

# 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,

Thank you for supporting our recent Open Hour last week. This is always a good opportunity for you to visit your child in their classroom environment, see some of their work in jotters or on display and say a quick hello to your child's teacher. If you didn't manage to come along, you will find some pictures on Twitter. Our next Open Hour will be Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15am. The theme of this Open Hour will be STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and there will be an opportunity for you to complete an activity along with your child. We hope to see as many of you there.

I have recently met with Helen How, Community Learning and Development Worker, to begin to plan Family Learning events for the year ahead. Helen will work between ourselves and Mossend Primary School this session. Homework Club has now been rebranded as 'Family Learning Club' to encompass the various activities Helen plans to support 'family' learning. The first session starts on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September and then Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 3.00pm to 4.15pm. These are informal events where everyone is welcome. Helen will also be running an information session for the Solihull workshops, 'Understanding Your Child'. If you want to find out more about these sessions, there will be three information meetings on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September; 9am, 2.30pm then 6.00pm. These information sessions will last no longer than 30 minutes. Come along to a time that suits you. The sessions are for adults only, and will be hosted by Helen.

Primary 4 are organising this year's McMillan Coffee Morning, serving Fairtrade coffee on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 11am to 12pm. Please drop in and support this very good cause.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Daniel Murray



### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club runs from 8:15am each morning. Please remember to drop off your child at the main door, as the children will make their own way in to the Cafeteria. Last breakfast is served at 08.45am so be there early to avoid disappointment. Breakfast Club is free for those pupils in P1-3 and to those who qualify for Free School Meals.

## Parent Council

Thank you to those parents who attended our Parent Council Annual General Meeting. Afterwards, our new Parent Council was formed and office bearers appointed. Noble Primary School's Parent Council consists of:

Mr Daniel Murray	Advisor to Parent Council
Mrs Amanda Mitchell	Chair Person
Miss Deborah Wilson	Vice Chair Person
Mrs Tracey Johnston	Secretary
Mr Neil Ramage	Treasurer
Mrs Lynn Felvus	
Mrs Patricia Lever	
Mrs Alana Burns	
Mrs Shahana Kausar	
Mrs Michelle Prentice	
Miss Nicola McEwan	
Mrs Helen How	Co-opted Member
Mrs Elizabeth Oliver	Clerk



The Parent Council will support the school in developing our outdoor space and all aspects of school improvement. I know that you will support the Parent Council in their endeavours to raise money for all of our children.

## Into Film Festival - 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**INTO  
FILM  
FESTIVAL**  
6-22 NOV 2019

We are delighted to be taking part in the Into Film Festival again this year. This means that the whole school will receive free cinema tickets. Due to an increase demand for tickets in our local area, we were unable to get enough tickets for the same film. However, we did not want to miss out on the amazing experience that this provides for the children. Therefore, P1a, P1b and P2 will travel to Vue Cinema in Hamilton to see the film Luis and the Aliens and P3/2 to P7 will travel to the Vue Cinema at the Fort, Glasgow to see the film A Dog's Way Home. Both visits are on the same day, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November and will start at 10am. The children will be back to school for lunch. It is anticipated that we will arrive back at school later than 12.30pm, therefore we ask that all pupils remain in school for lunch that day.

More details about the excursion will follow.

## Primary 1 Update

We are very impressed with how well our Primary 1 children have settled into the routines and life of the school. You can find out more about what they are learning by following our Twitter account. Thank you to those parents who took time to complete our transition questionnaire. Your feedback helps us to improve our practice. Thank you.



## Primary 1 Transition Questionnaire Results

1. Did you receive enough information about the school prior to your child starting Primary 1?

[More Details](#)

● Yes 15  
● No 0



2. Do you feel that your child felt prepared for starting Primary 1?

[More Details](#)

● Yes 15  
● No 0



3. Did you find the information sessions with school staff and Community Learning and Development Worker useful?

[More Details](#)

● Yes 15  
● No 0



### 5. Is there anything we could do differently? (Sample)

- An opportunity for Q & A.
- More information about snacks/star of the week
- Not that I am aware of.

### 7. What was your initial impressions of the school? (Sample)

- Clean, tidy, friendly, approachable.
- Positive.
- Welcoming and organised.

### 4. What part of the programme worked well? (Sample)

- The ability to ask questions, as well as the staff being very approachable.
- Meetings with head teacher/teachers was useful to tell us what to expect.
- Buddy system, meeting teachers and getting a feel for the school by doing the bear hunt.

### 5. Is there anything we could do better? (Sample)

- I think everything worked well.
- Collecting P1s at 3.00pm can be hectic.
- I wouldn't say there is.

### 8. Ideas for future events

- How to help child emotionally and socially.
- Communication about what happens in a typical day.
- Suggest areas to visit in North Lanarkshire as a family.

