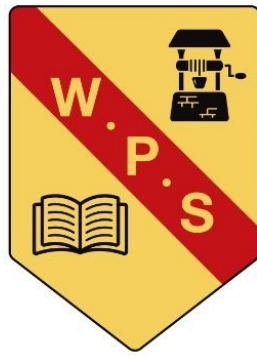


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October 2024



Newsletter

As we fast approach the end of Term 1, the weather is changing, the nights are beginning to draw in, and Strictly is back on the telly... Autumn is most certainly in the air!

I hope that you enjoyed reading our *Standard and Quality Report* issued to families last month. This replaced our September newsletter and contains lots of information about our achievements in 2023-24 and our missions for the session ahead. Scan the QR Code below to view the report on our website.

Following the October Break we have our Halloween Discos to look forward to, a whole school educational experience with Wildside Nature and our Parents' Evenings. Parents Evenings will run over two evenings: Tue 12th Nov and Thu 21st Nov, both from 3.30pm until 7pm. Appointment preference letters have been issued, and we look forward to getting your allocated time slot to you as soon as possible.

School is closed to pupils on Friday 11th October for our in-service day. Staff will be undertaking a variety of professional learning, before enjoying a well-earned week off. School will re-open to everyone on Monday 21st October at 09:00.

I hope you find the information contained in this newsletter useful. Please also find attached to this newsletter a copy of the *PATHS Parent Info Booklet*, to give you some more info on our new Health and Wellbeing programme. If you have any concerns or questions, or if there is anything I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me. I wish you and your family all the best for the upcoming holidays – enjoy, and stay warm!

Yours

Miss L Davidson



Our Vision Our Values Our Aims

After consultation with pupils, families, staff and other stakeholders in June 2024 we have refreshed our vision, values and aims. We are delighted to share our refreshed vision and values with you in this newsletter.

Our Vision: *We Belong, We Learn, We Achieve* – is at the heart of all our work. Our vision recognises the value we place on community, collaboration and the aspiration we have for our children, families and wider school community. At Wallacewell we are committed to empowering our young people to succeed. As part of a networked learning organisation we will work to create a happy, healthy, caring and inclusive school where everyone feels valued and respected and supported to overcome barriers and achieve their full potential.

Our Values: Our values illustrate the attributes valued by our school community.

AMBITION EQUALITY NURTURE RESPECT

Our values complement our school 'Code of Conduct' of Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Our Pupil Council are currently working on creating some visuals that highlight and explain our vision and values. Keep your eyes posted for some fantastic posters coming your way soon.

For more information on our *Vision, Values and Aims* scan the QR code below to visit our website.



Our Commitment to Equality



At Wallacewell EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Last year we refreshed our Equality Policy which highlights our commitment to celebrating and promoting diversity across our school community. We believe that all learners have a right to learn in an equitable environment where all cultures, religions, identities and languages are recognised and valued and where the curriculum responds positively to the diverse needs of individual learners, reflecting the uniqueness of their communities.

As you will be aware, last session we focused on developing understanding of racial equality through our health and wellbeing programme. Through self evaluation and quality assurance, including discussions with our children, we have decided to continue to focus on promoting and developing race equality and anti-racist education again this session.

Unfortunately we are aware of racist incidents that have occurred out with school within our local community. We, and schools across the country, also continue to manage a variety of racist incidents involving pupils in school. Whilst we have little control over what happens within our local communities and cannot control the actions of others, we will not tolerate racism of any kind within our school community. As such any racist incidents, such as name calling, will be managed as per our *Anti-Bullying Policy*.

To promote and develop racial equality families can support us by—

- encouraging positive and open conversations about race and racism at home
- having conversations about race and racism often, not just when it's in the news or when an incident occurs
- supporting children to understand the lived experience of ethnically minority groups

Families can find lots of helpful guidance on the NSPCC website below. We would like to thank families in advance for their support.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/children-race-racism-racial-bullying/>



Scan QR code to view our Anti-Bullying Policy



Scan QR code to view our Equalities Policy



Important Dates

Attached to this newsletter you will find an updated list of important dates between now and August 2025. We will always try to give families as much notice as possible about school events but would like to make families aware that this is not always possible. Our school diary is changeable based on the needs of our children and the opportunities that we have access to.



Parent Council 2024-2025

Every parent/guardian becomes a member of the Parent Forum whenever their child starts school, enabling parents to get involved in school life in whatever way they can. Below you will find details of our 2024-25 Parent Council along with their contact information. We will share Parent Council updates with families through our website.

Chairperson: Ross Nisbet

Vice Chairperson: Caryn Smith

Secretary: Elizabeth Smith

Treasurer: Valentina Vagka

Fundraising Coordinator: Denise White

Contact Email: wallacewellsparentcouncil@glow.sch.uk

Our next Parent Council meeting of the session will take place at Wallacewell Primary on **Monday the 21st of October 2024 at 6pm**. As always everyone is welcome.



