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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen a fantastic return for our Early Years and younger children across P1 – P3. It has been a joy to watch them reunite within our school grounds and to hear the laughter and the running around of little feet once again! Risk assessments have been revised, and the school day has been amended to safeguard both our children and our staff during this time. Staff are now participating in Lateral Flow Testing twice per week. Our priorities for our returning children is to re-establish routines, and to build on the learning that has been undertaken in your homes over the last few months. We thank you sincerely for all of your efforts with this – we know it has been tough.

The Scottish Government has provided an indicative return date for our older children across P4 – P7 on Monday 15th March, with continued virus suppression. We will bring you more information on this when we have received confirmation from the Scottish Government and Local Authority. We understand that some of our families are finding this time difficult and we plan to take steps to maintain motivation levels of our pupils outlined later in this bulletin.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any aspect of the school then please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey McCulloch
Head Teacher (Acting)



Birthdays



A big 'Happy Birthday' this month to Freya, Finlay, Conor, Hassan, Leon, Shane, Lucas, Angel, Noah, Billy, James, Tyler, Ellie, Cameron, Skye, Rhea, Raymond, Zakir, Brooke, Coyst, Lucia, Anthony, Alisha, Ava-Rose, Kerr, Shay, Chloe, Marley, Mason, Shay Mcl, Kai, Sophie, William, Ellie, Leigha, Alfie, Lacey-Anne, Ava, Reverie, Georgia, Stewart, Gary, Rachel, Alicia and Mark. Your Mossend friends wish you all a great day!

Welcome

This week we welcome Chloe Richardson, a Post Graduate Diploma in Education student, from UWS. Chloe will be working alongside Miss McIntyre in supporting P7 digital and remote learning, and will return to us later in the year to undertake an infant placement. We hope you enjoy your time at Mossend Chloe!

Baby Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Miss Reardon on the safe arrival of a beautiful baby girl. Raigha Elizabeth made her appearance a few weeks ago, a lovely baby sister for Dylan!

Digital Learning and Engagement

Digital engagement across the school has continued to be very strong. Week beginning 15th February our engagement for the whole school was 92% which is absolutely incredible. We have now distributed 22 local authority laptops and 5 school iPads in order to support our families. As ever, if any technical support is required then please do not hesitate to contact the school and a member of our team will help in any way they can.

Sincere thank you to everyone who has taken time to respond to our digital survey. The feedback has been very positive and helpful in our future planning. We understand that many of you have concerns surrounding increased levels of screen time and in the mental health of many of our young people. Digital and remote learning continues to be important over the next few weeks for our P4 – P7 pupils therefore we intend to introduce some steps to address these concerns.



Dates for your Diary

March 2021

Introduction of Wellbeing Wednesdays

Thursday 4th

World Book Day

Monday 15th

Possible return for P4 – P7 (tbc)

Friday 19th

Comic Relief – Dress Down and Crazy Hair Day

April 2021 – Spring Break

School and Nursery closes - Thursday 1st April 2021 at 2.30pm

School and Nursery re-opens on Monday 19 April 2021

May 2021

May Day holiday: Monday 3rd

May In-service day: Thursday

6th May weekend holiday:

Friday 28th and Monday 31st

June 2021

School and Nursery closes: Thursday 24th June, 1pm



Wellbeing Wednesdays

Each Wednesday during the month of March, we will be promoting 'Wellbeing Wednesdays' where we will be encouraging learners at home, and in school, to step away from the screen and engage in alternative activities, which promote healthy minds, and positive mindsets.

Every Wednesday in March will have a focus on the promotion of Health and Wellbeing, and will look at learning in alternative ways. Children working at home will also be provided with the opportunity to 'catch up' on any tasks that they haven't yet managed to complete. Again, staff will incorporate activities and tasks via our platforms outlined above and we hope that the children feel the benefit from reduced screen time during their week.

