



## January newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. It has been great to see the pupils back in school, enjoying their new work and getting settled back into routines.

We welcome a few new staff members to the school this term - Jenny Mills, Andrew Flett and Ashley Stewart, we also have a new nurse working with us - Anne Oliphant. Welcome to you all. Similarly we have a couple of new pupils to the school who are settling in well. We look forward to all of you being a part of Team Fairview.

My Learning plans will be out with you today and IEP targets will have been discussed with you (some classes may be later due to staff absences). This is always a great term for our pupils. Lots of exciting things are planned this term with the Sportshall Athletics this week, Dance Festivals in Edinburgh and lots of transition visits and work experience opportunities. Information about our return to our residential trips will be sent out to Senior Pupils asap.

Previously, I had written out to you asking to try and gather your views about our curriculum as this has been a key focus for us over the last few years. I will offer out a further few dates and hopefully you will manage to attend. If required I can also set up TEAMS links as I am keen to get your views about the curriculum we offer your children and young people.

This term often sees lots of cold weather so all pupils should come to school dressed for the weather as pupils will continue to access outdoor learning opportunities as much as possible and we continue to ensure good ventilation so rooms can be cool. Please make sure all pupils have appropriate outdoor clothes and changes of clothing in school. Hopefully there is no major snow but if there is we take advice from taxi companies in local areas as to whether it is safe for them to travel or not. We will update parents if there are any full school closures through group call, SeeSaw, Twitter and the Parent Council Facebook page. You would also hear announcements on local radio stations and on the Perth and Kinross website. Please ensure your contact details are up to date with the school office. We aim to make announcement as early as possible to support our families. Please also note that sometimes taxis will want to take pupils early for safety reasons so again make sure your contact details are all correct.

Best wishes

Leigh Verdot

Head Teacher

Here is the link to the Fairview School webpage for the most up to date policies, handbook, finance information etc

[Fairview School \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://glowscotland.org.uk)

## Reporting pupil absence



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Please note ALL absences (including appointments) must be reported to the school office on 01738473050 and not through SEESAW as if a staff member is absent or unable to access SeeSaw these messages will not be seen. Many thanks for your help.

## Dates for your diary



**27th of January - My Learning plans sent out on SeeSaw**

**1st of February - 7.15pm - Parent Council Meeting with guests from Transition Team and Lynn Drysdale to speak to parents about transition and answer any questions you may have.**

**14th of February - DTP vaccinations (S3 upwards)**

**15th of February - In service day for staff only**

**16th and 17th February - Holidays**

## Parent Focus Group - Curriculum



We have been working on our curriculum over the last few years to make it as relevant for our young people. We would love to talk to you about it, share our thoughts but most importantly, get your views about the skills your children need and what are the most important things for your about their time at Fairview.

I will offer up 2 times - day and evening - can be in person or online and would really welcome as many views as possible.

DATES: 10th of Feb at 11am or the 13th of Feb at 6pm

This will also help us to prepare for our Improvement plan for next year.

Please fill in the form below to let me know which date you can attend:

[Parent Focus Group - Curriculum](#)

## Parent Transition Event - online



The Parent Council have asked for Lynn Drysdale, our very own Senior Social Care Officer with a remit for transition to come along to their next session on the 1st of February (online) 7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Please get in touch with them if you would like the link to this really useful event. You will have the opportunity to hear from Lynn about transition and the support we can offer but also ask any questions. Please contact [fairviewparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:fairviewparentcouncil@gmail.com) to get sent out the link

## Parent Workshops



In conjunction with PAS

# WORKSHOPS

<p>February 6</p> <p>Practical Understanding of Autism 6pm-8pm</p>	<p>Feb. 18</p> <p>Parents Peer Connect 1pm-3pm</p>
<p>March 7</p> <p>Supporting Young People with Anxiety 6pm-8pm</p>	<p>March 15</p> <p>Parent Peer contact Session 1-3pm</p>
<p>March 25</p> <p>Parent Peer Connect-in person 9.30am-11.30am</p>	<p>April 17</p> <p>Parent Peer Connect-online 9.30am-11.30am</p>

