

MOSSEND PS & NC

Newsletter

May / June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all been enjoying the little glimpses of sunshine we have been seeing, it's great to see so many children enjoying the outdoors after school hours.

The term ahead is traditionally a very quick and busy one, however there is still lots of learning to get through and so it's important to maintain strong attendance. 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 school children who celebrate their birthdays in May or June; Charley, Hunter, Rahma, Lana May, Marley, Tomasz, Francesca, Georgia-May, Zara, Theo, Lillie, Andrew, Anaya, Logan B, Olivia D, Dominic, Cali, Lucie, Riley M, Ruby M, Olivia W, Macie, Aleena, Paige, Josh, Luis, Albi, Mason Y, Harley, Skye, Rubyn, Arianna, Lilyana, Kady, Laci, Amylouise, Oscar, Finnlay, Amelie, Max, Evie, Sophie M, Arlo, Grace, Chloe, Emelie, Cara, Oliver, Euan, Lily F, Carly F, Emily P, Ismail and Poppy.

And also, to the following nursery children who celebrate their birthday in May or June; Ellie, Nova, Amelia, Coby, Karson, Odin and Jordan. Your Mossend friends hope you all had a very special day, and if your special day is still to come... have a great one!



Staff Updates

We wish Mrs Briggs well as she takes a leave of absence for an operation she has waited on for a substantial time. In turn, we welcome back Mrs Kane to cover the P7a class in the interim.

At this time of year a lot of work goes behind the scenes at our Local Authority in terms of staffing for next session. As soon as our staffing is confirmed we will then be able to subsequently confirm our classes and structures for next session. We will share this information with you as soon as we have it.





School Uniform for Session 2024/2025

A reminder of our school uniform, there are no plans to amend this for next session.

Formal Uniform

- Royal blue jumpers and cardigans (school branding optional)
- White shirt and tie
- Grey trousers/pinafores/skirts
- Blue Tartan pinafores/skirts

PE Kit

- Royal blue hoodie or jumper
- White t-shirt/polo shirt
- Black leggings, shorts or joggers

Children will be permitted to come to school wearing their PE Kit on gym days (twice per week) as long as they are in correct formal school uniform on the other 3 days

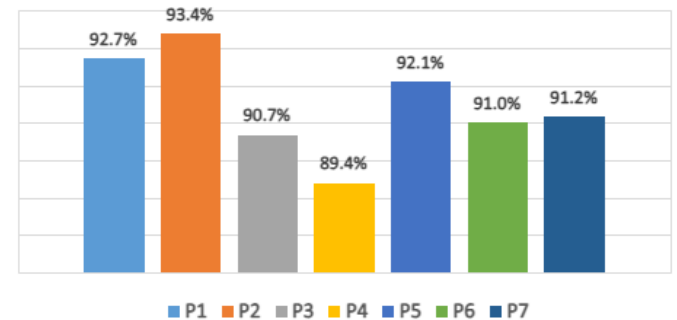
Attendance and Lateness

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. By the end of February our average attendance was sitting at 91.5% which falls below the local authority average of 95%.

Please see the attached table for average attendance per stage and see where our biggest concerns lie. There is a direct link between attendance and attainment and we cannot stress the importance of good attendance for your children.

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 learning and teaching.

School Attendance by Stage: Current Session



P1 Transition

Our transition programme continues this month as we continue with 'Our Getting to Know You' sessions. In May, buddies will start to visit the children in their nurseries and class visits will begin the week beginning the 3rd of June.

Mossend nursery children and Primary One pupils will participate in a joint Teddy Bear Picnic to raise funds for St Andrew's Hospice on the 15th May and a joint Sports Day will be held on the 28th May.



Water Bottles

Since the implementation of the Single Use Plastics Ban (2022), we are unable to provide pupils with plastic cups throughout the school day for a drink of water.

As the warmer weather approaches, please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle.

Pupils will have access to water throughout the school day to fill up their bottles.



Appointments (Reminder)

Where possible, appointments should be made out with the school day. If this is not possible then an appointment letter should be produced in advance of when your child needs to be excused from class time. Please call in advance and inform us of appointments.

We have an increasing number of children with afternoon appointments, particularly on a Friday. This can be disruptive to learning, and to the running of the school through unplanned office interruptions at busy times.

We appreciate your understanding with this.

Parent Consultation 3 – Thursday 6th June

Our final parent consultations will take place on Thursday 6th June. The focus for this final meeting will be a progress update and planning for transition.

At this consultation you will be provided with a brief paper overview of levels of attainment for your child for key curricular areas. This will be much less detailed than a traditional end-of-year report due to our 3rd face-to-face meeting with a teacher this session.

Bookings will be made via the online Parent Booking System. Bookings will go live at 8pm on Tuesday 28th May and will close on Tuesday 4th June, also at 8pm.



