



Ravenswood Primary School

October 2023

Parent/Carer Newsletter



October is here and we are feeling festive! The fun continues this month with the first school trip, first work experience pupils and students and lots of Halloween joy!

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 12th October – Harvest Celebration 1.30pm Family fun!

October holiday – Monday 16th – Friday 20th October

Monday 23rd October 1.30pm Parent Forum – Reporting - all welcome!

PCA Halloween Disco - Thursday 26th October P1 – P3 6.30pm – 7.30pm
P4 – P7 7.45pm – 8.45pm

Ravenswood Careers Fayre - Monday 30th October – 9.30am – 11.30am

Snuggle and Story



Miss Robertson had planned to deliver a cosy story time for families and their children from our nursery settings. Sadly, this event has been cancelled. We hope that the interest will be greater possibly later in the school year. We will advertise the next snuggle and story session in due course.

Broadwood Football Festival Cancelled

Due to an amber weather warning, the Broadwood Football Festival for certain P6 and P7 children has been cancelled. The children are disappointed however have all agreed to participate in the event now rescheduled for Wednesday 15th November at 10am. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

Work Experience and Students

We are delighted that work experience and student placements can be resumed. Our school benefits from this additional support. Many classes are welcoming

support throughout the year. We are lucky to have two S6 pupils from Greenfaulds High who are supporting learning in the classroom on a Wednesday morning and a Friday afternoon. We are welcoming some S5 students this term also.

P1/2, P2/3, P3 and P4 will also be welcoming student teachers to the team. From Tuesday 24th October placements begin. We are looking forward to getting to know the new members of the Ravenswood family.

Progress Conferences

It was great to see so many families manage along to Progress Conferences on Thursday 14th September. If you did not manage along, class teachers are very keen to make a time that suits you better. Please contact the school so we can arrange something that suits everyone. This year we used Group Call to allocate appointments. Mrs Reid work tirelessly to make this happen for us, a BIG thank you to you Mrs Reid! Some families had some difficulties and we are working with the team to try and sort this. This will be the booking format going forward. I am keen to use Group Call and withdraw entirely from the school app for communication for session 2024-25. It is imperative that we have up to date contact information for all families for Group Call to be effective. If you have not returned your annual data check family information, please ask the office for new copies. Thanks for your support.



Parent Forum – Reporting

Feedback from our parent/carer surveys last session has shown that many parents/carers do not feel they have a true understanding of their child's learning. We are keen to develop a system that works for everyone and ensures you are kept fully informed throughout the school year about your child's learning. Please consider joining Mrs Hawthorn on Monday 23rd October at 1.30pm to work together to begin revamping our reporting system. An evening session (digital or in person) can be arranged if people would like to attend after working hours. Please inform by email or phone if you are able to attend the afternoon or would like an evening session added.

01236 632100 – phone

nlhawthornr@northlan.org.uk – email Rhona Hawthorn

Careers Fayre

On Monday 30th October 2023 at 9.30am – 11.30am Ravenswood will be celebrating all things careers. As we develop our skills for the working world, we are keen to encourage all types of careers at the school fayre. If you are able to join us and discuss your chosen career, please contact the school.

01236 632100 – phone

nrobertsona@northlan.org.uk – email Ashleigh Robertson

After School Clubs

I am delighted that after school clubs are beginning to be offered this term. We have two opportunities for children in our upper school. The Active Schools coaches are keen to offer a football club for any P6 or P7 learners. 20 places are on offer, first come first served. This will be a Monday after school club 3pm – 4pm. The dates are - 23rd, 30th October, 6th, 20th, 27th November and 4th, 11th & 18th December.

Please contact me by email or call the school to secure a place.

nlhawthornr@northlan.org.uk or 01236 632100

Mrs Smith is a wonderful dance tutor. She is offering 25 P5 – P7 children the opportunity to join her dance club on Tuesday afternoons. The dates are – 24th, 1st October 7th, 14th 21st and 28th November. First come, first served! Don't be disappointed!

Please contact me by email or call the school to secure a place.

nlhawthornr@northlan.org.uk or 01236 632100

Community Learning and Development Officer

Our Community Learning and Development Officer, Val is amazing! She supports many families in our community and would love to add more! Please see attached information regarding the workshops she has on offer. This information is also on the school app. If you would like Mrs Hawthorn to make a referral on your behalf, please contact the school.

NLHawthornr@northlan.org.uk or 01236 632100

Financial Inclusion Team

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

If you would like Mrs. Hawthorn to make a referral please do not hesitate to contact the school.

NLHawthornr@northlan.org.uk or 01236 632100

Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Care

Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Care are a registered charity, working since March 2016, with the aim of helping families in our community. They provide two services in our local area – a school uniform bank and a Baby bank, both of which support children of all ages. If this is a service that could help your family please contact the school. Mrs Hawthorn would be delighted to make a referral on your behalf.

