



Noble Primary School

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Our shared vision: Working together to create a nurturing, inclusive, rights respecting community, where learning is exciting, challenging and relevant.

Respect

Achievement

Honesty

Resilience



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

We are now approaching the end of the first term here at Noble Primary School. I would like to thank all of you who contributed to the Foodbank donations, the response has been overwhelming, as always, so thank you for your generosity. Primary 5 put together a fantastic Harvest assembly, learning lines, singing songs, acting - not an easy task in front of your family and peers.

This week, we start two brand new partnerships with two organisations, as part of the Pupil Equity Funding. The first being a counselling charity, The Spark, who will help us to raise the profile of positive, mental health and wellbeing. I recently met with Jennifer Graham from The Spark who will visit the school again on Thursday, so that we can plan some work together. The second organisation, is Box Soccer. We are trialling the programme with three classes for 8 weeks. The aim of the programme is to promote positive relationships through team work, cooperation and developing a growth mindset.

For more information on our school improvement plan, please find summarised copies on our school website. If you would like more information about our plans or the Pupil Equity Fund, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Daniel Murray
Head Teacher

After School Clubs for this Term

We continue with the following after school clubs this term. Please let us know in advance if your child cannot attend.

What?	Stage	Time	Dates
Athletics	P2 - 4	3pm - 4pm	Mon 17/9 - Mon 26/11
Dance	P3 - 5	3pm - 4pm	Wed 12/9 - Wed 28/11
Basketball	P4 - 7	3pm - 4pm	Thurs 20/9 - Thurs 29/11
Netball	P5 - 7	3pm - 4pm	Fri 28/9 - Fri 30/11

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House Captains

Our House Captains launched a new lunch time 'Super Table' initiative a few weeks ago at assembly. The Captains will nominate children to sit at the Super Table on a Friday if they have displayed good manners in the dinner hall.

The House Captains now have a rota and each week will visit a class to speak to children about their learning. The House Captains will then share the learning with the rest of the school at our Friday assemblies.

Pupil Equity Fund Update - The Spark

We are delighted to be working in partnership with The Spark Counselling charity through the Pupil Equity Fund. The Spark has engaged with many schools to enhance health and wellbeing programmes. A member of staff will work with school staff on a weekly basis from the end of October.



Children can be referred for a variety of reasons including:

- Loss/bereavement
- Depression / low self-esteem
- Relationship issues
- Family breakdown
- Emotional issues
- Anxiety/stress

Parents will be fully consulted before any child is referred.

Tesco - Bags of Help

I am delighted that our application for Bags of Help has been successful. This means that from 1st November until 31st December, customers of Tesco can help us raise money for us to develop our outdoor space.

The project with the highest number of votes will receive £4,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £2,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £1,000.

The stores participating include:

6003	Bellshill	ML4 1EN	Extra
5580	Carfin	ML1 4GN	Express
4355	Motherwell	ML1 2UA	Express
5133	Wishaw	ML2 7NZ	Extra
6203	Wishaw	ML2 7HP	Express

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Parent Council Updates

You will find copies of minutes of all the Parent Council Meetings on our school website. Our next meeting will take place on Monday 5th November at 6pm. Any members of the Parent Forum can attend this meeting.

The Parent Council has been working alongside our Pupil Council to discuss and plan ideas for our playground improvement. We have contacted Bellshill Academy Art Department to work with us to add some colour to the playground. Mr Murray met with Mrs Higgins, Principal Teacher of Art to discuss a range of projects. More information to follow.



Hallowe'en Disco - Tuesday 30th October 2018

The Parent Council "Spooky" Halloween Disco is on Tuesday 30th October P.1 - P.3 6.00pm until 7.00pm & P.4 - P.7 7.15pm until 8.30pm. Cost £1.50 (payable at the door). *****STRICTLY NO SCARY CLOWN COSTUMES*****

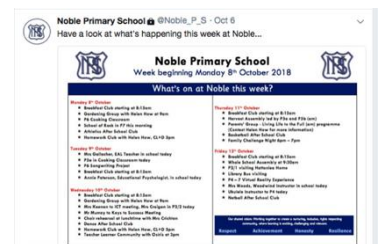
Christmas Fayre - Saturday 1st December 2018

The Parent Council Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1st December 10.00am to 1.00pm. If you would like to organise a stall at the event, please contact Amanda Mitchell, Chairperson of the Parent Council, through the school office.



Weekly Update - What's On at Noble?

To keep up to date with what's happening within the school, a weekly overview is published on our Twitter account and school website. We hope you find this useful.



