



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.



August/September Newsletter 2021

Eco-Schools

Dear Parent/Carer,

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We are now well into the third week of the term at Noble Primary School. It has been a pleasure welcoming our children back to school and getting to know our new P1 pupils, who have settled seamlessly into their new classrooms.

We also welcome new staff members to our teaching team this year; Miss Bradley (P6), Miss Gilmour (P7) as well as Mrs McKendrick and Miss Anderson, who are covering teacher's non-class contact time. Our school improvement priorities this year centre around raising attainment in literacy and numeracy, health and wellbeing, and developing digital learning. Most of our Pupil Equity Fund will be used to purchase laptops and iPads. Our full school improvement plan and report will be available on our school website this week, along with a pupil and parent-friendly version.

Please remember, that whilst our 'open door' policy cannot be offered as normal, it still exists via telephone or email. Remember, our email addresses enquiries@noble.n-lanark.sch.uk and ht@noble.n-lanark.sch.uk are no longer in use so all emails should now be sent to enquiries-at-noble@northlan.org.uk. If you have sent an email to this address and not received a reply, please let us know. We have been made aware of a few initial glitches, which hopefully, we can rectify.

And finally... please follow us on Twitter if you don't already do so. This is one of our main methods of communication and a way to celebrate the children's achievements.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Daniel Murray
Head Teacher

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club operates from 8:15am and is free to all P1-4 pupils, and those entitled to free school meals. The children attending **MUST** have breakfast as this is what the service is for. **No child should arrive before 8:15am.** Reminder: If dropping off by car, please avoid using the staff carpark. We usually have deliveries to the kitchen at this time, and therefore, the area must be kept clear.



Curriculum Focus: Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing, IDL

For the first four weeks of this term, our whole school curriculum focus will be on the three core areas of Health and Wellbeing, Literacy and Numeracy as well as a Science/Social Studies project. Each class has planned their own Science/Social Studies interdisciplinary (IDL) theme using the children's book, 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers (author of 'Lost and Found', 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'How to Catch a Star'). Teachers have used this book as a stimulus to learn more about planet Earth, Covid-19 and climate change, ahead of the COP 26 summit in Glasgow, in November. The book has stimulated a lot of interest from the children, and staff have worked collaboratively to ensure challenge, interest and progression of skills across all stages. Please ask your child about this project. Teachers have been posting lots of the children's fabulous work on Twitter.



P5/4 learning about the polar ice caps and impact of climate change.



P3 are learning about the planets and solar system.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL CAR PARK REMINDER

- **The school car park is for staff use only, unless an arrangement has been agreed with the Head Teacher.**
- Parents dropping off at Breakfast Club should use the over spill car park in the first instance. To access take a sharp left before the school.

CASHLESS SYSTEM REMINDER

- All payments should be made using the iPay system.
- If you need any help, email onlineschoolpayments@northlan.gov.uk or contact us at school via our enquiries email address.



P1/P7 Buddies

We are pleased to reintroduce the buddy system this year. Our P7 buddies have been desperate to get to know P1 and have had a great experience participating in some outdoor play with them over the last few days. They have been a great help and support to the younger children. Well done!



Curricular Focus: Health and Wellbeing

We all want our children to have a positive mental attitude towards life, and want to teach them the skills required for resilience. This year, we continue to teach the children the 10 strategies they need to bounce back from periods of uncertainty or difficult situations. This term, all classes will focus on the strategy, 'Taking a Moment'. This involves learning different techniques from deep breathing to meditation and take a moment or a time out. Each term we will email a parents' leaflet, providing you with some information on how you can support or develop this strategy at home. More information about the programme is contained in the graphic.

BUILDING RESILIENCE

- KEEP CONNECTED
- I'M OK
- CHALLENGE YOUR MINDSET
- TAKE A MOMENT
- TALK THINGS OVER
- GET ACTIVE
- MAKE A DIFFERENCE
- LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE
- BE KIND TO OTHERS
- HAVE A GOAL

Building Resilience

Resilience is a key factor in protecting and promoting good mental health. This whole-school programme aims to look at ten different things that can help support children to develop resilience.

The programme will run over a three-year period. Each theme is introduced with a launch assembly and the key messages are followed up in class activities and at follow-up assemblies. A parent and carer information leaflet will be provided for each theme.

How you can help:

Each theme has a 'Talk It Over' section to encourage you to share some of your life's learning with your child. There is also a related 'Home Activity' to support learning at home.

For further information please contact the school.

Health and Safety

Parents must wear
face coverings
when dropping off
or picking up
children at school



We must all play our part to stop the spread of Covid-19. All recent correspondence relating to how we respond to positive cases, can now be found on our website in the *General Letters* section.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDER: JEWELLERY, EARRINGS & FALSE NAILS

In line with health and safety guidance, we must ask that children do not come to school with excessive jewellery on or false nails. If they wear earrings, they should be studs and not hoops or other dangling earrings. False nails are not permitted in school **at any time**, as they pose a health and safety risk both in practical lessons and in the playground. Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings for children. I would appreciate your co-operation with this. Thank you again for your patience and understanding.



The Flu Vaccination Team will be visiting on Thursday 23rd September. Please return your child/children's consent form if not already done so. Thank you.

Article of the Month



UNCRRC Article 42

Everyone should know about the UNCRRC



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Article 42 of the UNCRRC says that all children, young people and adults should know about the Convention.

People should think about ways to make sure everyone knows about the Convention, regardless of their age. There should be training around how to do this, especially for those who work with children and young people.

Welcome to the
Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting

Our first meeting will be held on Monday 6th September 2021 at 6pm via webex. Members will meet to nominate office bearers and agree the focus for the year ahead. Members will receive a link to join the meeting via their email address.



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Successful Learners Confident Individuals... Effective Contributors... Responsible Citizens*

We will be taking part in Beat the Street this year. You may have noticed the installation of the Beat the Street boxes in the local area. The programme is designed to encourage children and families to have regular exercise by walking or cycling around the local area. Pupils will receive a card or fob which they hover next to the contactless hold sign on the Beat Boxes as they walk, cycle, wheel or scoot around the area, earning points for themselves and their team. Players can view their progress online when the website becomes live at <https://www.beatthestreet.me>. The website also contains the latest Covid safe guidance.

There will be prizes for winning schools and teams, as well as plenty of lucky spot prizes, which could be won by any registered player taking part in the game. Schools will be provided with all the materials needed to play the game including fobs for all pupils, cards for parents/staff and maps detailing where boxes can be found. These materials will be dropped off at schools prior to the project starting on **September 15**.

Reporting to Parents

We will continue to issue an interim report this year in October, followed by telephone calls in place of parent's evenings. Telephone calls will be booked using the same online system we have used in the last few years and will take place on Wednesday 3rd of November. Information will be issued nearer the time, for those parents that have never used the booking system. We are here to help with any technical issues.

Like last year, we will also issue the children's snapshot jotters again this year, so that you can have a look at your child's class work and share in their successes.