

Some wee reminders

Thursday 23rd June – the children will meet their new teacher for next session for a wee activity in the afternoon. Report Cards will come home on Friday 24th June and there will be a slip inside the envelope confirming this. (we still have 2 teachers to be confirmed- hopefully we will know by Thursday)

Friday 24th June- we are having a Shorts and Shades Day. Children (and staff!) can come to school in their summer clothes and we will be having summery activities throughout the day. Let's hope the weather is kind to us!!

Wednesday 29th June – School's out for Summer! We close at 1pm for all pupils. We will be saying our traditional goodbyes to P7 as they leave us for the last time so all pupils will leave at 1pm.

Wednesday 17th August - School returns

GREENHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



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JUNE 2022 UPDATE

Thanks to all parents and other family members who joined us in classes over the past few weeks to celebrate learning at Greenhill Primary School. We hope you enjoyed being back in school as much as we enjoyed having you visit us.

Report cards for this year will be issued on Friday and will contain confirmation of your child's class for next year. We will have 11 classes as follows:

P1- Miss Thomson
P2/1 Mrs Young/ Mrs Morgan
P3/2 Miss Weir
P3 Mr Wisdom
P4 Miss Rauf / Mrs Reilly (formerly Miss Russell)
P5/4 TBC
P5 Mrs Lynn
P6 Mr Grier
P6a TBC
P7 Miss Cassells
P7a Mr Kearney

An explanation about composite classes is further down in the news update.

As always, any questions or worries, please get in touch with me, Mr Whiteside, acting Depute Headteacher, Mrs McAllister Principal Teacher or via the school office. We are at the gates at bell times too. Our motto is:

'Trying our very best to ensure everyone achieves success'

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and we appreciate the support you give us in trying to do that. As always, thank you for working in partnership with us.

Mrs L McBride, Head Teacher

Senior classes arrangements 2022-23

As you can see from the class list above, we have 2 Primary 6 classes and 2 Primary 7 classes for 2022-23 session. We are looking to do something a wee bit different next year to allow the children and the teachers to work across both classes in the stage as well as all 4 classes experiencing learning with the 4 teachers. The classes have been set as much as possible in social groupings then children will work with their literacy and numeracy groups between the two classes. For example, this means the children in P7 will be taught at times by both Mr Kearney and also by Miss Cassells, depending on the focus of the group and the subject they are teaching. It will be the same in P6. Also one morning a week there will be a rotation of classes where the P6 and P7 teachers will teach one subject to all 4 classes. This is to allow the children to get to know other staff and also to prepare our senior classes for moving to High School where they can have, at time, around 7 teachers a day. We hope the children (and the teachers) enjoy this new approach as we think it really will maximise learning for the pupils and lead to higher achievement for the pupils. We might have some teething problems but bear with us, as once we get going it will be great!

Composite Classes 2022-23

At times we have to form composite classes – this is where a class is made up of 2 year groups. The maximum number of children in a composite class is 25 and to be able to have the classes work well, the children are placed in their working groups based on literacy groupings. We do not look at ages of pupils when we are placing children, this allows teachers to plan their class learning to meet the needs of the children in the class. This year we have had to combine several stages to make composite classes P2/1, P3/2, P5/4. The older children come first in the class name for clerical and organisational purposes only. When forming a composite P2/1, the age of the P1 children will not be the determining factor, we take into account social observations made at pre-school visits and nursery information.

Some Goodbyes

We are saying goodbye to a number of staff members this year as they move on to positions in other NLC schools. Miss Mclatchie and Miss Brownlie have been with us for 3 years – since they were probationer teachers – and they are now moving on to other schools. Mr Cookman has only been with us for 1 year but he too is moving on. We also say goodbye to Miss Geoghegan, who has completed her Modern Apprenticeship (ASNA) with us this year. All 4 staff have had a very positive impact on the school during their time here and we wish them the very best of luck as they move on. They know they'll always be part of our Greenhill family.

And goodbye from the Greenhill Team as we head off to the holidays. We wish you a great summer and will be refreshed and recharged to start back in August. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 17th August.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs McBride and the Greenhill Team.