Festive Pantomime

Following the success of our *trip* to the panto last year we have booked for the whole school to visit the King's Theatre this session. This year's panto is Peter Pan, which is sure to hook everyone in! The total cost to the school for this educational experience is almost £9000.

We will be doing fundraising for this, by collecting any loose change or as we like to call it *Panto Pennies* at various points between now and Christmas to help us towards the cost of this experience. We will be sure to give you advance notice about any collections.



Attendance & Engagement

Wallacewell Primary are passionate about getting it right for the pupils we work with. In order for us to meet learners needs we require pupils to be in school on time each day. In Glasgow when a child's attendance falls below 95%, this becomes a concern for the school. We will follow the council and school procedures for managing attendance to support our families to ensure children attend school, on time, each day. In our newsletters each month we will share average class attendance information each allow us to work in partnership to improve attendance. We will also send out individual letters to families who fall below certain attendance levels as per Glasgow City Council procedures. Our first batch of attendance letters were sent out last month. We will continue to monitor attendance regularly. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



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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 questions or concerns. Please note we may not always be able to speak to you straight away, particularly if we are teaching, supporting a pupil or in another meeting. As such we recommend that you make an appointment wherever possible.

September 2024



Whole School

Average attendance

95.27% (-1.59% from August 2024)

Lowest stage
attendance rates

P6 – 94.24%

P4 – 94.84%

P3 – 94.98%

Attendance = Attainment = Wellbeing

Things to bear in mind...

Dogs— Dogs should never be brought into the playground. We have pupils with a fear of dogs, and unfortunately we continue to have issues with fouling. We appreciate your help with this.



Fast Food—It would be appreciated if families did not hand in fast-food items, such as McDonald's, for their children at lunchtime. Best to keep this for a treat after school.



Fundraising—We have signed up to Asda's Cashpots for Schools initiative.



- First, download the free Asda Rewards app.
- Navigate to the Cashpots for Schools section.
- Choose our school by searching via postcode: G21 3RH
- Scan your app every time you shop at Asda!
- Watch the pennies roll in!

Halloween—We will be celebrating Halloween in school on *Thursday the 31st of October*. Children are welcome to come to school dressed up in their Halloween costumes, but there is no obligation to do so. Anyone opting not to dress up may come in non-uniform. Costumes and make-up will need to be done at home. Those who do dress up must note that no accessories of any kind are allowed in school, including masks, swords, knives, wands, guns, tridents etc. This helps prevent loss and injury. There will be spooky activities throughout the day in classes.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



We will always try to give families as much notice as possible about school events but would like to make families aware that this is not always possible. Our school diary is changeable based on the needs of our children and the opportunities that we have access to.

October 2024

- Thursday 3rd October – P1-4 Fluoride Varnishing
- Friday 4th October – P1-4 Fluoride Varnishing
- Friday 11th October – Inset Day for Staff. Holiday for pupils.
- Monday 14th to Friday 18th October 2024 - October Week Holiday. Pupils return on Monday 21st October.
- Monday 21st October 2024 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Wednesday 23rd October 2024 – Primary 5-7 Smithycroft Open Evening @ Smithycroft Secondary (6pm)
- Thursday 24th October 2024 – Wildside Nature working with P1-2 in school.
- Thursday 24th October 2024 – Fire Brigade visiting P5-7.
- Friday 25th October 2024 – Wildside Nature working with P3-4 in school.
- Friday 25th October 2024 (2pm) – Primary 2 Harvest Showcase
- Monday 28th October 2024 – Wildside Nature working with P5-7 in school.
- Monday 28th October –Flu Immunisation Programme (P1-7). Information will be shared with families in due course.
- Tuesday 29th October 2024 – Wildside Nature working with P5-7 in school.
- Wednesday 30th October 2024 – Halloween Discos. P1-3 = 4.30pm till 5.30pm & P4-7 = 6pm till 7.30pm. £2 per ticket. Details to follow.
- Thursday 31st October 2024 – Halloween Celebrations in School. Pupils welcome to dress up or dress down.

November 2024

- Festive Activity Calendar—To be issued to families
- Panto Pennies – We will be collecting loose change all for our Christmas Pantomimes in the month of November.
- November 2024– Enrolment for Primary 1's starting in August 2025 begins. Further information will be issued by Glasgow City Council nearer the time.
- Monday 4th November 2024 - Primary 3 Play Along Maths sessions begin. Information will be sent to Primary 3 parents/carers nearer the time.
- Wednesday 6th November 2024 —New Primary 1 Open Evening (6-7pm).
- Friday 8th November 2024 – Primary 4 PATHS Showcase (2pm). Details to follow.
- Tuesday 12th November – EAL Parents Day. Details to follow.
- Tuesday 12th November 2024 – Parents Evening (3.30pm-7pm).
- Wednesday 13th November 2024 – EAL Parents Day. Details to follow.
- 18th-24th November 2024 – Book Week Scotland. Details to follow.
- Monday 18th November 2024 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Wednesday 20th November 2024 – EAL Parents Day.

