

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,

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful May sunshine that we've had over the last few days. It has also meant that we can start some of our plans with Bellshill Academy to add some colour to the playground. As the hot weather continues, please help us keep the children 'sun safe' by applying suncream and providing a water bottle and sun hat. Classes can become very hot so we would suggest that the children wear their polo sweatshirt on sunny days. Thank you in advance.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Pupil Equity Fund consultation, this will help us identify priorities for the year. It's not too late to hand yours in if you haven't already done so. Looking forward to seeing you all at Parent/Teacher consultations on 15th May.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Daniel Murray
Head Teacher



Health Matters

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Please remember that Noble Primary School is a nut free school. No products containing nuts should be brought to school.

Head Lice

As always, we would recommend that you check your child's hair regularly for head lice. Please take the time to check your child's hair and, if necessary, treat them before they return to school. Further advice is available from our School Nurse, Helen Scott, on 01698810171 or speak to your local pharmacist.

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Health Week at Noble

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fantastic Health Week at Noble Primary School. Visitors across the week included:

- NLC Dietician
- Child Smile
- Warburton's
- Zoolab
- Dog's Trust
- Tesco

We are so lucky to have had so many partners who contribute to our curricular experiences. Thank you also to parents who attended some of the Laughter Yoga with Helen How, CLD Worker. We are looking to evaluate this with the children through an online questionnaire.



Showcase of Learning

Primary 3 and Primary 6 classes, had a fantastic turn out to their showcase of learning last week. A class showcase is a valuable opportunity for the children to share their learning with their parents. Forthcoming showcases include:

P4 & P7 John Muir Award
P5a Science



School Improvement Plan Update

Towards this time of year, we reflect on the impact of our school improvement plan for this session. We had three school improvement priorities this session. Here is a summary of our work thus far.



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?

- P1 part of refresh group.
- Development of learners' higher order thinking skills.
- All classes experience a shared reading lesson.
- P4-7 assessments being developed to track progress.
- Introduction of story bags at P1 and P2.
- Paired reading across stages e.g. P3 and P6.
- Reading Challenge launched and being rolled out across the school.
- Introduction of text extracts being trialled at some stages.
- New chapter books purchased aligned to pupil interest.

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

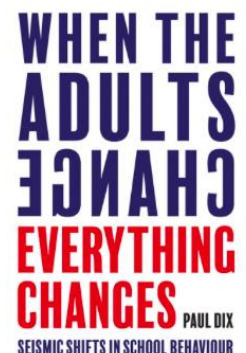
What has changed?

- Greater focus on teaching numeracy skills through mental maths and mental agility programme.
- Maths Champion trialling new approaches in P3 and feeding back to staff.
- Class visits from North Lanarkshire Numeracy Team to support mental agility.
- Support Staff delivering Number Box to targeted groups at the early and first stage.
- Principal Teacher implementing Catch Up Numeracy resource.
- P3 trialling aspects of the Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning pedagogy.
- Working party identifying assessments.
- Development of new planning format.
- Cluster moderation events.

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.
- Rights Respecting Schools Steering group focus on Right of the Month.



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- P1 and P2/1 developing approaches to playful learning. P1 part of action research to measure impact of this approach.
- Questionnaire relating to positive behaviour issued to staff, parents and pupils.
- P6 Peer Mediation training with a view to roll this out next session in their P7 year.
- Development of playful learning at Primary 1 and Primary 2/1.

Moving forward...

HMIe has outlined our action plan for the year ahead. As a school community, our priorities will continue to focus on learning and teaching, raising attainment and health and wellbeing. We are in the process of consulting on our plan for next session and as always, your opinion matters.



Staffing Update

Mrs Bruce continues to teach Primary 5b, covering Mrs Malcolmson's maternity leave and Mrs O'Neill's absence. As a result, Primary 5b's parents' night has been rescheduled for Wednesday 5th June.

We welcome Miss Thomson, Additional Support Needs Assistant, who has joined the school for this term. As well as supporting a class, Miss Thomson will cover lunch hall as well as the senior playground at break and lunchtime.

