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March



Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I can't quite believe that we are now in the month of March! This is shaping up to be a very quick term as we fast approach the spring break. P5/4 will be leading our Easter Assembly this year at Noble Primary on Friday 3rd April. The children have already begun to practice and rehearse for their performance of 'Good News!' Information around tickets will be issued nearer the time.

We are delighted to have been awarded the Fair Achiever Award for our work on Fair Trade. This is the highest level of the award and has been accredited to the school for all of our curricular work around this important, global issue.

We will be welcoming our new Primary 1 parents to the school on 12th March at 5:30pm. This is an opportunity for parents to learn more about the life and work of the school prior to the children starting in August.

This Friday is World Book Day and we have a lot of exciting activities planned to celebrate. Pupils can wear pyjamas to school that day and there will also be a Fair Trade tuckshop, More details further on in this newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

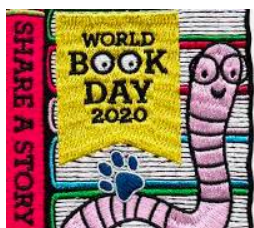
Mr Daniel Murray

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
Rugby	P5-6	3pm - 4pm	Monday 20 th January to Monday 23 rd March
Football	P3-4	3pm - 4pm	Tuesday 4 th February to Tuesday 17 th March
Running	P5-7	3pm - 4pm	Wednesday 22 nd January to Wednesday 18 th March
Netball	P6-7	3pm - 4pm	Friday 17 th January to Friday 13 th March
Football	P6-7	3pm - 4pm	Friday 21 st February to Friday 20 th March

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World Book Day - 6th March 2020

We will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 6th March by coming to school in our pyjamas ready to "relax with some of our favourite books." We will carry out a range of activities to mark the occasion. **Article 31 states that every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.**

We would like to ask the children to dress in their onesie/pyjamas and bring along their favourite bedtime story book (no slippers and no football colours as per NLC Policy). Staff have put together activities based on various books. Children at all stages will sign up to their choice.

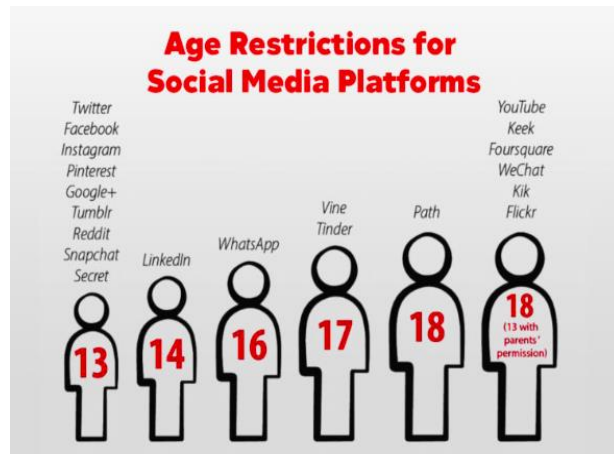
Internet Safety

We all have a responsibility to keep our children safe. We teach the children about online safety through our health and wellbeing programme as well as when using ICT in school. Last month, a national campaign was launched to share resources for parents and carers through 'Safer Internet Day'. Please visit the website below for more information. The graphic to the right



also indicates age restrictions for social media platforms.

<https://www.saferinternetday.org>



Water Bottles

All pupils are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school and can access this during class time. A bottle with a sports cap is preferred. Please note, bottles should be filled up with plain water only. No fruit or flavoured water is permitted to be drunk in class.



Nut Allergies

We have a few children this session with a nut allergy. Children should not bring any products to school containing nuts. Thank you for your cooperation.

Change of Staffing

Mrs Malcolmson will be visiting school this Friday, and will be returning to her post after the spring holidays. Mrs McMichael is currently covering Mrs Malcolmson's maternity leave, teaching Primary 5/4. We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Malcolmson to school but I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Mrs McMichael for all of her hard work and commitment to Noble during her time here. I know you will join me in wishing her the very best of luck in the future.

Fairtrade Fortnight

Our Making a Difference Fairtrade group has been working hard to spread the message of Fair Trade across the school. All classes have been learning about Fair Trade over the last week.

Here are some of the pictures from Twitter:



There will be a Fairtrade Tuck Shop on Friday 6th March selling pancake/flapjacks for 50p with all money raised going to the fairtrade foundation. This money will make a difference in helping the rights of others. **Article 32 states that children must be protected from economic exploitation and work that is dangerous or might harm their health, development or education.**

Breakfast Club

We have a number of children arriving at Breakfast Club who do not actually purchase any breakfast. Please remember that this provision is only open to children who use it as a Breakfast Club. Perhaps your child is simply opting not to have breakfast and you are not aware of this. We will contact you directly in future to let you know about this so that you can monitor the situation. Please remember, Breakfast Club doors open at 8.15am and no child should be left unsupervised before this time. Many thanks for your help with this matter.

