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

March

2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be sending you our March newsletter. Already, we can see signs of spring in our school grounds and surrounding areas and look forward to doing some more outdoor learning with the children as the weather improves. Despite the sunshine, there is still a sharp, frosty, nip in the air, so please continue to send your child with a warm coat.

There have been some changes to Scottish Government's Covid 19 guidance to schools. We are now able to return to staged assemblies, similar to what we had before the Omicron variant in December. We are also able to reinstate home lunches from next week. If you would like take your child home for lunch, please contact the school office and we will advise you of our arrangements.

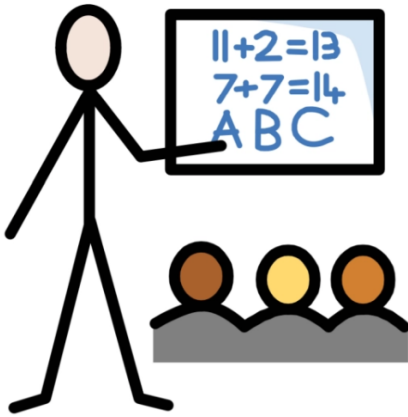
We are due a further update on Covid guidance for schools in the next few weeks and I will let you know what this means for us as a school community. Although things are moving in the right direction, we must continue to be cautious. The virus is still circulating within the community.

If you've not already done so, please make sure you have registered for a telephone consultation. Teachers will be updating you on your child's progress on Thursday 31st March. If you have any pressing issues, you wish to discuss, please contact us beforehand. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Daniel Murray
Head Teacher

March: Right of the Month



 UNCR Article 28



I have the right to an education

Article 28 of the UNCR says that children and young people have the right to education no matter who they are: regardless of race, gender or disability; if they're in detention, or if they're a refugee.

Children and young people have the right to both primary and secondary education and should be able to choose different subjects when in secondary school. This should include the option of technical and vocational training, so they shouldn't have to focus on academic subjects if they don't want to.

Fairtrade Fortnight



Congratulations to our Fairtrade raffle winners! We raised a whopping £300 for Fairtrade charities. You will see from our Twitter page, the breadth of learning that took place over the last few weeks in all classes. Tomorrow, senior classes will take part in a Q&A session, via Teams, with Ellie Failes, a Fairtrade Ambassador. Thank you to P3 for organising our fabulous raffle!

We are proud to be a Fairtrade School!

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Noble Primary School Improvement Priorities 2021-2022



We will also be focussing on...

Priority 1: Continue to raise attainment in literacy and numeracy with a focus on STEM subjects.

- ✓ Raise attainment across all stages through universal, additional and intensive interventions.
- ✓ Create more opportunities to learn about Science and other STEM subjects.
- ✓ Work with NLC's development officer to develop the STEM curriculum.

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

- Purchase additional ICT devices through Pupil Equity Funding.
- Continue to develop pupil skills in using Glow and other digital platforms.
- Increase opportunities to use and access digital learning in all classrooms.
- Work towards Digital Schools' Award.

Priority 3: Continue to support learners' mental, social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

- Continue to teach the skills of being resilient from P1-P7.
- Review relationships, sexual health and parenthood programme in line with Scottish Government advice.
- Increase opportunities for outdoor learning.
- Achieve Gold Award for Rights Respecting.



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL



Priority	What have we achieved?	What next?
Priority 1: Raising attainment in literacy and numeracy with a focus on STEM subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional staffing has allowed focussed support across P2 - 4 classes for reading and numeracy. • Read. Write. Inc and Catch Up Numeracy programmes being implemented. • Whole school focus on reading in classes. • All classes have experienced a Science topic each term using some new resources from NLC. • Teachers have received additional training to support STEM subjects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to raise attainment across all levels. • Review whole school programme to ensure pupils have a progressive experience and cover all aspects of the Science organisers. • Further support for Technology from NLC Development Officer (May inservice day).
Priority 2: Continue to develop digital learning and teaching.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All children are able to access high quality learning experiences through NLC's virtual classroom. • Pupil Equity Fund has been used to purchase 40 laptops and 40 iPads. • School has recently reconfigured to a new Wifi network which has had an impact on the progress we have made with digital priority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bellshill Academy Cluster will register for Digital Schools Award. • Continue to purchase additional ICT resources. • Offer support virtually to families to increase access of digital at home.
Priority 3: Continue to support learners' mental, social, emotional and physical wellbeing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 of Building Resilience programme (Skipper stories - 10 ways to be resilient in challenging times). • Staff undertaking training related to Scottish Government Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) programme. • Offer of anxiety management support for identified pupils eg. LIAM, Draw and Talk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSHP programme shared with parents www.rshp.scot • Making a Difference campaign 1st April 2022. • Register for Gold UNICEF Award for Rights.



