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April 2025



Newsletter

Dear Families,

Brighter days, lighter evenings and the abundance of daffodils everywhere can only mean one thing... we are racing towards Spring Break!

It's been a really busy term with a storm closure, our Class Showcases, World Book Day celebrations, various class excursions, and lots of wonderful learning experiences happening across the school. Overall, it has been a success, but we're now looking forward to the holidays, and coming back refreshed and ready for a wonderful Term 4!

Looking forward to Term 4, please remember to provide your child/children with a water bottle that they should bring to school every day. It gets rather hot in the school during the last term.

I hope that you find this newsletter helpful. If you have any concerns or questions, or if there's anything I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours

Miss L Davidson

Head Teacher

Teaching Staff—Session 2025/26

As we progress towards Term 4, we are looking ahead at next session, specifically classes and our allocation of teachers. As you will be aware all schools in Glasgow were impacted by the budget cuts last session. As a result of the budget cuts, there was a hold on the recruitment of teachers across the city, meaning any permanent positions were not filled on a permanent basis. For next session the plan is for all permanent positions to be filled. Glasgow's Human Resources (HR) Department are currently working on this as part of the annual staffing exercise. So how does this impact Wallacewell Primary? Next session we have 6 permanent posts to fill. These posts are available as a result of teachers retiring or moving onto new posts, including promoted posts, within education. We also have 4 temporary posts to fill. These are mainly as a result of maternity leaves. What this means for us is that we will not be in a position to confirm class teachers for next session until we know who our new staff are. It is our hope that we will know all of our permanent teachers by the beginning of June 2025. However we may not know who our temporary teachers are until August 2025. Therefore we may not be in a position to inform families about class teachers prior to finishing for the Summer Break. We understand this may be worrying for parents/carers, but we would like to reassure you all that we will do our very best to ensure that transitions to the next stage in school will be as smooth as possible for all of our children. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind families, that whilst this may be frustrating for some, it is a process that is completely out with the hands of the school. We are as keen to find out who our new staff are as families are, and as such we are in regular communication with GCC's Education HR Team.

Communication with Families

At Wallacewell Primary we pride ourselves on having very good communication with our families. We know that working together can help to improve outcomes for our young people. However, this year our staffing has been impacted negatively as a result of the budget cuts. Both Depute Head Teachers have a significant class commitment this year meaning they are less available to speak to parents/carers. The whole Management Team, including the Head Teacher, are also required on the floor on a daily basis to support the inclusion needs of our children. Despite these challenges, we work hard to maintain high levels of contact with families and will continue to do so in order to get it right for our young people. However we would like to remind our families that we are not always available to speak to parents/carers immediately, meet with families on specific days/times or respond to phone calls or emails of the day that these are received. We will however always respond to families as soon as we possibly can.

Head Lice

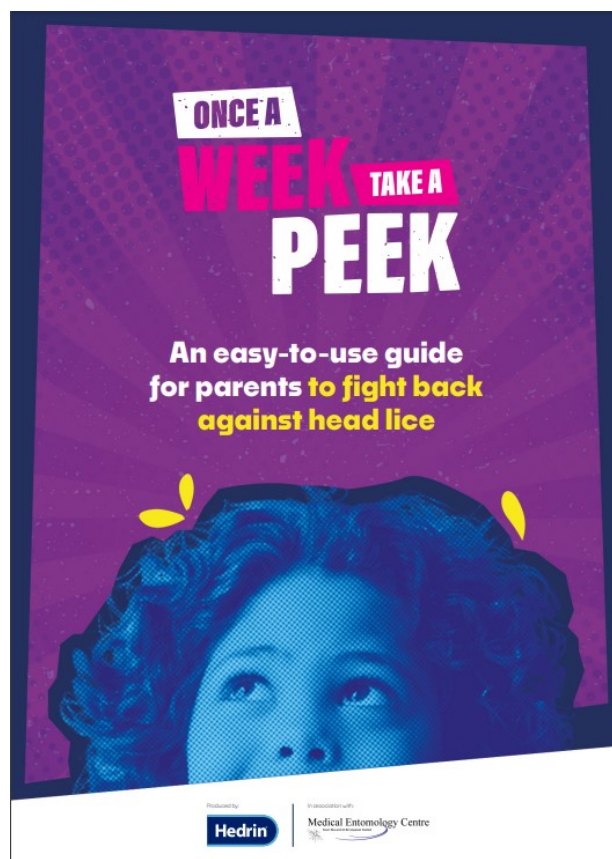
Please remember to take the sensible precaution of regularly checking your child's hair for any signs of head lice infection. It is important that children's hair is checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and to prevent them from spreading.