Pupil Equity Fund Update - Box Soccer

We are delighted to be working with Box Soccer Coach, Sean Higgins from Albion Rovers, who will deliver the Box Soccer programme in our school this term. We will be trialling the 8 week programme with P3, P4/3 and P5b. The focus of this intervention is to improve health and wellbeing for all participants. The Box Soccer Schools Programme was established by Tony McMinn, who oversees delivery of the programme. The programme has been designed to use sport and in particular football, where appropriate, to deliver health and well-being indicators in a progressive manner. The children will learn about growth mindset, communication and team work as well as participating in the physical aspects of the programme. For more information about the programme, please visit the following link: <https://boxsoccertraining.com>

PE Kit and School Uniform

It is important that all pupils are properly prepared for PE days and come to school with a change of shoes. Visitors always comment on how smartly our pupils are dressed in their school uniform. Thank you for your continued support for ensuring our children adhere to our uniform policy.



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P2/1 visit to Hattonlea Nursing Home

As part of their IDL context, Bellshill in the Past, P2/1 were made to feel very welcome by residents at Hattonlea Nursing Home recently. Residents told the children many stories from their past and even had a sing song. Thank you to staff and residents for making this a valuable learning experience for our pupils. More pictures can be found on our Twitter account.



Harvest Celebration

Primary 5a and Primary 5b led us through a fantastic Assembly last week. The children have had a visit from the Royal Highland Education Centre to learn about farming and agriculture. Thank you to everyone that contributed to our Harvest table. Donations were picked up by David Shaw on Friday and taken to the Basics Food Bank. A few representatives from P5 will visit David at the foodbank to learn more about the work they do and to help sort out and organise our donations.



Primary 1 Transition Questionnaires Results

Thank you to those parents who participated recently in our online questionnaire. Your feedback is very important to us and will help us shape our transition programme next year, to build on the aspects which worked and helped to create a smooth transition. Almost all of replies indicated that your child was adequately prepared for starting school and the information provided before hand was extremely useful.

Sample comments included:

What worked well?

"For us having my daughter's buddy to make her feel at ease at every visit was a fantastic idea. Also getting all the relative info that was required for starting school."

"We were given an insight into the way that the school worked and all the information came in handy. It helped "acclimatise" our daughter so that school wasn't strange to her. We also found any of the staff we spoke to helpful and informative."

Even better if...?

- More opportunities to sit and chat with other parents informally during the classroom visits.
- Less homework at the beginning to allow children to settle in.

Kilbowie Information Evening – Wednesday 24th October 2018

There will a presentation about Kilbowie Outdoor Learning Centre on Wednesday 24th October at 5.30pm in the school hall. This event is for P7 pupils and their parents to learn more about the facilities of the centre, in Oban. Parents will also be issued with an information pack and consent forms. Staff attending Kilbowie this year will be, Miss Paterson, Mr Sharkie, Mrs Oliver and Mrs Mitchell.

Winter Weather

Can I remind parents/carers to keep up to date with North Lanarkshire Schools' Winter Update on their website or follow the updates on Twitter to check on any pending weather warnings and to check information on school closures due to the weather.

In the event of the school being closed during the day I need to be able to contact you at short notice and urge you to contact the school office if you have changed phone numbers since August.



CSI Bellshill- Bellshill Academy (science transition programme)

The Primary 7 pupils have been invited to take part in a science transition programme at Bellshill Academy on Friday mornings from 2nd November to 30th November.

Pupils should report to Bellshill Academy for 8.55am where they will be met by school staff. The pupils will walk back to Noble, escorted by staff. Parent/carers

are responsible for their child's safe arrival at the Academy.

Please ensure your child is in full school uniform with a suitable jacket.

Open Hour

There has been a misprint on the Open Hour letter given out on Monday 22nd October. I would like to clarify that the Open Hour is on Wednesday 7th November from 9.15am to 10.15am.

Calendar of Events 2018

Event	Date	Time
Kilbowie Information Evening	Wednesday 24 th October	5.30pm
Secondary Pupils Work Experience	Week beginning 29 th October	
Parent Council Halloween Disco	Tuesday 30 th October	P.1 - P.3 6.00pm till 7.00pm & P.4 - P.7 7.15pm till 8.30pm
P7 CSI	Friday 2 nd October to Friday 30 th November	8.55am to 10.30am
STEM Week	Week beginning 5 th November	
Primary 2/1 and 3/2 Summerlee visit	Tuesday 6 th November	
Open Hour	Wednesday 7 th November	9.15am to 10.15am
Into Film Festival VUE Hamilton	Thursday 8 th November	am
Movie Night	Friday 9 th November	3.00pm to 4.45pm
Primary 5 New Lanark visit	Monday 12 th November	full day
Whole School Flu Vaccination Programme	Wednesday 14 th November	Details to follow
Parent/Teacher Consultations	Thursday 15 th November	3.30pm to 5.30pm & 6.30pm to 8.30pm
INSET Day	Monday 19 th November	
Whole School Pantomime Visit	Thursday 6 th December	9.15am to 1.00pm (to be confirmed)
Primary 7 Kilbowie Outdoor Centre	Monday 17 th December to Friday 21 st December	