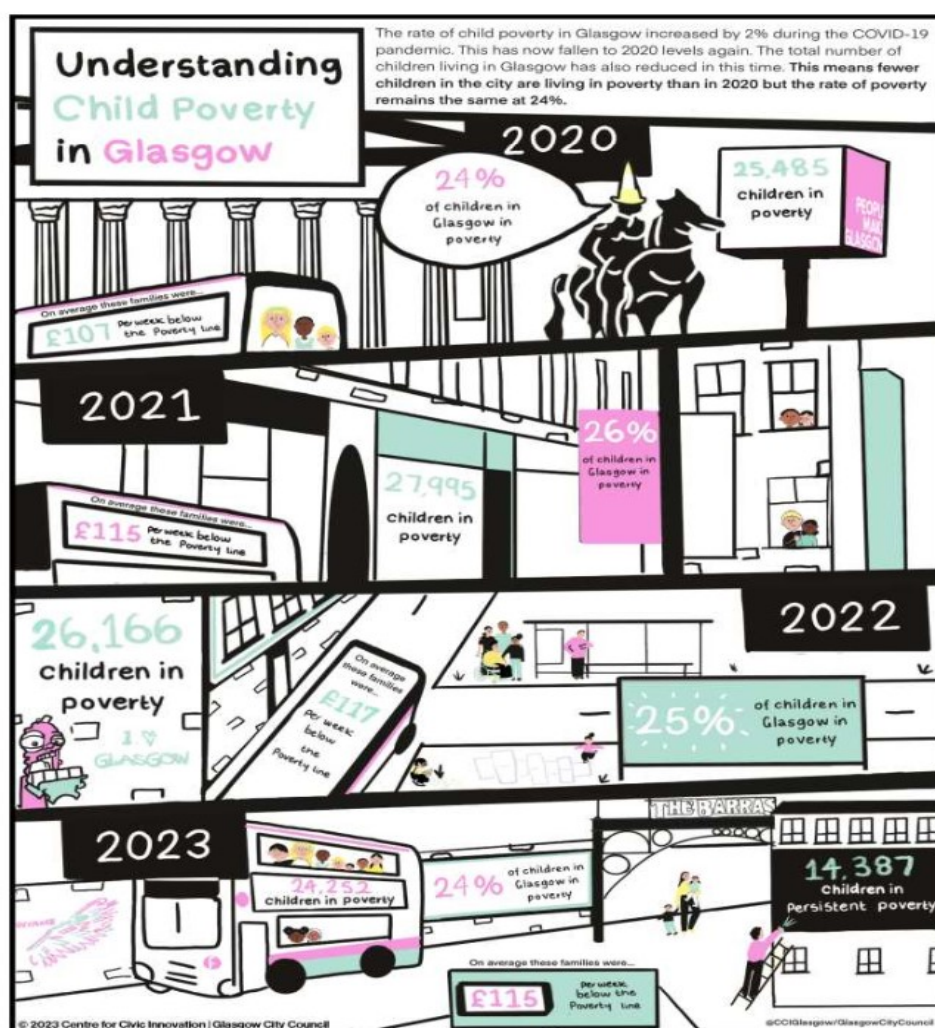
Please note: For school specific enquires please contact the school directly as apposed to the Parent Council or another third party.

## Pupil Equity Fund and Poverty in Glasgow

As most of our families will know the Pupil Equity Funding is money that comes to our school to help us to provide the best possible opportunities for our children's learning. In particular, it is there to help the school support children who experience barriers to learning and who might be falling behind or not getting the same chances in their education because their family is experiencing poverty or other financial difficulties. This money is given to our school as part of the Scottish Government's Scottish Attainment Challenge.

