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Our shared vision: Working together to create a nurturing, inclusive, rights-respecting community, where learning is **exciting**, **challenging and relevant**.

A Message from the Head Teacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the next few weeks, you will receive information about Parents' Portal. This is a new digital system that all North Lanarkshire schools will be moving towards over this session. Parents Portal is a digital service that will replace the traditional 'bag run' by providing direct communication to parents/carers through a range of online services. I have summarised the main features of the new system later on in this newsletter. This will be a phased approach and our first step is to make you aware that we are moving towards this system, and signpost you to create an account. More information can be found on North Lanarkshire Schools' website, https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/nl-digital-school/parents-portal (I will post the link on to the school's website).

Class Teachers are currently preparing interim reports to provide a brief overview of how your child has settled back into school over the last 6 weeks. We will then be asking you to book a telephone appointment in place of a parents' night, in November. Please keep an eye on your emails for this information.

Class Teachers have also prepared a newsletter detailing their curricular focus for this term. All classes have a Science focus this term, as part of our school improvement plan, and I have included a summary of this year's plan at the back of this newsletter. If there is anything we have missed that you want to know more about, please contact me at the school.

Kind regards,

Mr Daniel Murray Head Teacher

Covid Recovery Plans and Scottish Attainment Challenge

We are delighted to have Mrs Carly Weir, supporting some classes this session with literacy work (reading, phonics, writing). Mrs Weir is funded through the council's build back better strategy and will work across the Bellshill Cluster schools. Mrs Weir will be at Noble Primary School on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from now until December. We are delighted to have her on our team.

We also have Mrs Lynn Dobbie working with some first level classes this term. Mrs Dobbie is our Cluster Support Teacher. Mrs Dobbie will be working with teachers to support reading and phonics groups. Mrs O'Neill and Mrs Bruce will also be out of class this session, to support attainment. This additional staffing is funded by the Pupil Equity grant and Scottish Attainment Challenge.



Lost Property

We now have a large collection of lost property, mainly jackets, jumpers and cardigans. Many of these have no names on them and this makes it very difficult to return them to the right person. Please make sure that absolutely everything your child wears to school is labelled, along with packed lunch boxes and water bottles

<u>Dance-a-thon</u>

We had a very successful 'dance-a-thon' on Friday, and the sun even shone for us too. Thank you to those families that have already handed in sponsor money for the event. The money will be used for the playground and Eco/Rights celebration in November. We will continue to collect money this week.



Parents' Portal

Schools throughout Scotland are using Parents Portal to communicate with Parents and offer them a simpler way to keep up to date as well as carry out key tasks relating to their children. In North Lanarkshire, this is to become the main way of communicating with parents/carers. Some of you will already have an account. Some of our parents have never used it. We are being asked to encourage ALL parents/carers to ensure they are signed up. This way, you can have ONE login for ALL purposes, including...

- Annual Data Check you can change update your details at any point in the school year
- Online payments
- Booking a parents' night appointment
- Keeping your information and contacts up to date
- Reporting an absence
- Signing permission slips and viewing your child's report.

For further information and to sign up, please click here.





We are collecting for BASICS Foodbank until the end of October. Items needed are on our website.



Beat the Street

We are really pleased to see almost all of our pupils taking part in the Beat the Street event. The game ends on the 27th October and there are loads of great prizes up for grabs. If anyone needs a spare fob, we have plenty in the school office. If you register your child and complete the survey, this tops up their account with additional points. Parents can also collect points using their card.

Good luck everyone!



Article of the Month - Article 24 Explained

Article 24 of the UNCRC says that healthcare for children and young people should be as good as possible, and also goes further than this by saying children and young people have the right to be both physically and mentally fulfilled.

Among other things, this implies that children and young people:

- should have good enough nourishment from their food
- should be able to live in a safe and healthy environment
- shouldn't be in danger at work.



Article 24 also says that children and young people have a right to information about their health. They should have a say in how they get this and be able to say what they like and dislike about the information they get.



School Photographer

School photos will take place on Wednesday 6th October. There will be no PE on this day.

Hallowe'en

Due to Covid restrictions still in place, we cannot host our annual Hallowe'en disco run by the Parent Council. However, this year, we will allow the children to dress up or dress down on Friday 29th October. Due to health and safety restrictions, the children should **not** bring any props to school. Equally, if any child does not dress up or dress down, he/she can wear school uniform as normal.





Reporting on Pupil Progress

We will continue with our interim reports this year, which will give you a brief overview of how your child is settling in and progressing in the main areas of literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and interdisciplinary learning. We will then follow this up with telephone calls in November. Booking arrangements for telephone calls will be issued this month. A sample of your child's work will be sent home along with their report in October.



Our Parent Council

Chairperson Mr Neil Ramage Vice Chair Person Mrs Allana Burns Treasurer Mrs Kristeen Kennedy Secretary Mrs Lynn Felvus Parent Member Mrs Amanda Molloy Parent Member Mrs Danielle Dick Parent Member Mrs Laura McKenzie Parent Member Miss Charlene Riddell Parent Member Miss Nicola McEwan

COVID-19 UPDATE

I want to thank you all for everything that you are doing to help us keep the school as safe as possible.

Please continue to inform us when there is a positive case in your household. Please continue to do the following things in line with NLC Guidelines...

- 1. Wear a face covering in and around school grounds.
- 2. Only ONE adult per family to drop off/collect.
- 3. Keep a safe distance from others and don't gather around the school.

If someone in your household has symptoms or tests positive - everyone in the household should take the following action:

- 1. Isolate and book a PCR Test. Remain in isolation until there is a negative result.
- 2. If any of the results come back positive, those people should then isolate and follow advice from NHS
- 3. If you or your child is identified as a close contact the same is true. Isolate and get a PCR test.
- 4. Children can only come back to school after a negative test result OR at the end of an isolation period.

Close contacts are identified by Test and Protect who will then contact the school if you identify anyone in particular. Children in schools are no longer considered as close contacts.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY TEST RESULTS AND ALSO YOUR CHILD'S ISOLATION DATES. This allows us to provide support and work where required.



School Email

Change to Email Addresses

Our email addresses have changed. We no longer receive emails sent to ht@noble. All emails should be sent to: Enquiries-at-noble@northlan.org.uk

Telephone the school with any urgent enquiries.

When sending an email, please include your full name, child's full name and class.

Noble Primary School Improvement Priorities 2021-2022



Priority 1: To improve attainment in literacy and numeracy with a focus on STEM subjects.

- Increase attainment across all stages with a focus on first level (P2, P3, P4).
- Additional teaching staff to support interventions.
- Whole school focus on COP 26.
- Review STEM programme across all stages.
- Improve learners' experiences in STEM.

Priority 2: Continue to develop digital learning across all stages.

- Purchase of additional digital devices.
- Continue to use Glow, MS Teams and other digital platforms to enhance learning and teaching in school and at home.
- Increase opportunities in all classes to access digital learning.

DIGITAL

 Work towards Digital Schools' Award. **Priority 3:** Continue to support learners' mental, social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

- Continue to implement Building Resilience programme (Skipper's toolkit)...
- Review relationships, sexual health and parenthood programme in line with Scottish Government advice.
- Increase opportunities for outdoor learning.
- Achieve Gold Award for Rights Respecting.

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