

# Ravenswood Primary School



## March/April 2024

### Parent/Carer Newsletter

It is lovely seeing signs of Spring popping up. We have daffodils instead of broken weeds and I am sure there has been the odd sighting of the sun. The brighter starts to the day and evening are all helping to keep a big smile on our faces!

#### Dates for your Diary

P2/3 and P3 Class Assembly – 9.30am Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – all welcome! 😊

P5-P7 Parent and Carer GIRFme writing support (see emails) - 11am Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March – only those who received an email should consider attending

Sexual Health and Relationship Lessons Content Viewing - Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 1.15pm - 1.45pm – all welcome! 😊

P1 Enrolment Stay and Play (Group 1) – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Child Smile Fluoride Varnishing – (P1-P2) – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

P1 Enrolment Stay and Play (Group 2) – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Community Learning and Development Escape Room Family Club – 3.00pm – 3.45pm – sign up via the app!

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

P5 Swimming – 12 week block – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

P1 Enrolment Stay and Play (Group 3) – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 4.30pm

P5 – P7 Lawn Bowls – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Ravenswood Primary

P1 Enrolment Stay and Play (Group 1) – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 4.30pm

P1 Enrolment Stay and Play (Group 2) – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 4.30pm

NUMERACY Workshop – 9.10am Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – all welcome! 😊

P1 Enrolment Stay and Play (Group 3) – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 4.30pm

P1 and P1/2 Class Assembly – 9.30am Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – all welcome! 😊

P1 Enrolment Stay and Play (Group 1) – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 4.30pm

P1 Enrolment Stay and Play (Group 2) – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 4.30pm

P1 Enrolment Stay and Play (Group 3) – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm – 4.30pm

SPRING DISCO – P1 – P3 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm – pay at the door – app message to follow 😊

P4 – P7 - 7.45pm – 8.45pm – pay at the door – app message to follow 😊

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – school closes at 2.30pm

SPRING HOLIDAY – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens 😊

P1-P4 Parent and Carer GIRFme writing support (see emails) - 11am Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April – only those who received an email should consider attending

P1 Enrolment Stay and Play Outdoors – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 3.30pm – 4.30pm

P5/6 Class Assembly – 9.30am Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – all welcome! 😊

Inservice Day – school closed to children – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – School reopens 😊

## Staffing

The school has been working hard to support classes whose class teachers are absent from school. I am delighted that we have been joined by two new team members. Miss Lafferty is supporting P2/3 on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. WELCOME! Mrs Bellshaw has been leading the learning on a Monday and Wednesday in P2/3. The children know her well and are loving having her in class. A HUGE thank you goes to Mrs Simpson for going above and beyond to ensure the learning is on track and fun!

Miss Balantyne has joined the team leading the learning in P4. It is great seeing the class so settled with a consistent teacher in supporting the learning.

WELCOME! A HUGE thank you goes to Miss Goodbrand who has supported the P4 class through a very tricky period as well as being a great support for Miss Balantyne too.

Mr Anderson continues to work in the school but is now in Monday – Friday!

This has been amazing with lots of Maths supports ongoing. Happy days! 😊

## Parent/Carer GIRFme Support Sessions

Parents/carers have been invited in to work with Mrs Hawthorn and Miss Robertson as a support for writing GIRFme's using the updated paperwork for the Health and Wellbeing app. This has been issued for all parents and carers who have children on additional or intensive level supports. These are drop in sessions for those who feel they will be useful. Only those who received an email invite should attend. P5-P7 parents/carers are welcome on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March at 11am for support. The P1-P4 parents/carers are slightly later in the term on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April at 11am.

## P1 2024-25 Transition Sessions

Miss Robertson has been a busy bee organising many transition events for our new P1's. She has been out and about playing in our local nurseries and has left goody boxes for all our new children. Miss Robertson has shared transition information with parents and carers however some of these are outlined above in the important dates section. She is desperate for some nifty knitters. Can you help? Please see the attached information.

## World Book Day

We LOVE an opportunity to promote reading and World Book Day is a great celebration to do just that. Please see the app for more details. You can dress up, you can share a good book and you can have the chance to listen to some wonderful stories throughout the day. Let's celebrate reading. 😊

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

## P5 Swim and Gym

P5 are going to the Tryst for swimming lessons. They will have an opportunity to swim and participate in an active PE lesson too. All P5 children will participate. Please come dressed for the weather, we will be walking regardless of the weather! Children will have an early lunch so they will be on time for their lessons. This will not impact any children having a school dinner. Please do not send money for any machines at the Tryst. Please leave all valuables safely at home.