NLHawthornr@northlan.org.uk or 01236 632100

Harvest Celebrations

In previous years our school has supported the community with your help. We have gathered food donations from our community and assisted the local foodbank to distribute them. This year we are operating as we did last year asking local businesses to support foodbanks in our school area. Tesco, Aldi, Marks and Spencer and Asda will hopefully be persuaded to help as we collect for the local foodbank. You will see our progress on Twitter @RavenswoodPS. Wish us luck!

Our Harvest Celebration this year will be a family fun event on Thursday 12th October at 1.30pm. We are hosting a coffee and cake afternoon and would love you to come along. Again, we are asking local big businesses to support our event with some tasty donations. If you are able to donate any tasty treats, these would be much appreciated. All donations will be welcomed on Wednesday 11th October and Thursday 12th October. Please come along and enjoy the fun!

Christmas Celebrations Preparations

Our PCA is the best in town and super organised. They are requesting tombola donations. We are having a dress down day on Friday 3rd November in exchange for a tombola donation. Nothing is too big or small. Please donate what you can. 😊

School Information

Keep up-to-date with the latest School news and events on:

Twitter: Follow us on @Ravenswood PS
Our Twitter feed is updated daily.



School App:



All information relevant to our School can be found on our School App. If you need support in downloading the App, then please contact the School by telephone and a member of staff can talk you through the process.

School Website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/ravenswoodps/>



Please visit our School Website for more School, staff and class information.

Contact Us - Telephone - 01236 632100



First point of contact for all enquiries should be directed, in the first instance, to the School Office on the above telephone number. In most cases, these enquiries can be addressed and answered promptly by School staff. These arrangements should also be followed for any other specific issues which might require the personal attention of the Class Teacher and/or Principal Teachers or Acting Head Teacher during School hours.

Changes to information

Please note that some information included in this Newsletter may be subject to change. If any changes are made, Parents/Carers will be notified in advance via the School App, Twitter and/or letter.

Many Thanks



I hope you all have a wonderful October break. We can't wait to see you when you return to hear all about your holiday break.

Diary Dates

Below is a list of the diary dates known so far. Any new dates or changes will be added in red. Not all classes have chosen their assembly dates yet but they will be added and shared as soon as possible. It is possible that some changes will be made throughout the school year. Please keep an eye on newsletters and the school app for information.

October

12th October at 1.30pm

16th October – 20th October 2023

23rd October 1.30pm

26th October 6.30pm – 7.30pm

26th October 7.45pm – 8.45pm

Harvest Celebration

Holiday

Parent Forum - Reporting

P1 – P3 Disco

P4 – P7 Disco

November

3rd November at 9.30am

3rd November 2023

3rd November 2023

7th November 2023

13th November 2023

14th November 9.15am

14th November 6pm

15th November 10am

17th November at 9.30am

25th November 2023

28th November 2023

P4 Class Assembly

P1 and P2 Fluoride Varnish

Dress Down Day – Tombola

P5 – P7 Cross Country

School Closed

Literacy Workshop

Literacy Workshop

Rescheduled Football Festival

P6 Class Assembly

PCA Christmas Fayre

Flu Immunisations

December

6th December at 1.30pm

7th December at 7pm

12th December during school

13th December during school

14th December during school

18th December at 1.30pm

22nd December at 2.30pm

25th December – 7th January

P1 – P3 Nativity

P1 – P3 Nativity

P5 and P6 Party

P3 and P4 Party

P1 and P2 Party

P7B & P7Y Assembly

School closes

Holiday

January

19th January at 1.30pm
22nd January – 26th January
25th January at 1.30pm

Open Afternoon
Strathclyde Park P7
Burns Celebration

February
12th – 14th February
15th February from 3.30pm

Holiday
Progress Conferences

March

1st March at 9.30am
15th March at 9.30am
27th March at 9.30am
27th March 6.30pm – 7.30pm
27th March 7.45pm – 8.45pm
28th March at 2.30pm
29th March – 14th April

P2/3 & P3 Assembly
P1 & P1/2 Assembly
Easter Service
P1 – P3 Disco
P4 – P7 Disco
School closes
Holiday

April

26th April at 9.30am

P5/6 Assembly

May

2nd May 2024
6th May 2024
24th May – 27th May
30th May 2024

School closed to pupils
Holiday
Holiday
Progress Conferences

June

5th June at 1.30pm
6th June at 7pm
13th June 6.30pm – 7.30pm
13th June 7.45pm – 8.45pm
14th June at 1.30pm
21st June at 9.30am
26th June at 1pm

Whole School Concert
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P1 – P3 Disco
P4 – P7 Disco
Celebration of Achievement
Summer service
School closes