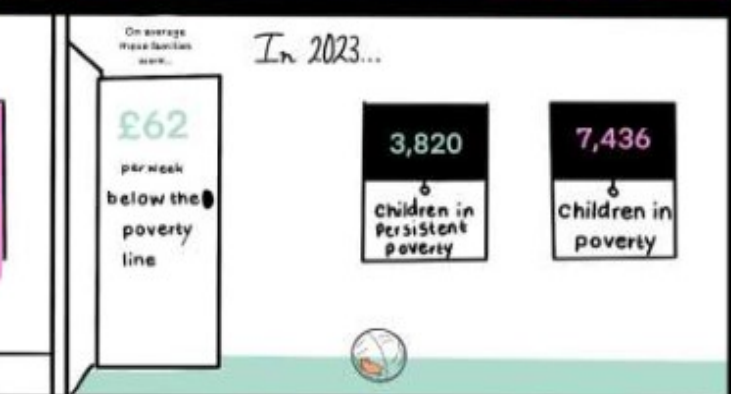
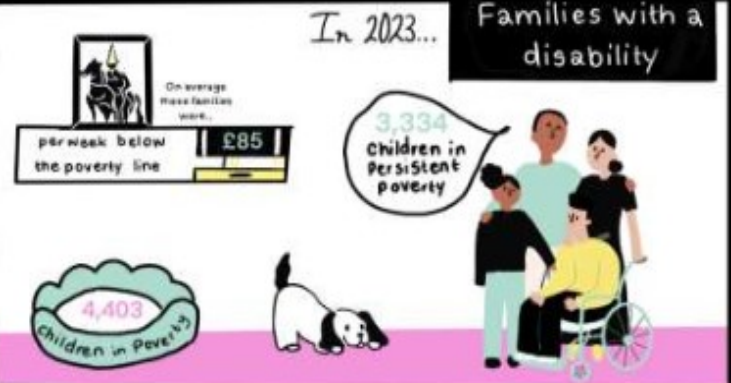
*Over 31% of children within our school live in the most deprived areas in Scotland according to the latest school roll measured against the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (GCC, Focus Tool). Over 25% of pupils are registered for free school meals and over 23% have English as an Additional Language.*

To help our families understand poverty in Glasgow we have included two infographics in this months newsletter from *Glasgow's Local Child Poverty Action Report 2022/23*.



# Understanding Child Poverty in Glasgow priority groups

Priority groups are identified by the Scottish Government as families that are most vulnerable to child poverty. Income from employment is one of the main drivers of poverty. To reduce child poverty in the city, we have to understand the specific challenges that these families face. This data is an important step in understanding how to break down the barriers for families most at risk of experiencing child poverty.



## Dates for the Diary 2023-24

### May 2024

- 10.05.24 P4 Children's Rights Learning Showcase (2-2.45pm). *Invites have been sent to families.*
- 14.05.24 BLAIR DRUMMOND SUMMER TRIP—Primary 1-3  
Primary 7 Residential Information Session (Microsoft TEAMS). *Link will be sent via TEAMS on P7 iPads.*
- 16.05.24 BLAIR DRUMMOND SUMMER TRIP—Primary 4-5  
Maths Showcase for Families (2-3pm & 6-7pm) *See poster invite attached.*
- 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 (9.30AM)
- 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

- 03.06.24 Sports Day. *More info to follow.*
- 05.06.24 New Entrant Induction Day 2 (PM)
- 06.06.24 Rookie Rockstar Concerts. *More info to follow.*
- 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.*
- 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

### August 2024

- 12.08.24 Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day
- 13.08.24 In-Service Day
- 14.08.24 Return to school for pupils.

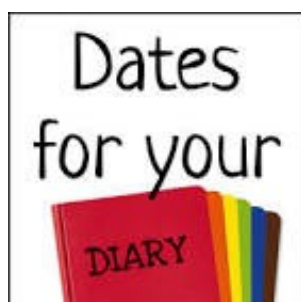
## ***Library Visits***

Information about library visits has been sent to families. We are still looking for volunteers to assist on these educational experiences. Please get in touch with the school office if you can help out.

## ***Glasgow's Urban Adventure Award (Primary 6 Only)***

Primary 6a - Tuesday 21st May, Thursday 6th June, and Thursday 20th June 2024

Primary 6b - Friday 7th June, 14th June and Friday 21st June 2024



## 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*



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### **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](http://www.bcdcglasgow.co.uk)

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