Early Years

# WORKSHOPS

<p>February 21</p> <p>Sensory Problem Solving 9:30 am - 11:30 am</p>	<p>April 15</p> <p>Communication in Play 10:00 am - 11:30 am</p>
<p>MAY 10</p> <p>Practical Understanding of Autism 12.45pm-2.45pm</p>	<p>May 11</p> <p>Getting Ready for Nursery 10:00 am - 11:30 am</p>
<p>August 28</p> <p>Practical Understanding of Autism 9.30am</p>	

Dress for the weather this term



Our playground gets very muddy! This can be a lot of fun for some pupils. Please send in wet weather gear, changes of shoes and spare clothes so we can get out no matter the weather. Thank you

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[www.rag-bagsports.co.uk](http://www.rag-bagsports.co.uk)

or call our recycling officer on  
**0800 054 2828**

Room 9 are organising the Rag Bag and are hoping for a collection end of February. Rag Bag no longer send out bags so you can send in using any bag. More details to follow but keep your old clothes aside as the school gets money for the school fund. Thanks

## Warm Spaces



# A warm welcome across Perth and Kinross

Dear parents and carers. Some dates for your diaries!

“T42” has been awarded funding as part of the “Warm Spaces” initiative. Please come and enjoy a free hot drink and a scone or a cake 10-11 am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.



[www.pkc.gov.uk/warmspaces](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/warmspaces)

## RSPB Wild Challenge



Room 9 and the Outdoor School Choice group are working on this challenge this term. When out and about, or even in your garden, see how many birds you can spot

Sportshall Athletics Event - 25th Jan. Well done to everyone who took part. 1st big event for many of our pupils - well done!







Our topic this term is Global Citizenship



Many classes have been learning about world traditions such as Burns Day and Chinese New Year.

Room 1 have created a magic carpet so we can travel and explore our global citizenship using the story 'My Granny went to market'. We did this by mixing food colouring with water and then working on our hand strength to squeeze onto a large white sheet (and some onto our walls and windows too!) We love how it turned out and can't wait to go on our adventures on it!





Fairview donates too...



Before Christmas Rm 11 did a fantastic amount of good work and raised money and collected in gifts for Cash for Kids Mission Christmas - well done everyone!

## Reminders



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**Bibs** must be provided from home (we have disposable bibs as a back up). Here is a link for an idea for larger sized bibs, other companies will offer similar products too:

<https://www.nrshealthcare.co.uk/eating-drinking-aids/adult-bibs-clothing-protectors>

As a school we use Conti **Wipes** for Personal Care, should you wish anything else used e.g babywipes, please send these in with a pupil name clearly marked on the packet.

## Ipad update



Ipads have been ordered along with the Big Grip cases for safety. Will let everyone know when they arrive. We are continuing to work with classes to ensure Ipads are being used to enhance our curriculum offer.

## School Improvement Priorities



The school improvement plan 2021/22:

Many thanks for all the feedback received from the recent survey. I have attached the results below. We were delighted with your positive feedback from the reports.

- **Fairview School and Nursery will have a relevant curriculum for all pupils which provides challenge for all and supports children and young people to be ready to learn, giving all pupils the skills needed to achieve a positive post school placement.**
- **Fairview staff (including the Nursery) will have improved health and wellbeing and confidence in their skills which will impact on leading learning and supporting children, young people and their families with their health and wellbeing.**
- **Fairview staff will continue to maintain positive family engagement in order to promote positive relationships, better learning and behaviour.**

**We will be in touch soon to ask for your input about what our priorities should be next year!**

Please check your emails



All Child Plan invites will be sent out via emails and meetings will take place in school or on TEAMS depending on what you have opted for. A how to guide will be sent out with every meeting invite if your meeting is on TEAMS but please get in touch if you have any questions. We love seeing everyone at the meetings in Person or online. If you have changed your email, please contact us.

## Contact Us...



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