

# 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



Season's  
Greetings

## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas this week at Noble Primary School! Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Christmas Fayre at the weekend, it was a tremendous success. A special thank you to our Parent Council, pupils and staff who gave up their free time to get things organised over the last few weeks. It was a fantastic day, and we hope to be in the position soon to announce how much money was raised. We will be in touch with David Shaw from the Basics Foodbank, to uplift the generous donations which were made on Saturday. Primary 4 will also be passing over the profit they made from their recent enterprise project to the Foodbank also.

This week, we have our annual visit to the pantomime, this year at Motherwell Civic Centre, and then Christmas lunches on Friday. The children can wear red on Friday or a Christmas jumper to celebrate.

Primary 1 - 3 have been working hard on the Nativity and look forward to performing to friends and family next week on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November. There are some tickets still available. Primary 7/6 will be leading our Christmas Service on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We have had to bring the service forward this year due to Primary 7 going to Kilbowie on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

The next two weeks will be very busy at Noble Primary School. Christmas parties, events etc. are detailed in this newsletter and on Twitter. As this is our last newsletter of the year, I would like to wish all of you a very happy Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Daniel Murray  
Head Teacher



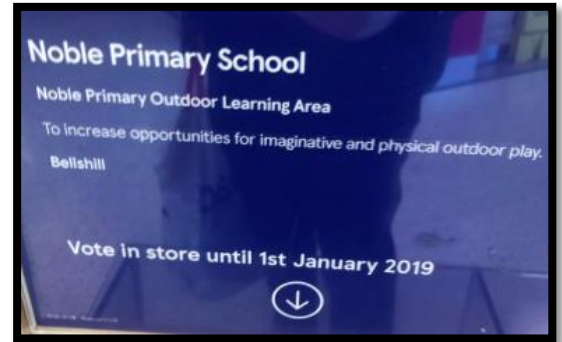
## Tesco - Bags of Help

We are overwhelmed by the support for The Bags of Help scheme, which is now live until 31<sup>st</sup> December. Please continue to help us raise as many tokens as possible..

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



## St Andrew's Day Assembly

Primary 6, Mrs Montgomery's class, had the responsibility of leading our St Andrew's Day celebrations this year. The children have been learning about the life of St Andrew and presented their learning with confidence. All classes then took to the stage to perform a Scottish poem or song. We are very proud of each and every one of them!

## Staffing Update

As some of you may already know, we said goodbye to Mrs Keenan P3/2 teacher last week, who is moving on to a full time teaching post at St Brigid's Primary School in Glasgow City Council. Mrs Keenan joined us last session from Bargedie Primary School, and shared a class commitment with Mrs Craigan. We wish her all the very best in her new post. Mrs Mitchell will be teaching Primary 3/2 until further notice.

## Pantomime Visit - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

It's that time of year again! Our whole school will travel to Motherwell Civic Centre to see the performance of Aladdin. The ticket price includes a snack and refreshment for each child. The children will arrive back in school around 1pm and should remain in school for lunch. Please ensure your child has a school meal or packed lunch.





### Cooking Classroom Highlights

P5b and P4 had a fantastic visit from the Royal Highland Educational Trust. P5b learned all about the bread making process and P4 had the chance to learn more about healthy eating and made some vegetable soup. Thank you to Mrs O'Neill who organised the visits.



### World of Work - P1 Visit to Tesco

Primary 1 had a fantastic visit to Tesco a few weeks ago to learn more about the World of Work and where food comes from. Special thank you to Barbara from Tesco and Mrs Crichton for organising this.



### CAMHS - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

We were delighted that the CAMHS team could visit our senior classes (P6-7) to talk about mental health. It is such an important thing to talk about and make sure that our children know that it's ok not to feel ok. Tammy Owens is an early intervention team member for CAMHS and she spoke to the children about anxiety and stress. She spoke to the children about mindfulness and other ways to keep your mind healthy. Thank you to Tammy for giving up her time to visit us!



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## School Improvement Plan Update

The end of November is our checkpoint for our School Improvement Plan, it's an opportunity for us to reflect on what we have achieved and identify next steps. We have three school improvement priorities this year linked to the National Improvement Framework, Scotland.

**Priority 1: To raise attainment in reading through the use of effective teaching**

methodologies, moderation and tracking data to support progress meetings.

**What has changed?**

- Staff at all stages have access to Active Literacy training.
- Development of higher order thinking skills in reading.
- Shared reading taught at all stages.
- Development of first/second level (P4-7) assessments to track pupil progress.
- Introduction of story bags at P1 and P2.
- Paired reading across stages eg. P3 and P6.