Health and Wellbeing

During the month of May, the Healthy in Schools programme will focus on the wellbeing indicator of 'Included'. Through Early, First and Second Level children will participate in activities such as differences and similarities, self-esteem, personal values and the role that family and friends play in our own wellbeing.

In June we will focus on Relationships Sexual Health & Parenthood (RSHP). This will be taught in stages (P1-7). We take guidance from the Scottish Government on how to deliver this sensitively using the following website which sits in line with curriculum for excellence. [Home - RSHP](#)

More details will be sent out to parents/carers in the next few weeks, detailing the teaching content for your child's stage. You can look at this in detail on the RSHP website. Mrs Brownlie will run a parent drop in session on Tuesday the 14th of May to discuss any queries prior to lessons commencing.



Mossend Nursery Class

In Term 3 children will **experience** the use of money in different contexts and begin to become familiar with the language of sharing and fractions. Children will develop their knowledge of living things in the environment and will help grow and learn about different plants and flowers.

As part of our transition, all Nursery children will participate in Teddy Bear Picnic with Primary 1 children. This is part of an annual fundraiser to support St. Andrew's Hospice. We recognise that a recent sponsor has recently taken place and have asked St. Andrew's Hospice if we can share a just giving link rather than giving out sponsor forms. Any donation, no matter how small, would be very much appreciated. The link will be sent out prior to the event.

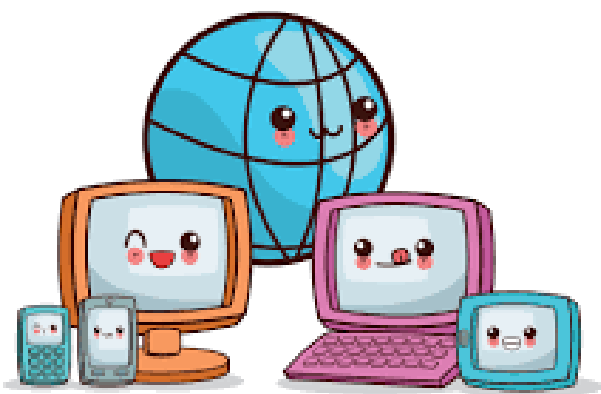
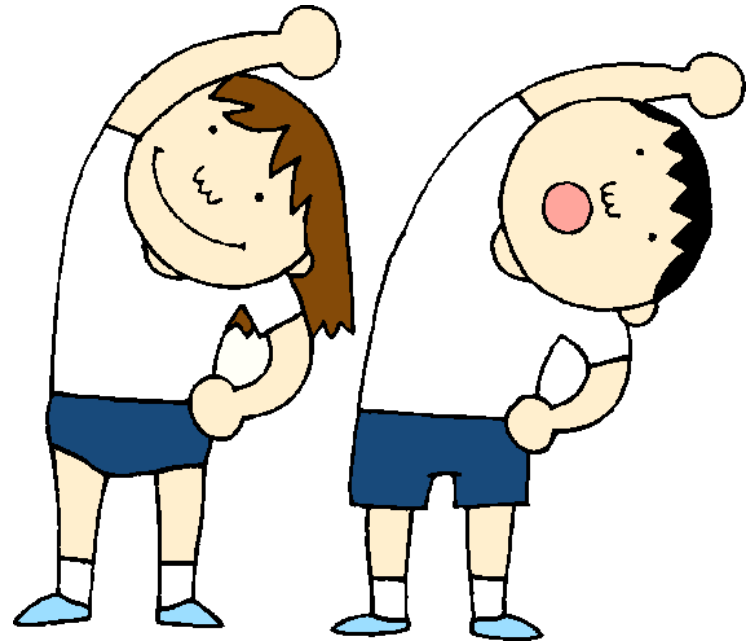
We are very much looking forward to our annual Nursery outing on the 14th June to Blair Drummond Safari Park.



Physical Education (Reminder)

We continue to ensure that our children receive their 2 hour entitlement of physical education each week. This comprises of 1 hour of indoor PE, and 1 hour of outdoor PE. On these days we would appreciate your support in ensuring that long hair is tied back, jewellery is removed, and children have their water bottles with them.

In relation to new piercings, these must be covered with a plaster either prior to coming to school, or children need to apply themselves in school. This is in accordance with NLC guidelines to ensure that children can access their entitlement safely.



Digital Update

This term, Mrs Lamont has been working alongside the Digital Leaders and other pupils to review our school's Digital Education and Citizenship Policy. We want to make sure this policy is relevant to our school community and we look forward to sharing it with you in the near future.

We will be looking for a parent focus group to provide some feedback on the policy. If you are interested in being considered for this focus group, please send an email to enquiries. Mrs Lamont will be in touch with a date and time.