The school has also been advised that we will continue to be a 'Keys to Success School'. This means that we are 1 of 35 schools in the authority who benefit from additional staffing through the Scottish Attainment Challenge. Miss McAnally will be joining our staff team as a teacher in August 2019.

Rescheduled Events

Due to the school being used as a polling station on 23rd May, school will be closed to pupils. Our Sports' Day has been rescheduled for Tuesday 4th June.



We have also rescheduled the large inflatables which were due for Health Week to Tuesday 18th June (weather permitting). This is also a reward to pupils for their special mention in our HMIe report.

Primary 7 Events

Please find below a reminder of upcoming P7 events for your information:

Day	Date	Times	Event
Tuesday	4 th June	6.45pm	Bellshill Academy Roadshow
Wednesday	5 th June	9.00am to 4.30pm	St Andrew's Walk & M&D
Thursday	6 th June	9.00am to 3.00pm	Academy induction day
Friday	7 th June	8.55am to 12noon	Academy induction day
Thursday	20 th June	3.00pm to 5.30pm	Bowling
Tuesday	25 th June	9.15am start	Leavers Assembly
Wednesday	26 th June	9.15am start	Achievement Assembly

2+1 Languages Award Ceremony

We are delighted to have been invited along to participate in the annual, North Lanarkshire Council 2+1 modern languages awards ceremony on 21st May. Our P7/6 class will be singing two songs. Unfortunately, this event is for schools only but we will keep you updated of their effort through the school's Twitter page.

Uniform

We are always highly commended for how smart our children look in their uniform. We would remind parent's that the uniform consists of:-

Primary 1 to 6

- Grey trousers or skirt
- Blue cardigan or sweatshirt
- White polo shirt
- White shirt & tie

Primary 7

- Black trousers or skirt
- Black cardigan or sweatshirt
- White polo shirt
- White shirt & P7 tartan tie

Please note, no jeans or joggers.

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
Handball	P3 & P5s	3pm - 4pm	23 rd April to 11 th June
Dance	P5 & P7s	3pm - 4pm	24 th April to 12 th June
Football	P5 & P7s	3pm - 4pm	24 th April to 12 th June
Basketball	P4 & P6s	3pm - 4pm	25 th April to 13 th June
Netball	P5, P6 & P7s	3pm - 4pm	26 th April to 14 th June
Rugby	P4 & P5s	3pm - 4pm	29 th April to 10 th June
Multisports	P2	3pm - 4pm	29 th April to 20 th May



Right of the Month

Our focus this month is:

- **Article 17 (access to information from the media)**

Every child has the right to reliable information from the media.

This should be information that children can understand.

Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.



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I have the right to get information in lots of ways, so long as it's safe

Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Time
Parent Teacher Consultation	Wednesday 15 th May	
P5A Dynamic Earth visit	Thursday 16 th May	Whole day
P5B Science Centre visit	Friday 17 th May	Whole day
P4-3 Riverside Museum visit	Monday 20 th May	Whole day
P7-6 NLC Modern Language Primary School Awards	Tuesday 21 st May	9.30am to 12.00noon
EU Elections (Inservice Day)	Thursday 23 rd May	
Sports Day	Tuesday 4 th June	9.30am to 12.00noon
Bellshill Academy Roadshow	Tuesday 4 th June	6.45pm
P7 Wear Yellow Walk & M&D visit	Wednesday 5 th June	9.00am to 4.30pm
P5B rescheduled Parent Teacher Consultation	Wednesday 5 th June	
Bellshill Academy Induction Days	Thursday and Friday 6 th & 7 th June	6 th June Full day 7 th June 8.55am to 12.00pm
P1, P2-1 & P3-2 Heads of Ayr Park visit	Thursday 6 th June	Whole day
P6 Academy visit	Tuesday 11 th June	am
NL Challenge Strathclyde Park visit	Friday 14 th June	9.30am to 1.00pm
Large Inflatables	Tuesday 18 th June	Whole day
P7 Bowling	Thursday 20 th June	3.00pm to 5.30pm
Noble's Got Talent	Friday 21 st June	1.30pm to 3.00pm
P7 Leaver's Assembly	Tuesday 25 th June	9.30 start
Achievement Assembly	Wednesday 26 th June	9.30 start

