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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the January/February 2023 edition of our school newsletter. Prior to the break there were so many bugs circulating we really hope that you all managed to enjoy a healthy holiday with your families. We hope you are all feeling refreshed, rested and ready for the new term. On behalf of all the staff, we would like to thank you so much for all the kind wishes and gifts received before Christmas, this is so very much appreciated.

We recognise that Christmas and New Year can also be a difficult time for some of us for many reasons. If your break was difficult in any way, and you would like to talk about it, then please don't hesitate to pop into the school for a cuppa and a blether with any of our management team. We are here to listen, help and support, in any way that we can.

The term ahead is traditionally a long one and one in which lots of new learning and teaching takes place. Please try to support us by ensuring that children are in school every day. We will be continuing to monitor attendance closely and seeking to work with families to secure improvement where needed, so please contact us if you need any support.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and informative, but if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, keep an eye out for our tweets and emails for the latest updates.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey McCulloch

Head Teacher



Birthdays



A big 'happy birthday' to the following children who celebrate their birthday in January, Jackson, Caleb, Charlie, Daisy, Reece, Lennox, Violet, Mason, Keira, Miller, Alfie, Carsyn, Shaye, Kayleigh, Savannah, Ryan, Carson, Lily, Niamh, Paige, Rebecca, Kirsten, Alicja, Leo, Calvin and Calan.

And also to the following children who celebrate their birthday in February, Lucy, Ariana, Andrew, Eilidh, Ahmad, Robert, Jude, Jack A, Ruby, Ellie, Mason, Jack M, Euan, Lewis, Aiden, Olivia, Alexis, Caoimhe-May, Larson, Stefanos, Ryan, Khara, Riley, Eli, and Maisie.

Your Mossend friends hope you all had a very special day and if your special day is still to come...have a great one!

Student Welcome

This academic year we have welcomed many students to our school. This continues this month and we are delighted to welcome even more. A warm welcome to the following

Rachel Haley, a B Ed 2 student from University of The West of Scotland, to our p5/4 class.

Connor Lunn, a PGDE student from University of Strathclyde, to our P7/6.

Stacey Crawley, a PGDE student from University of Strathclyde to our P7 class.

Attendance and Lateness

Attendance continues to be a strong priority across our authority, and nationally. At Mossend PS we are monitoring attendance closely, and working alongside partner agencies to support families in improving this. If you require any support to increase your child's attendance please contact the school office and ask to speak to a member of the management team.

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child arrives at school for their start time so they do not miss key teaching and



Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd January

Students begin in P5/4, P7/6 and P7

P6 Football Club

Wednesday 25th January

P5-7 Dance Club

Friday 27th January

Whole school dress down day

Monday 30th January

P6 Football Club

Tuesday 31st January

P5 GIRFME Reviews

Wednesday 1st February

P5-7 Dance Club

Monday 6th February

P6 Football Club (final)

Wednesday 8th February

P5-7 Dance Club

Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, and Wednesday 15th February

School and nursery closed – midterm break

Wednesday 22nd February

OPAL Meeting

Forest School resumes for new groupings

P5-7 Dance Club

Thursday 23rd February

Parent Council Meeting

Friday 24th February

Whole School Dress Down Day



learning. We have many children arriving late who are missing out on key learning and teaching.

Sponsored Santa Dash

Thank you to everyone who kindly supported our Sponsored Santa Dash. We have been overwhelmed by the response we received and the total amount of money raised was £2200! We have used some of this money to fund our Christmas activities and we are currently consulting staff and pupils on how to allocate the remainder. Thank you again for your continued support especially during these challenging times. We are so grateful to you.

St Andrew's Hospice



We have continued to work in partnership with St Andrew's Hospice. Our ambassadors helped to sell Christmas stock at our recent Christmas Fayre. They raised an incredible £338.50!

Health and Wellbeing Focus

The wellbeing needs of every individual child is of paramount importance to us as a school community as we aim to meet the national approach in Scotland of Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC). The Scottish Government has described wellbeing in terms of eight indicators, which are, Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included. These are sometimes abbreviated to the acronym known as SHANARRI.