The benefits of getting the children outdoors cannot be underestimated; even 5 minutes of outdoor exercise per day can have a significant impact on our health. We endeavor to encourage our children to be outdoors more this month. For the children in school, Physical Education will take place outdoors in all weathers so please ensure that they are suitably dressed for this on their PE days. Please note that PE will not be undertaken in any form of extreme weather.

Mossend March to John o'Groats – Can we do it together?!



As we endeavour to promote more time outdoors for us all, and increased physical activity, we would like to invite the Mossend community to join us in a virtual trip to John O' Groats (and back?!)

It is 276 miles from Mossend Primary to John o'Groats. The challenge is for the whole school to work as a team to get there, virtually:

- Go for a walk, run or cycle each day.
- Track how many miles you have covered.
- Tell your teacher how many miles you have covered each day.
- We will add up all the miles submitted.
- At the end of the week, we will announce the total!

Can we get there together as a Team Mossend?! Could we get there and back?! Let's give it a go!

World Book Day

World Book Day will be held on Thursday 4th March 2021. Children in school will be involved in a number of fun activities, which promote the benefits, joy and escapism in getting lost in a really good book or story. For P4 – P7, at home, staff will post a grid of activities that the children can choose from, these activities will promote personalisation and choice based on the child's own interests. The



activities on offer will be shared by staff in our weekly Sways, in Teams, and via Twitter. World Book Day tokens will be distributed to every child once we take delivery of them in school.

Comic Relief – Friday 19th March 2021

We would love to get involved in Comic Relief this year and play a small part in helping against poverty and social disadvantage. We would like to invite the Mossend community to 'do something funny for money' with a crazy hair day. On Friday 19th March children are permitted to dress down, come to school with crazy hair and see if we can make each other laugh! Please feel free to make a small donation (suggested £1 per family) which will then be sent to the charity on our behalf. We can't wait to see your crazy hair creations!

Transition

We have been busy planning our Nursery to P1 transition programme this week, and have sent out welcome letters to all of our families who have enrolled. We are very proud of our plans which will continuously be adjusted in line with Scottish Government guidance. If anyone you know has yet to enroll then please encourage them to do so, as we will soon start to think about classes and teachers for next session.

We are currently consulting with our P7 children on ideas that they would like for their own farewell when it comes to them leaving us in June for High School. We will keep you informed of our plans as soon as we can. In the meantime we are organising Leavers Hoodies for our P7 children, thank you to our Parent Council for helping us with this.

Parent Council Area

We currently have 2 vacancies within our Parent Council: Secretary and Treasurer. If you would be interested in joining our Parent Council, or in expressing interest in any of these roles then please send an e-mail to the following address: enquiries@mossend.n-lanark.sch.uk

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held via the digital platform Webex, on Monday 15th March at 6.15pm. Any parent is welcome to join the meeting as part of the parent forum. If you would like to join us then please send your name and e-mail details to the address above and we will arrange to have a link for the meeting sent to you.

Our Parent Council are busy working on some fantastic ideas so there has never been a better time to get involved.



Town Hub Consultation

North Lanarkshire Council would like to invite all parents and carers to become involved in the consultation process for Town Hubs. Please see the details and links below for you to access any of these consultations if you wish to do so:

Kilsyth	Mon 08/03/2021, 6.30 – 8.30
Cumbernauld	Tue 09/03/2021, 6.30 – 8.30
Airdrie	Wed 10/03/2021, 6.30 – 8.30
Coatbridge	Thu 11/03/2021, 6.30 - 8.30
Bellshill	Mon 15/03/2021, 6.30 - 8.30
Motherwell	Tue 16/03/2021, 6.30 - 8.30
Wishaw	Wed 17/03/2021, 6.30 - 8.30
Shotts	Thu 18/03/2021, 6.30 - 8.30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/town-and-community-hub-programme-public-briefing-kilsyth-tickets-141407454503>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/town-and-community-hub-programme-public-briefing-cumbernauld-tickets-141409651073>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/town-and-community-hub-programme-public-briefing-airdrie-tickets-141409925895>



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