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Parent Council Area

The Parent Council are running their first, of hopefully many, Parent and Child clubs! This is to provide an opportunity for parents to socialise while the children take part in fun activities with their peers.

Thursday the 16th of May will be our first club. This will be for pupils in Primary 1-3 only. We will be having arts and crafts activities for the children and refreshments will be provided for everyone. The club will start at 6pm and will run until 7.30pm in the school. All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Parent Council is always on the lookout for new members, and we are likely to have a number of positions to be filled next session. If you would like to be more involved in the school then please join us, or contact our Chair, Clare Walsh for more information.

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 and Child Club P1-3 Arts & Crafts

Come along with your child where they can do fun Arts & Crafts with their friends and you can chat to other Parents in our School Community

Snacks provided for Children
Tea, Coffee and Cakes for Parents

Thursday 16th May
6.00pm - 7.30pm
at Mossend Primary School

Arts & Crafts Provided



Fun Reading Challenge

As we continue on our Reading Schools journey, we will be setting another monthly Fun Reading Challenge!

This month, we would like you to take a photo of yourself reading outdoors (hopefully in the sunshine!)

Why not take a photo and tweet, remembering to tag us.

House points will be given for the most creative, so get reading!



OPAL

We have developed Zones in the playground for children to play in.

Zone 1

Crates and pallets

Den building

Zone 2

Trim Trail

Boom box (on Fridays)

Zone 3

Reading Shed

Arts and crafts

Zone 4

Small world

Dressing up

Zone 5

Quiet Zone (Small world)

Zone 6

Garden

We will be celebrating the children's play each week in assembly by awarding certificates.





Parents Portal

From August 2024, we will be completely paper and cash free in line with North Lanarkshire Council policy. All communication and money collections will be processed online via Parent Portal. Currently, we have 69% of our school community signed up for Parents Portal, however it will be necessary for **all** parents to be signed up for next session. We would encourage you to access the following link and ensure that your account is set up in advance of this.

If you haven't done so already then please sign up to this using the following link:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/nl-digital-school/parents-portal>

End of Term Service – Monday 24th June

An end of term awards service will be held in Bellshill Central Parish Church on Monday 24th June at 10am. Last year there was plenty of seating available upstairs in the church so there will be no limits on seating, however, we would request that a sensible approach is taken.

All children should attend school on this day as smart as possible, and in full school uniform.



Primary 7 Leavers' Celebrations

We have recently formed a P7 Leavers Committee consisting of 7 pupils from across both classes. The committee will be working hard to gather the views of all pupils and will work closely with staff to plan their leavers' celebrations. We are really looking forward to hearing their ideas and assisting them to plan the best celebration possible. We will be in touch with details nearer the time.



Contact Details

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Dates for your Diary

May 2024

Wednesday 1st – Wear Yellow Walk for P7s

Thursday 2nd – In-service day – pupils **not** to attend

Monday 6th – May Holiday

Tuesday 14th – RSHP Parent Drop In at 2pm

Wednesday 15th – Nursery and P1 Teddy Bear’s Picnic

Thursday 16th – P1-3 Parent and Child Club from 6pm until 7.30pm

Tuesday 21st – P6 Gaelic Workshop

Tuesday 21st – P7 Parent Information Evening at Bellshill Academy – time to be confirmed

Wednesday 22nd – P7 Day 1 of 2-day visit at Bellshill Academy

Wednesday 22nd – P3 Parent Showcase

Thursday 23rd – P7 Day 2 of 2-day visit at Bellshill Academy

Thursday 23rd (am) – P5/4 and P5 Parent Showcase – more information to follow

Friday 24th – Monday 27th inclusive, bank holiday weekend

Tuesday 28th – P1 and Nursery joint Sports Day

Friday 31st at 2.00pm – P6a and P6b Space Showcase

Dates for your Diary

June 2024

Monday 3rd – Visit from St Andrews Hospice to P7s

W/B Monday 3rd – P1 transition parent sessions

Tuesday 4th – Whole School Sports Day – more information to follow

Thursday 6th – Parent Consultation 3

Friday 7th – P2 and P3/2 Parent Showcase – more information to follow

W/B Monday 10th – P1 transition parent sessions

Monday 10th – P6a class trip to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh

Thursday 13th (am) – P4 Parent Showcase – more information to follow

Thursday 13th – P1 and P2/1 class trip to Summerlee Museum

Friday 14th – Nursery trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park

Tuesday 18th – P6b class trip to the Science Centre

Thursday 20th – P3 class Trip to the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh

Friday 21st – Nursery Graduation

Monday 24th at 10am – Leavers Celebration Church Service

Tuesday 25th – Meet the Teacher

School closes Wednesday 26th at 1pm