In January our Health and Wellbeing focus is Active. Staff will deliver a variety of lessons at Early, First and Second level. Children will learn how they can incorporate exercise into everyday activities. Children will begin to develop this further at second level by showing an understanding of the human body and linking this to the skills required to stay healthy.

The Wellbeing Indicator for February is Respected. This is one of our school values which children refer to daily. Children will begin to learn about The Rights of the Child and look at Respecting the opinions and beliefs of others.

So far this term we have organised a P6 football Club, P7 Lunchtime Netball Club and a Cross Country Club for those children who are training for the North Lanarkshire Finals. Our P5-7 Dance

Club will continue in preparation for the upcoming Dance Qualifier in March. Competitive competitions have also returned for both Football and Netball which we are looking forward to.

Our Primary 7's will be starting lunch clubs for younger children as they are now fully trained Junior Sports Leaders. Well done to all our P7 Sports Leaders.

January/February – House System

Our house system continues to run and our House Captains and Vice-Captains are doing a fabulous job of motivating their houses. A huge well done to Milnwood house, who were 'House of the Month' in December and enjoyed their treat at the end of term. An even bigger well done to Calder house, who were 'House of the Term' for Term 1 and thoroughly enjoyed their shot on the bouncy castle!

Our House Captains and Vice-Captains are busy making plans for another exciting inter-house event! **Mossend's Got Talent** will take place at the end of March and preparations are already underway. Further information will be announced in due course.

As always, children should be encouraged to wear their coloured house badges each day. Any child who requires a new badge – or would just like a spare - can purchase one for 50p, either by popping into the school office or by seeing Mrs Smith.

GIRFME Plans

Any child in receipt of an individualised educational plan, who has not had a review so far this academic session, will have their plan reviewed over the next few weeks. Staff will be in touch with all of the details.

Arrangements in Severe Weather

At this point of the year, it is vital that we all prepare for the possibility of inclement weather. Please familiarise yourself with our adverse weather arrangements for the winter months.

- The school must remain open, unless instructed to close by the Local Authority.
- In the event of a school closure, parents will be notified by text message, and via Twitter. It is essential that emergency contact details are up to date and accurate for every child. Please see the school office if there have been any changes to your own details.
- In severe weather, e.g. heavy ice and snow, then there will only be one access point to the school, which will be via the main gate.
- The school facilities staff are responsible for clearing a safe path through the school grounds to the access doors, however please note that public paths around the school, do not fall under the responsibility of the school.



Easy Fundraising

We are continuing to look for ways to raise funds for the school. You can help us by registering at **Easy Fundraising!** You simply go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register for a free account, and search for Mossend Primary School as your chosen cause to support. Then every time you do any shopping online, go to the Easy Fundraising website first, select the retailer you wish to shop with – then when you spend the school will receive a donation. It's that simple, and costs you nothing. Big retailers include Amazon and Argos, and major food retailers, such as Asda and Tesco. Please consider creating an account and supporting us today!

Parent Council Area

We would like to express a HUGE thank you to our Parent Council members who worked so hard over the festive season to make it extra special for every child in our school. We are so proud to work with such a great team and to have this support – thank you!!! Our Christmas Fayre was a huge success and it was so lovely to welcome so many of you to our school building. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd February at 6.00pm. All parents are welcome to join meetings as part of the parent forum. If you would like to join then please send an e-mail to enquiries-at-mossend@northlan.gov.uk. We will arrange to have a link sent to you for the next meeting which will be held online.



Dates for your Diary

February 2023

Mid-term break Monday 13th
Feb – Wed 15th Feb

Pupils should return on Thursday
16th Feb

March 2023

Thursday 9th March

Parent Consultations 2

School closes for Spring Break
on Friday 31st March at 2.30pm

April 2023

Spring Break 3rd – 16th April

Pupils should return on Monday
17th April

May 2023

Monday 1st – May holiday

Tuesday 2nd – In-service day

Friday 26th – Monday 29th
inclusive, bank holiday
weekend

June 2023

Thursday 1st June

Parent Consultation 3

School closes Wednesday 28th
at 1pm

