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Newsletter

Dear Families,

As we approach the final week of the school year, there are a few important updates to let you know about. Starting with the nicer news... All pupils had the opportunity to attend one of our trips to Blair Drummond Safari Park this term. Everyone had a lovely day out. Children have taken part in a variety of educational experiences this session and we remain committed to enhancing these experiences further next session. We also had a fantastic House Sports Day this month. The winning house will be announced next week. We looking forward to the different activities we have planned between now and the end of the session.

And now the less pleasant part... In our last newsletter, we mentioned the cuts being made to education services in Glasgow. Thank you to everyone who sent letters prepared by our Parent Council in protest. These cuts have serious implications for schools across the city, but some specific consequences for Wallacewell Primary next year will include:

- Reduced amount of literacy and numeracy support including Dyslexia identification
- Limited after-school clubs
- Reduced supervision in playground and in the lunch hall
- Fewer opportunities for showcase learning, family learning and engagement with parents
- Reduction in our Soft Start offer

However, our promise to you is that we will carry on working hard and doing our best to provide quality learning experiences and a welcoming environment for our young people. Your patience and understanding as we navigate new and unprecedented challenges will be very much appreciated.

Teacher numbers for next year are settled, and we can confirm that despite an increase in school role next year, we will have the equivalent of just over 1½ fewer teachers next session as a result of the budget cuts. We are currently working on class allocations for next session and hope to have teacher names to you soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parent volunteers from this session who have supported us with a variety of activities including school trips and paired reading. The support of our families is very much valued and appreciated.

All that is left for me to do is wish you all a restful and relaxing summer break.

I will look forward to seeing everyone back to school in August.

Yours

Miss L Davidson (Head Teacher)



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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.

Staffing Update

There have been some big changes in terms of staffing this term at Wallacewell Primary. Three of our Support for Learning Workers, Mrs Cody, Mrs McElwain and Mrs Corrigan, left in May for pastures new. They will be greatly missed, and we thank them all for their hard work and support during their time with us. Please note: We have not been allocated replacements our SfLWs who have left, meaning our SfLW allocation have been stretched even further this term. We hope to be able to recruit for these vacancies next session.

Two of our Class Teachers also left in May. Mrs Souter has left to take up a new post within the Tourism industry. We wish her every success in her new role. Ms Wilson also started her maternity leave. We are delighted to share that Ms Wilson welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world earlier this month. We cannot wait to meet her. Ms Wilson will return to Wallacewell when her maternity leave ends.



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>

May 2024



Whole School

Average attendance

94% *(-1% from April)*

Lowest stage
attendance rates

P4 – 92.25%

P7 – 92.30%

P3 – 92.67%

Attendance = Attainment = Wellbeing

Attendance & Engagement

As outlined in our May Newsletter, in 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.

We would like to encourage all children to attend on the last day of term.

Medication Collection

As per GCC policy, **ALL** medication must be collected by families at the end of the school session. All inhalers will be sent home with children on the last day of term but other medication will need to be collected, from the office, by parents/carers on the last day of term for health and safety reasons. Medication **cannot** be held over the summer break.

We will make arrangements for the handing over of new session medication and the signing of new session paperwork on our return to school after the summer break.

Parent Council 2023-24

We would like to take this opportunity to thank out Parent Council for their hard work and dedication this session. They have made some real progress in relation to their challenges and missions and it has been a pleasure working along side them to improve outcomes for our young people.

The Parent Council are also delighted to announce the launch of their new official Parent Council Facebook page. The aim of the page is to connect families with Parent Council.

Through the new Facebook page, the Parent Council intend to do the following in the days and weeks ahead –

- Explain the role of a Parent Council
- Introduce families to the Parent Council office bearers
- Provide a link to the minutes of Parent Council meetings
- Provide an update on our aims and objectives ahead of the next school year



Comments will remain turned off for the time being. The preferred methods for communicating with the Parent Council are attendance at meetings and email via -

wallacewellparentcouncil@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Wallacewell-Primary-School-Parent-Council/61561288283924/>

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

As always, for school specific enquires please contact the school directly as opposed to the Parent Council or another third party.