I would also like to remind you that all P1 - 3 plus P4 - 7 pupils who are entitled, receive a free breakfast. Otherwise the charges are £1 (1 child), £1.50 (2 children), £1.80 (3 children).

School Improvement 2019 - 2020

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

Noble Primary's School Improvement Priorities 2019 - 2020

Priority 1: To improve learning and teaching approaches at all stages.

- Develop consistent approaches to Assessment is for Learning at all stages.
- Develop Pupil Voice using How Good is OUR school? resource from Education Scotland.
- Increase opportunities for outdoor learning.
- Develop play based learning approaches into Primary 2 curriculum.
- Create opportunities for staff to work collaboratively to identify and implement creative, innovative approaches to learning.

Priority 2: Improve attainment levels for literacy and numeracy.

- Ensure all learners are working at a level in literacy and numeracy that is appropriate to their level, ensuring pace and challenge.
- Increase attainment for targeted year groups.
- Use of interventions when learners need support or challenge including Read, Write, Inc. Wave 3, Catch up Numeracy and Maths Recovery group.
- Work with Bellshill Academy Cluster through the year to develop moderation and assessment.

Priority 3: Improve learners' social, emotional and mental wellbeing through nurture and a rights based curriculum.

- Complete Nurture Principles' self-evaluation working alongside Educational Psychologist.
- Implement and then review draft 'Positive Relationships' Policy.
- Work with 'Do Be Mindful' to introduce approaches to Mindfulness.
- Continue with Nurture Group and The Spark Counselling service for groups of pupils and individual learners.
- Achieve Silver Award for Rights Respecting.

Goals

Also on the Agenda...

- Achieve our very first Eco Schools Award.
- Continue to enhance music provision.
- Promote the Global Goals.
- Improve all aspects of our school grounds.
- Continue to develop our curriculum through effective partnership working.
- Enhance ICT equipment.

We continue to work hard at taking forward our School Improvement Priorities for 2019/2020. You may remember that we have three priorities this year. Here is a summary of some of the progress we have been making:

Improvement Priority	Progress Made
To continue to develop high quality learning and teaching at all stages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have worked collegiately to develop our own learning and teaching strategy for Noble Primary School. Teaching staff have worked on their own practitioner enquiry researching and implementing creative approaches to learning. P1 and P2 staff continue to engage in current research and work alongside other schools to develop our play pedagogy.
To continue to improve attainment in literacy and numeracy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We now have targeted interventions for literacy and numeracy including Read. Write. Inc., Wave 3, Catch Up Numeracy and Maths Recovery programme to support groups and individual children. Staff have worked collaboratively with Bellshill Academy staff to develop their approaches in assessment and moderation within the area of writing.
To improve learners' health and wellbeing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are now ready to apply for the Silver Award for Rights Respecting Schools. New relationships policy now in place with a focus on restorative practice. Launch of Hot Chocolate Friday and Positive Note home to celebrate those pupils going above and beyond. Some classes piloting 'Do Be Mindful' meditations with the children. Continued focus on promoting positive mental health. Small groups are using the Low Intensity Anxiety Management programme.

Right of the Month - Article 24



The children continue to learn about the UNCRC. Each month we focus on a different article and discuss this further in class and at assemblies.

For the March, the article we will be learning more about is Article 24: I have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food.

New Reporting Format

We will be piloting the new reporting template from North Lanarkshire Council this term for our final end of year reports. Reports will be issued late April/early May. We will also be asking for your feedback as part of the pilot.

Primary 4 Mother's Day Celebration

The Primary 4 (Mr Sharkie) pupils will be inviting their Mum's to a Mother's Day Assembly on Friday 20th March at 11.00am to celebrate all Mum's hard work and show their appreciation.



Netball Tournament

We are delighted that our Netball Team came second in a recent inter schools tournament. **Article 29 states that education should help to encourage our pupils to develop their talents and abilities.** Well done to all the team members for their hard work.

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School Calendar

Please note, dates and times are subject to change.

Calendar of Events 2020

Event	Date	Time
World Book Day	Friday 6 th March	
P4 visit to Bellshill Mosque	Monday 9 th March	(am)
August 2020 Primary 1 Information Evening	Thursday 12 th March	5.30pm to 6.30pm
P7 Kilbowie visit	Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th March	
P4 Mother's Day Assembly	Friday 20 th March	11.00am to 12.00noon
P6A Titanic Showcase	Thursday 26 th March	1.30pm to 2.45pm
Parent Council Disco	Wednesday 1 st April	
P2 visit to Stirling Castle	Wednesday 1 st April	Full day
P5 visit to New Lanark	Thursday 2 nd April	Full day
Easter Service	Friday 3 rd April	9.30am to 10.30am

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