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November 2024

- Wednesday 20th November 2024 – Rights Respecting Schools Dress Down Day. Details to follow.
- Thursday 21st November 2024 - Parents Evening (3.30pm-7pm)
- Thursday 28th November - Family Quiz Night 6.30-8pm. £5 per table—max 6 people per table. Details to follow soon.
- Saturday 30th November 2024 – Community Christmas Fair

December 2024

- Wednesday 4th December 2024 – Primary 1-3 Christmas Pantomime at the Kings. Details to follow.
- Friday 6th December 2024 - Parent Open Afternoon (Health & Wellbeing) 1.30pm
- Tuesday 10th December 2024 – Primary 4-7 Christmas Pantomime at the Kings. Details to follow.
- Wednesday 11th December 2024 – Primary 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal AM P1b & P2/1 /PM P1a & P1c (Pre-Entrants & their Parent/Carer and Wallacewell Day Centre Service Users)
- Thursday 12th December 2024 – Primary 1 Nativity P1b & P2/1 (AM). Details to follow.
- Thursday 12th December 2024 – Primary 1 Nativity P1a & P1c (PM). Details to follow.
- Friday 13th December 2024 – Primary 1 Nativity P1a & P1c (AM). Details to follow.
- Friday 13th December 2024 – Primary 1 Nativity P1b & P2/1 (PM). Details to follow.
- Monday 16th December 2024 – Primary 1 Christmas Party. Details to follow.
- Monday 16th December 2024 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Primary 2 & 3 Christmas Parties. Details to follow.
- Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Primary 4 & 5 Christmas Parties. Details to follow.
- Thursday 19th December 2024 – Primary 6 & 7 Christmas Parties. Details to follow.
- Friday 20th December 2024 - Schools closes at 2.30 pm.
- Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025 - Christmas holidays.

January 2025

- Pupils return to school on Monday the 6th January 2025.
- Primary 5 'Mock Court' experience begins. Details to follow.
- Monday 13th January 2025 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Friday 24th January 2025 – Primary 7 Burns Supper. Details to follow.

DATES FOR THE DIARY (Continued)

February 2025

- Monday 10th February 2025 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Monday the 17th of February to Tuesday 18th February 2025 – February mid term break
- Wednesday 19th February 2025 – In Service Day for staff. School closed to pupils. Pupils return to school on Thursday 20th February 2025.
- Friday 21st February 2025 (2pm) – Primary 5 World Religion Showcase. Details to follow.

March 2025

- Monday 10th March 2025 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Friday 21st March 2025 – Primary 3 Easter Showcase (2pm). Details to follow.

April 2025

- Friday 4th of April 2025 – School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Holiday
- Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025 – Spring Break
- Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – Pupils return to school.
- Monday 28th of April - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.

May 2025

- Monday 5th of May 2025 – May Day Holiday. School closed.
- Tuesday 6th May 2025 – Pupils and staff return to school.
- Friday 16th May 2025 – Primary 6 Children’s Rights Showcase (2pm). Details to follow.
- Tuesday 20th May 2025 – Primary 7 Induction Day 1 at Smithycroft Secondary. Details to follow.
- Tuesday 20th May 2025 – New Primary 1 Induction Afternoon (PM). Details to follow.
- Wednesday 21st May 2025 – Primary 7 Induction Day 2 at Smithycroft Secondary. Details to follow.
- Thursday 22nd May 2025 – In Service Day for staff. School closed to pupils.
- Friday 23rd May to Monday 26th May 2025 – May Weekend. School closed.
- Tuesday 27th May 2025 – Pupils and staff return to school.

June 2025

- Primary 6 ‘Urban Adventure’ experience begins this month. Details to follow.
- Monday 2nd June 2025 - Parent Council Meeting (6pm). All parents/carers welcome.
- Tuesday 10th June 2025– Sports Day (AM). Details to follow.
- Wednesday 11th June 2025 - New Primary 1 Induction Morning (AM). Details to follow.
- Thursday 16th June – Smithycroft Sports Day for Primary 7. Details to follow.
- Thursday 19th June 2025 – Primary 7 Leavers Assembly (AM). Details to follow.
- Thursday 19th June 2025 – Primary 7 Leavers Dance (Evening). Details to follow.
- Wednesday 25th June 2025 – School closes for the Summer break at 1pm.

For Your Information— Primary 7 Residential TBC, Primary 4 Science Centre Visit dates TBC, Primary 1-3 Zoolab Experience TBC