School Term Dates 2024-25

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)

September

- Friday, 27 September and Monday, 30 September 2024 (September weekend holiday)

October

- Friday, 11 October 2024 (In-Service Day)
- Monday, 14 to Friday, 18 October 2024 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 20 December 2024
- Monday, 23 December 2024 - Friday, 3 January 2025 (Christmas holidays)

January

- Schools return on Monday, 6 January 2025

February mid term break

- Monday, 17 February 2025
- Tuesday, 18 February 2025
- Wednesday, 19 February 2025 (In-service day)

April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 4 April 2025
- Monday, 7 April - Monday, 21 April 2025 (Spring Break)
- Schools return on Tuesday, 22 April 2025

May

- Monday, 5 May 2025 (May Holiday)
- Thursday, 22 May 2025 (In-service day)
- Friday, 23 May 2025 and Monday, 26 May 2025 (May Weekend)

June

- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday, 25 June 2025

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.

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www.bcdcglasgow.co.uk

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WHAT'S ON

at Glasgow Life
Museums

July - September 2024



All our activities are FREE!
No need to book in advance unless specified

Autism friendly
Quiet safe space available

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum | Wednesday 10th July, 7th August | 1.30-4pm

Riverside Museum | Friday 12th July, Saturday 27th July, Sunday 28th July, Friday 9th August, Saturday 31st August, Sunday 1st September, Friday 13th September, Saturday 28th Sept & Sunday 29th September | Available during opening hours.

The Burrell Collection | always available during opening hours

Quiet opening

Riverside Museum | Friday 12th July, 9th August & 13th September | 10-11am.

Under 5s

Mini Museum Explorers

Explore museums with your 3-5 year olds in this fun session, with a mix of free play and structured activities to enjoy together.

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

Friday 5th July, 16th August, 13th September | 11am & 1pm

Riverside Museum

Thursday 25th July, 22 August, 26th September | 11am & 1pm

Burrell Collection

Thursday 18th July, 15th August, 19th September | 11am & 1pm

Art for baby

Gallery of Modern Art

Every Tuesday 11am - 12 noon

A session for parents and carers and their babies (under 2s) to experience our collection and be creative in a safe and relaxed space. Free, booking needed at glasgowgoma.eventbrite.com or phone 0141 287 3050

Summer for out of school care groups

New!! Closed sessions for out-of-school care groups during summer holidays. Cost £25 per group.

Glasgow Museum Resource Centre | Tuesday mornings | for info and bookings contact GMRCbookings@glasgowlife.org.uk

St Mungo Museum / Provand's Lordship | Wednesdays | for info and bookings contact mungobookings@glasgowlife.org.uk

For more information and to know where to find our venues, go to <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/museums>

GlasgowLife Museums

Summer of fun

Free hands-on fun designed for families with children aged 5-12 year old. Sessions are drop-in, no booking needed.

Gallery of Modern Art

Offerings to the Earth | Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 2nd July - 7th August | 1.30-4pm
Saturday Art Club | Every Saturday | 6th July - 28th September |

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

Summer under the waves | Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2nd July - 8th August | 1.30- 4pm
Family activities | Every Sunday 7th July -29th September | 1.30 -4pm

Riverside Museum

Are we there yet? | Wednesdays & Thursdays, 2nd July - 8th August | 1.30 - 4pm
Family activities most Saturdays & Sundays | 6th July -29th September | 1.30- 4pm. When there is no facilitated session, trails will be provided.

The Burrell Collection

Around the world | Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 2nd July - 8th August | 1.30 - 4pm
Every Saturday & Sunday | 6th July -29th September | 1.30 - 4pm

St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art

Patterns and prints | Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th, Sunday 14th, Monday 15th July | 1.30 - 4pm
Wheels on Fire | Tuesday 23rd - Friday 26th, Sunday 28th & Monday 29th July | 1.30 - 4pm
Dance to your own drum | Tuesday 6th - Sunday 11th August | 1.30 - 4pm
Family activities | Saturday & Sunday 17th & 18th August, 31st August & 1st September, 7th & 8th September, 28th & 29th September | 1.30 - 4pm

Kelvin Hall

Badge making | Tuesdays 2nd, 23rd & Wednesday 24th July | 1.30 -3.30pm
Circus elephants | Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st July | 1.30 - 3.30pm
Animal prints | Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th July, Tuesday 6th August | 1.30 -3.30pm

Provands Lordship

Wonderful weaving | Monday 1st - Thursday 4th July | 1.30 -4pm
Dress back in time | Tuesday 16th - Thursday 18th | 1.30-4pm
Tiny wee worlds | Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st | 1.30 -4pm
Family activity | Saturday & Sunday 3rd & 4th, 24th & 25th August, 21st & 22nd September | 1.30 - 4pm

Glasgow Museums Resource Centre

Hands-on History Tuesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th July and 6th August . 1.30 - 2.30pm. Booking essential.
Please call 0141 276 9300 Or email GMRCbookings@glasgowlife.org.uk