P5 Swimming – 12 week block – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

## Sexual Health and Relationship Lessons

Staff have worked together to create teaching and learning folders for each class stage (P1-P7) of the Sexual Health and Relationships lessons. The delivery of the lessons has not been timetabled yet. These usually take place during Health Week in May but will be communicated to all parents and carers in advance. I am inviting any parents and carers who wish to view the content of the lessons that will be taught to each stage to come to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

or Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 1.15pm - 1.45pm – all welcome! I am kindly asking those who do attend to please sign the sign in registers and remain in the intervention room to read the content in the folders. The lessons have been created by the Scottish Government and are a national curriculum that our school follows. Thank you to the Parent Council who have helped with suggestions to share this information with you. You can access these online by following the link - <https://rshp.scot/>

### Progress Conferences

Thank you to those who managed along for Progress Conferences. It was great to see so many. Feedback about our refreshed reports has been tremendously positive too. Sadly, due to staff absence, P4 Progress Conferences were cancelled with very little notice. Apologies for any inconvenience. I appreciate your kindness and understanding. We are committed to getting the conferences scheduled as soon as possible. Time and dates will be added to the app in due course. For now, the priority is to allow Miss Ballantyne to get to know the class and support their learning. If you have any pressing issues, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### Numeracy Workshop

We are SO excited to showcase the maths curriculum, supports and interventions that take place in Ravenswood Primary. More information is on the school app. Please sign up using the forms link so we can be sure the event can go ahead. We are desperately keen to support the children and wider community. We need your help to do this. Please come along and support this event if you can. NUMERACY Workshop – 9.10am Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – all welcome! 😊

### Nut Free Zone

We have many children and staff members with severe allergies. Some pupils have been bringing snacks to school that contain nuts. Please avoid such snacks, we want everyone to attend school safely.

### 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.

## 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.

## Cumbernauld Resilience

Cumbernauld Resilience drop-in foodbank every Monday has resumed. This is an excellent service and does not require a referral. The foodbank will run until 28<sup>th</sup> March but they are keen to continue beyond this if there is need in our community. There is no referral for this, you can pop along as and when required. It is held at the Muirfield Community Centre, 1a South Muirhead Road, Cumbernauld, G67 1AX 5.30pm – 7.15pm. Their Facebook details are Facebook.com/CumbernauldResilience and their hotline is 07707860976.

## 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 Head Teacher during School hours.

### 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.

#### March

1<sup>st</sup> March at 9.30am

1<sup>st</sup> March at 11am

4<sup>th</sup> March 1.15pm – 1.45pm

6<sup>th</sup> March 1.15pm – 1.45pm

7<sup>th</sup> March

8<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

12<sup>th</sup> March 1.15pm – 1.45pm

13<sup>th</sup> March 9.10am – 10.00am

14<sup>th</sup> March 1.15pm – 1.45pm

15<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am

18<sup>th</sup> March 1.15pm – 1.45pm

20<sup>th</sup> March 1.15pm – 1.45pm

26<sup>th</sup> March 1.15pm – 1.45pm

27<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm

27<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm – 7.30pm

27<sup>th</sup> March 7.45pm – 8.45pm

28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm

29<sup>th</sup> March – 14<sup>th</sup> April

P2/3 & P3 Assembly

GIRFme Support Session

Sexual Health Resources

Sexual Health Resources

World Book day

GIRFme Support Session

Sexual Health Resources

Numeracy Workshop

Sexual Health Resources

P1 & P1/2 Assembly

Sexual Health Resources

Sexual Health Resources

Sexual Health Resources

Easter Service

P1 – P3 Disco

P4 – P7 Disco

School closes

Holiday

#### April

19<sup>th</sup> April at 11am

GIRFme Support Session

26<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am

26<sup>th</sup> April at 11am

P5/6 Assembly

GIRFme Support Session

## May

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

24<sup>th</sup> May – 27<sup>th</sup> May

29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May

30<sup>th</sup> May 2024

School closed to pupils

Holiday

Holiday

P7 Attend GHS

Progress Conferences

## June

1<sup>st</sup> June 2024

5<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm

6<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm

12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

13<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm – 7.30pm

13<sup>th</sup> June 7.45pm – 8.45pm

14<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm

21<sup>st</sup> June at 9.30am

26<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm

Summer Fair

Whole School Concert

Whole School Concert

P1 Induction

P1 – P3 Disco

P4 – P7 Disco

Celebration of Achievement

Summer service

School closes