**What next?**

- Further develop P4 - 7 programme with new texts and extracts.
- Continue to ensure challenge and pace.

**Priority 2: To raise attainment in numeracy through the use of effective teaching methodologies, moderation and tracking data to support progress meetings.**

**What has changed?**

- Greater focus on teaching numeracy skills through mental maths and mental agility programme.
- Maths Champion trialing new approaches in P3 and feeding back to staff.
- Class visits from North Lanarkshire Numeracy Team to support mental agility.
- Staff working parting developing assessments to track pupil progress.
- Number Box intervention being delivered at the early and first stage for targeted groups.

**What next?**

- Continue to develop assessments to track pupil progress at all levels.
- Continue to ensure challenge and pace.

**Priority 3: To continue to improve the emotional and social health and wellbeing of all learners by further developing the six nurture principles and rights across the curriculum.**

**What has changed?**

- Staff training being delivered by Educational Psychology on 6 Nurture Principles.
- Nurture Hub set up and new resources purchased through Pupil Equity Fund.
- Working party reflecting on research relating to school behaviour by reading 'When the Adults Change, Everything Changes' by Paul Dix.
- Playful learning approaches being developed by P1 and P2/1 classes.
- Rights Respecting Schools Steering group focus on Right of the Month.

**What next?**

- Questionnaire relating to positive behaviour to be issued to staff, parents and pupils.
- Community awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences and their impact.

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## Parent Questionnaire Results - November 2018

Thank you to those of you that took the time to complete our Parent Questionnaire at Parent/Teacher consultations. We received 108 returns and we really appreciate your feedback to help us to identify our strengths and areas to improve upon. Some questions were not answered therefore, not all rows total 100%

	Strongly Agree/ Agree	Disagree/ Strongly Disagree
I am aware of the school's shared vision and values.	99%	1%
I am aware of the school's improvement priorities.	98%	2%
My child finds their learning activities challenging enough.	95%	4%
I feel the school knows my child well.	98%	2%
My child receives the help he/she needs to do well.	98%	2%
The school supports my child's emotional wellbeing.	98%	2%
My child is making good progress at school.	100%	
Relationships within the school are positive.	99%	
I feel comfortable approaching the school with questions, suggestions and/or problem.	99%	1%
I am kept informed about the work of the Parent Council.	99%	1%
I am satisfied with the quality of teaching and learning offered by the school.	99%	
The school is well led and managed.	98%	1%
Overall, I am satisfied with the school.	100%	
The school deals well with any incidents of bullying.	87%	6%
What makes Noble Primary School unique? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils have a lot of input in the school</li> <li>• Plenty of After School Clubs</li> <li>• Feel very comfortable to come into the school at any time</li> <li>• Relationships with families</li> <li>• The community spirit encourage throughout</li> <li>• Knowing each individual child</li> <li>• Overall family feeling</li> <li>• Lovely staff and full school approachable</li> </ul>		
What do we do well? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping parents informed</li> <li>• Making the pupils feel confident</li> <li>• Communication is excellent</li> <li>• Family events e.g. Games Night</li> <li>• Involvement of parents is fantastic</li> <li>• Pupils enjoy coming to school</li> </ul>	Even better if... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had a school football team</li> <li>• Less homework</li> <li>• A lending library of sorts</li> <li>• More Twitter updates</li> </ul>	

## Noble Choir Performance - 10<sup>th</sup> December

The choir has been invited to sing at the Bellshill West Church on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of December. A member of staff will meet the choir at the venue. Pupils should arrive for 6.50pm as the performance commences at 7.15pm. Pupils should wear full school uniform.

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## Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Time
Whole School Pantomime Visit	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am to 1.00pm (to be confirmed)
Christmas Lunch and Wear Red Day	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	
<b>Choir Performance to visit West Church Christmas Concert</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	6.50am
P1 & P2/1 visit to Hattonlea	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	1.45pm to 2.45pm
Infant Nativity	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am & 1.30pm
Infant Nativity	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am
Christmas Service	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am
P7 Christmas Party	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	1.20pm
Primary 7 Kilbowie Outdoor Centre	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	
Primary 5 & 6 Christmas Party	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.20pm
Primary 3 & 4 Christmas Party	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1.20pm
P6 to Bellshill Academy Pantomime	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am to 12.00noon
Primary 1 & 2 Christmas Party	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1.20pm