Our Pupil Council has recently joined the Smart School Councils programme. The programme will help us to build a fully inclusive system of active pupil voice. Pupil Council members will make sure all issues are taken back to their classes, and fully discussed. Our projects at the moment include:

- Reducing litter and waste in our playground.
- Organise Red Nose Day on 18th March.
- Organise a fundraising event in April.
- Resurface the ground around the trim-trail so we can use it all year round.

We will keep you posted on our progress.



Many of you will be noticing that the cost of living is increasing. Please remember there are supports available to families, should they need it. If we can help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE FINANCIAL INCLUSION TEAM

Our Financial Inclusion Team help North Lanarkshire residents with money advice and welfare benefits. The team includes a combination of debt advisers and welfare rights staff.

Our services include:

- rent/mortgage arrears
- council tax arrears
- payday loans
- personal loans
- store/credit cards
- gas/electricity arrears

How we can help you?

If you are worried about debt or experiencing financial difficulties, our debt advisers can provide free, impartial and confidential advice.

We will review your finances, prioritise your debts and complete a financial statement which includes details of your income and expenditure. Depending on your personal circumstances, we will advise you on what options are available to you and find the best solution possible.

Budgeting

We can also offer advice on budgeting. We can help you take the first steps in taking control of your finances by giving you advice on how to reduce outgoings and maximise your income. By doing this you may be in a better position in avoiding debt, reduce the risk of unexpected costs or you could even have some money left to save.

Call on : **01698 403170**

Email on : **fit@northlan.gov.uk**

BELLSHILL & DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE

The Citizen's Advice Bureau is an independent service which offers advice to local people on so many different topics. Because they are independent, they are impartial and work with you to ensure you have the right information and the right support. They advise on:

- Housing
- Benefits
- Consumer advice
- Family
- Health
- Debt & Money
- Work
- Immigration
- Law & Courts

You can contact their office in Bellshill by calling:

[01698 748615](tel:01698748615)

Or go to

www.bellshillcab.org.uk



RED NOSE DAY 18th March 2022

We will be selling Red Noses from Thursday 10th March. These cost £1.50 and will be available to purchase at lunchtimes.

For Red Nose Day and for a £1 donation, the children can help us raise money for Comic Relief by dressing down or wearing something red or having a crazy hair do or all three if they wish.



House Walking Challenge – March into March

We have launched our March into March walking challenge and hope that as many of the children will take part as possible. At the end of the week, your child should upload their steps and distance walked on their Microsoft Teams page or on Twitter. The children will have the opportunity to walk the daily mile every weekday and at the end of each week, the winning house will have an extra break. At the end of March, our House Captains will total the amount of steps walked by pupils and staff. Good luck!



Staffing Update

We have been fortunate this year to have Miss Anderson work with us on Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesday mornings as part of Scottish Government's Attainment Challenge. Sadly, we were notified this week that Miss Anderson is now leaving Noble to work at Tannochside Primary School full time. This means that today was Miss Anderson's last day at Noble. We will miss her and wish her all the very best for the future.

As a result of Miss Anderson leaving the school, we have reconfigured teachers' non-class contact time. Mrs Fraser will cover most classes and Mrs O'Neill will cover P1 and P2 classes. This may also mean there is a change to PE days. We will let you know by Friday at the latest if this effects your child's class. The new timetable will start on Monday 14th March.

Dates for your Diary

Calendar of Events 2022

Event	Date	Time
Rescheduled Parent Council Meeting	Monday 14 th March	6.00pm (Webex)
Red Nose Day	Friday 18 th March	
P7 Potted Sports Event at Bellshill Academy	Friday 25 th March	10.00am - 12.15pm
Parent/Teacher Telephone Consultations	Thursday 31 st March	3.05pm - 8.25pm
Easter Holidays	Monday 4 th April - Monday 18 th April	