### **Better Movers, Better Thinkers Programme**

As part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge, we are delighted to be working with Miss Queen and Miss McKeown, Active Health Sports Coaches. The coaches will be working between Noble and Lawmuir Primary School, to support staff with PE lessons and to deliver the Better Movers, Better Thinkers programme. This programme is designed to develop children's ability to move and think at the same time. The children participate in practical activities that promotes right and left brain function, increasing their ability to focus and concentrate in lessons. Should you require any further information, please contact the school office.



### **'Fit for Smiles' Programme - P5 and P7**

This term, Mrs Fraser and Miss Shield's classes will be working alongside Andrew Shaw, Active Schools, to deliver the Fit for Smiles programme on Thursdays from 12<sup>th</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> October. The programme covers some physical activities, healthy eating and learning about oral hygiene.

Pupils should bring their P.E. kit on these days.

WORLD'S BIGGEST  
**COFFEE  
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

Coffee Morning  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
11am - 12noon



### Pupil Equity Fund Update

As you know, we have been allocated £58, 600 this session, to narrow the poverty related attainment gap.



Already we have used some of this money in the following ways:

- Weekly Counselling Service for pupils from Haley Clifford, The Spark.
- Enhanced music tuition for P6a, P6b, P7. This session P6a and P6b will learn the Ukulele and P7 will have the School of Rock experience. We are delighted that Mr Lamb has returned to school and will work with classes on Fridays.
- We have purchased 30 new iPads and updated our interactive smart panels in 3 classrooms to increase digital learning experiences for our children.
- P3/2, P5/4, P5, P6a, P6b and P7 teachers will be learning about Mindfulness through the Do Be Mindful programme.
- We have also used some of our allocation to fund 12.5 hours of Additional Support Needs Assistant time and to top up our staffing to allow staff out of class to lead support groups.

Our school improvement plan is now on our website for you to read in more detail.

### Pupil Council and Rights Ambassadors

Our Pupil Council and Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors met recently to think about ways we can improve our school. We are hopeful that we will achieve our Silver Award for Rights this session and the Pupil Council are determined to improve our school grounds. Thank you to our Parent Council for also managing along to support us.



# JRSO

Our Junior Road Safety Officers from P6a attended the JRSO Conference in Motherwell recently to learn more about their role in school and ways to help us to stay safe. We look forward to hearing more from them at



## School Nurses



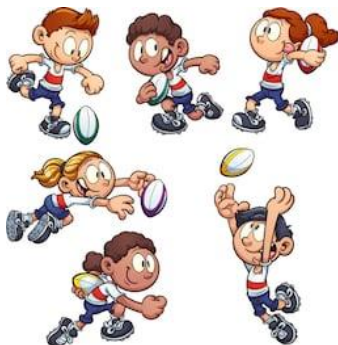
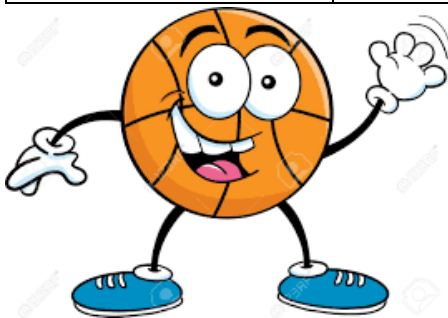
### Head Lice

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 on 01698810171 or speak to your local pharmacist.

### After School Clubs for this Term

What?	Stage	Time	Dates
Rugby	P4 - 5	3.00pm to 4.00pm	Mon 2/9 - Mon 29/9
Handball	P3 - 5	3.00pm to 4.00pm	Mon 2/9 - Mon 29/9
Dance	P5 - 7	3.00pm to 4.00pm	Tues 3/9 - Tues 7/10
Cricket	P4 - 6	3.00pm to 4.00pm	Tues 3/9 - Tues 7/10
Athletics	P3 - 4	3.00pm to 4.00pm	Wed 4/9 - Wed 8/10
Football	P6 - 7	3.00pm to 4.00pm	Thurs 5/9 - Thurs 9/10
Netball	P5 - 7	3.00pm to 4.00pm	Fri 6/9 - Fri 26/9



## Aldi's Kit for Schools



Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit!

We are collecting the sticker that you will receive with every £30 spent in store and hope to fill up our school's poster. Thank you for your continued support in all our endeavors.

## School Calendar

Please note, dates and times are subject to change.

### Calendar of Events 2019 - 2020

Event	Date	Time
Family Learning Club	Monday & Wednesday commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> September and 18 <sup>th</sup> September	3.00pm - 4.15pm
"Understanding Your Child" meetings	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	30minute sessions 9.00am, 2.30pm & 6.00pm
Whole School Photographs	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	
Fairtrade Coffee Morning	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	11:00am - 12.00noon
HOLIDAY	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	School Closed
HOLIDAY	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	School Closed
Harvest Celebration	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am
HOLIDAY	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	
Primary 6A Whitelee Windfarm	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Whole day
Primary 6B Whitelee Windfarm	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole day
Parent Council Halloween Disco	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	