



Ravenswood Primary School

November 2023

Parent/Carer Newsletter



November is here! Find out all of the November news in our latest Newsletter. It is a busy month with lots of fun to be shared.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 1st November – P7 10 girls and boys running at GHS Cross Country
Friday 3rd November – P1 and P1/2 Childsmile Fluoride Varnish
Friday 3rd November – P4 Class Assembly – 9.30am – all welcome!
Friday 3rd November – Dress Down Day and Tombola Donations
Tuesday 7th November – P5-P7 Cross Country Ravenswood Pitches
Monday 13th November – INSERVICE DAY
Tuesday 14th November – Literacy Workshop 9.15am and 6.00pm – all welcome!
Wednesday 15th November – Broadwood Football Festival – selected players
Friday 17th November – CHILDREN IN NEED
Saturday 25th November – PCA Christmas Fayre – 12 noon – 2pm
Friday 26th November – P6 Class Assembly – POSTPONED
Tuesday 28th November – Flu immunisations



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. 😊

Our Christmas Fayre is shaping up to be the BEST yet! It will be a fun filled Saturday 25th November morning. Last year the nativity tickets were sold as part of the fayre. This will happen again this year. Mrs McCallum and Mrs L will sort families out with as many tickets as they need. Tickets will be priced £3.50. First come, first served!

Many children ask if they are allowed to wear Christmas jumpers throughout the month of December to school. There is no pressure to do this but all children can do so if they wish.

Broadwood Football Festival

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

Parent Forum – Reporting

A **HUGE** thank you to the parents and carers who managed along for our reporting working party. It was great working together to discuss suggestions and make improvements. Mrs Hawthorn will collate the feedback so far and work with staff during the November in-service day. More information to follow, please look out for this on the app!

After School Clubs

After school clubs are well underway 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 P5-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 P4 – 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!

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Literacy Workshop

Staff are planning a Literacy Workshop for all parents and carers. This will be a fantastic opportunity for you to hear about Literacy across the school, as well as see the learning in action. All welcome! ❤️

Tuesday 14th November 9.15am

Tuesday 14th November 6.00pm

Please email nlhawthornr@northlan.org.uk or call 01236 632100 with your preferred workshop time. We are keen to offer two sessions so all parents/carers

have an opportunity to see and hear about Literacy. Hiring our school in the evening is expensive and we will only operate the evening workshop if we have eager community members with us too!

Please email nlhawthornr@northlan.org.uk or call 01236 632100 with your preferred workshop time.

Dogs and Ravenswood Primary

This is a gentle reminder that dogs are not permitted in our school or on our school grounds. A poster will be added to the school gates at the front of the school and exit gates to display this. I understand that some adults and children are very nervous around dogs and have sent a reminder to staff also.

Phones and Smart Devices in School

Some children have asked about having mobile phones or other smart devices at the school disco or during the school day. Sadly, we cannot permit children to have any devices that can take pictures, make calls or messages whilst in a disco or on their person whilst in school. This is a child protection matter, I hope you understand.

Some children may need phones for drop off and collections. Staff will ensure any phones or smart devices can be in a lock box for any disco or at the start of the school day and returned at the end.

Children in Need



Our Pupil Council have encouraged our school to learn about Children in Need. We have agreed to have lots of learning fun and an awareness celebration day on Friday 17th November. There will be no cost for this, the school will not be collecting donations. The Pupil Council are canvassing the pupils about how they would like to celebrate and raise awareness. More information to follow on the app!



The Scottish Poppy Appeal

The Scottish Poppy Appeal have delivered a box of handmade poppies by the disabled veterans at the Lady Haig Poppy Factory in Edinburgh. The donation box and Poppies are in the main office area at the front of the school. Feel free to donate and take a Poppy.

School Photographer

The school photographer has confirmed for Thursday 7th December. Individual photographs as well as sibling photographs (providing they attend our school) will be taken. We encourage all children to wear school uniform on this day. The PE timetable will be adjusted to accommodate any lessons missed on this day.

Kindness Matters

A teacher in our school was approached by a community member and questioned about their religious beliefs and their views on specific aspects of the school curriculum (specifically teaching sexual health and wellbeing lessons). Whilst I can only assume the intentions behind this conversation were pure, it has left staff feeling uncomfortable. All sexual health and wellbeing lessons will be available prior to class teachers delivering learning. These lessons are created by the Scottish Government and will not be shared with pupils until Health Week in May. Our school is proud to serve a vibrant and diverse community. We promote equality and kindness always. Any questions, please contact Rhona Hawthorn nlhawthornr@northlan.org.uk

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.

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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.

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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.

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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



Thank you for your continued support, it means the world to us!

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.

November

1st November at 9.30am

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 2023

25th November 2023

26th November at 9.30am

28th November 2023

10 P7 pupils GHS Cross Country

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

CHILDREN IN NEED

PCA Christmas Fayre

POSTPONED

Flu Immunisations

December

6th December at 1.30pm

7th December 2023

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

School Photographer

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