Please follow the simple routine below to ensure that we can keep any head lice outbreaks to a minimum -

- Check your child's hair once a week
- Use a proper detection comb
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice immediately
- If head lice are detected please check the rest of family

More information can be found at www.onceaweektakeapeek.com or from your local pharmacist.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.





We are delighted to say that our Home Learning Website for families is now live. You can access via the main school website of by scanning the QR code. This site is a work in progress and we will continue to add to the resources on the site over time.

Mobile Phones

As per School Policy, any pupil bringing a mobile phone to school should hand it in to their class box at the beginning of the day. This is then sent to the office to ensure devices are stored securely until home-time. This ensures the safe keeping of devices and avoids any unnecessary issues with the use of mobile devices during the school day.

Please remember that the majority of social media apps, including Whatsapp, are not supposed to be used by anyone under the age of 13. The amount of problems being caused by inappropriate comments and conversations amongst young people is increasing, and we just ask that everyone is mindful of what children are doing on their devices.



Vandalism

Now for something less positive... In recent weeks we have been experiencing vandalism in our pupil toilets. This includes the boys and girls facilities. The vandalism has included:

- Deliberate blocking of sinks with tissues, and taps left running
- Deliberate blocking of urinals, so when the automatic flush kicks in, they flood over
- Stuffing of tissues down the toilet pans

We will never prevent any pupil from using a bathroom. It is a human right. However, there are times when some of the facilities simply cannot be used because of what has happened. The time and cost implications of managing these events is huge, and it cannot continue. We have discussed these issues with classes in school, but we would ask that you reinforce the message at home: no school property should be deliberately damaged or destroyed.



**Contact Details:**

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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)

Parent Council 2024-25

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

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



Meetings for the rest of the year are listed below. As always everyone is welcome.

Monday 28th April 2025 & Monday 2nd June 2025 (6pm)

Physical Education Reminder

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. This includes, but is not limited to bracelets, necklaces, earrings and nose-piercings

All jewellery **must** be removed before taking part in taught physical activities. This rule applies to boys and girls. We recommend that families take children to get ears etc pierced during the Summer break to allow ample healing time, 6 weeks, so that earrings can then be removed for PE. Glasgow's full Health and Safety document for physical activity can be viewed by scanning the QR code below.

*In order to help keep our school clean and safe for all, children **must** bring a change of shoes (indoor shoes) to school. As a result of the unpredictable Scottish weather our playground and the surrounding streets/pavements are often dirty or muddy. Children are trailing this dirt into the school and onto carpets /flooring which is unsightly, dirty and unsafe.*

Please ensure you child has a change of shoes (indoor shoes) for school that will be kept in school.



School Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform at Wallacewell Primary School. School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the school community. We encourage all of our pupils to adhere to our dress code.

Unacceptable Dress – There are forms of dress that are unacceptable in school, such as items of clothing which:

- Potentially encourage factions (such as football colours/kits)
- Could cause offence (such as anti-religious symbolism or political slogans)
- Could cause health and safety difficulties (such as loose fitting clothing, jewellery)
- Could cause damage to flooring
- Carry advertising particularly for alcohol or tobacco
- Could be used to inflict damage on other pupils

Please note acrylic nails should not be worn to school as they present a health and safety risk in PE. Children with acrylic nails will be unable to participate in PE as per Glasgow City Council procedures.

March 2025



Whole School

Average attendance
94.89% (+0.99% from February 2025)

| **Lowest** stage
attendance rates

P4 – 91.42%

P5 – 94.07%

P7 – 94.54%



Attendance = Attainment = Wellbeing

We continue to monitor attendance rates, in line with established procedures, and to co-ordinate with Glasgow City Council's *Attendance Matters Every Day* campaign.

The Attendance Matters Every Day campaign wishes to highlight the value of going to school beyond learning: developing life skills, friendships, and future opportunities.

