



# FEBRUARY

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## Head Teacher's Message



Dear Parents,

Somehow, we are now in mid-February! School has been such a very busy place since we started back in January, which you will see from our Twitter feed, and this newsletter. We are now in the process of reflecting on our School Improvement Plan and looking ahead to the four next academic session.

During our inservice day, all staff learned about the Solihull approach. This involved staff looking at how children's brains develop and reinforced the importance of nurture and relationships. This was very insightful and interesting. We will have further training on this within the next few months. Helen How, Community Learning and Development Worker will also be delivering a programme called 'Understanding your Child's Behaviour' which is also based on the Solihull approach. More details to follow.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Your sincerely

Mr Daniel Murray  
Head Teacher

## Family Learning Event



### Big Cooks, Little Cooks

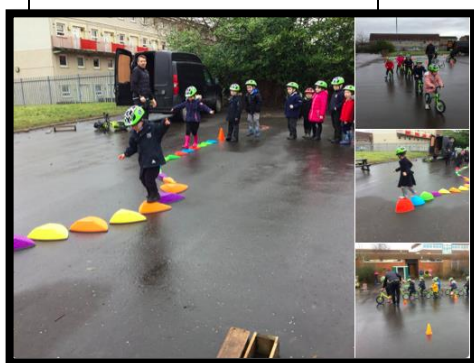
Come along on a Wednesday for some cooking fun with Helen How. Starts 21<sup>st</sup> February 3pm to 4pm or 6pm to 7pm for 4 weeks. Open to all parents, carers and grandparents. Limited places. Contact Helen for more details: 07482721594.

[www.noble.n-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.noble.n-lanark.sch.uk)

## After School Clubs

This term, after school clubs will be running on the following days:

Club	Primary	Dates
Fit Start Club	Primary 3 & 4	Monday, Tuesday 7.55am
Fit Start Club	Primary 5, 6 & 7	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7.55am
Athletics	Primary 3 & 4	Monday's until 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Basketball	Primary 6 & 7	Thursday's until 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Boxing/Fitness	Primary 3 & 4	Wednesday's until 28 <sup>th</sup> March
Netball	Primary 5, 6 & 7	Friday's until 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Dance	Primary 3, 4 & 5	Friday's until 23 <sup>rd</sup> March



### Balance-ability Programme

Children in P1 and P1/2 have been enjoying the Balance-ability programme with NL Leisure. The purpose of the programme is to support the children's development of gross and fine motor skills, coordination and balance. The programme will continue into the end of March.



### Fairtrade Fortnight

Mrs O'Neill and Miss Shields have been planning Fairtrade Fortnight with their Making a Difference Group. All classes will be learning about Fairtrade over the next two weeks. In addition, all classes will be busy in the cooking classroom making items to sell at

the Fairtrade Bake Sale on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9.15am. We also welcome Susan Cunningham from the Co-op who will be talking to the children about the Fairtrade movement on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at assembly.

### Open Hour – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am

We would like to invite all parent/carers to our Open Hour on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Come along to and see what your child has been learning in Maths and Numeracy. I look forward to seeing you there.

### World Book Day – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

We will be celebrating World Book Day next month. All teachers will be planning a fun activity linked to their favourite books and the children will participate in mix staged groups, similar to MAD groups. The children will be given a choice of books suitable for their stage. The children may also come to school dressed up as their favourite book character, should they wish to. School uniform should be worn if they do not.



### Scottish Attainment Challenge – Speech and Language Therapy Support

Over this session, we have been delighted with the support given to us by Speech and Language Therapy team who are working within all schools in North



Lanarkshire to support raising attainment. Lesley Finlayson, Speech and Language Therapist, has been supporting staff to learn more about primary school resources that can be used to support and enhance children's speech and language skills.

Lesley has been and will continue to work alongside staff to deliver the following programmes with small groups of children:

Mrs Montgomery – Languageland (Exploring interactions)

Mrs Crichton – Sunnybank Coding (Exploring speech sounds)

Mrs Keenan – Colourful Semantics (Exploring vocabulary development)

If your child has been selected to participate, a letter will be issued which will provide an overview of the programme. We hope that most of our pupils will benefit from this support at some stage of their time here at Noble. Should you wish to view any of the resources, please contact the school.

### Future Events

P1 and P1/2 are organizing a Teddy Bear's Picnic for their families on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 11am.

P4 will be leading our Easter Service which will take place in the school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 11am.

## Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Kilbowie information meeting (5.30pm)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	-	Fairtrade Bake Sale (9.15am)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	-	P7 Sports Transition Event at Bellshill Academy (am)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Big Cooks Little Cooks
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	-	World Book Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	-	P7 visit to Science Centre
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Open Hour (9.15am)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	-	P7 Kilbowie week
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	-	P5 Swimming lessons (am)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	-	P1 & P1/2 Teddy Bear's Picnic (11.00am)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Easter Service (11.00am)