Dates for the Diary (2024-25)

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

- Friday 2nd May (9.15-10.30am) – ASN Blether Café
- 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 3rd June 2025 - Smithycroft Sports Day for Primary 7. Details to follow.
- Thursday 5th June 2025 – Winning House Treat. Details to follow.
- Wednesday 11th June 2025 - New Primary 1 Induction Morning (AM). Details to follow.
- Monday 16th June 2025– Sports Day (9.30-11am for Ben Nevis & Ben Lomond).
- Wednesday 18th June—Sports Day (9.30-11am Ben Chonzie & Ben More).
- 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.

August 2025

- Tuesday 12th August 2025—In-Service Day (Teachers Only)
- Wednesday 13th August 2025 –In-Service Day (Teachers Only)
- Thursday 14th August 2025—Return date for all pupils. New Primary 1's starting at 9.30am.

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nest-building,
bug hunts,
den-building hammocks,
egg hunt, easter arts &
crafts, and much more!
Suitable for ages 5 - 12

Time: 10am - 3pm

TICKETS £37.50

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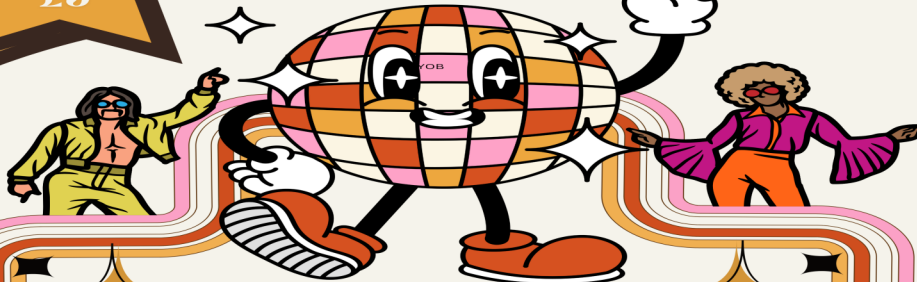


DAY FEVER DISCO



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TICKETS
£5



APRIL 13TH
SUN 2PM - 6PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW £5

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Tel 0141 533 1056

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Acredyke Nursery



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Join us for our ASN Blether Café
Relax, talk to other families & make friends

- . Advice and support with ASN
- . Make friends
- . Time to yourself
- . Hot drinks, cakes, & comfort

When: 9.15-10.30am

Where: Wallacewell Primary
(Creative Enquiry Room)

- . Friday 31st January 2025
- . Friday 28th February 2025
- . Friday 28th March 2025
- . Friday 2nd May 2025



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If you are a parent or carer who is finding it difficult to manage we can offer free one-to-one counselling and therapy in a relaxed, friendly setting.

**Please contact Suzy at
s.blair@withkids.org.uk
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Get in contact for a confidential chat about how we can support you. Sessions will be delivered from our Glasgow office in Dennistoun, G31 2XE.

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ROBROYSTON PARK LITTERPICK

Wednesday 2nd April

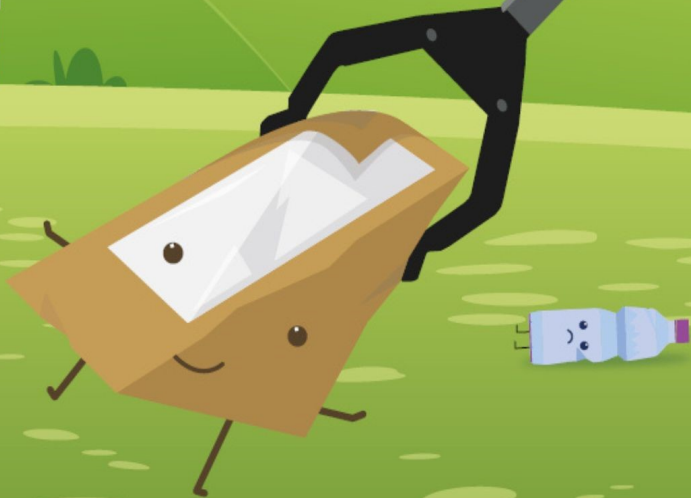
Meet at BCDC at 11am

Duration 1.5hrs

Soup & Sandwiches will be served back at BCDC when finished

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#getinvolved



The Residents Centre
54 Quarrywood Road
Glasgow, G21 3ET
Tel 0141 533 1056





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Skill's Tennis Camp

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Thursday 10th April 2025 &
Thursday 17th April 2025
9am-3pm

Suitable for mini orange and above
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Camp price: £21

Please bring along suitable indoor clothing and food & drink as there will be a lunch break during the session



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