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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are looking forward to our" Move on up Afternoon" tomorrow, Friday 10th June.

New P1 Parents/Carers

Parents/carers of children coming into P1 should come into the playground using the MANSE ROAD entrance at 1.15pm and wait by the door there. They will be able to join their children in the new classroom for a short time and then come along to the hall at 1.45pm for a short meeting with Ms Dow, DHT with responsibility for early years.

Current P1 – P6 Pupils (& Meet the Teacher)

Children in the current P1 to P6 will spend the afternoon with the teacher they will have from August 2023.

Parents/carers are very welcome to come in and say hello to the new teacher/s when they collect their children at 3.15pm

The teacher for P4 has been confirmed as Ms Gordon and she will be with us tomorrow afternoon.

Primary Seven are spending Thursday and Friday at secondary school.

Pupil Reports and Parent/Carer Appointments

End of session reports will be emailed to you tomorrow morning. If you have not received your report by 12.30pm, please email the school. If you have any questions or points that you wish to discuss with your child's teacher please reply to the email putting FAO your child's teacher and it will be forwarded to them in advance of the meeting.

Primary 5 need your votes

Our P5 Class have created our Herb's Marvellous Rainbow Pocket Garden, which you can see at the front of the school. It is also being exhibited on the Keep Scotland Beautiful online showcase from Wednesday 8th June. You can vote for us as your favourite garden from that date. Voting will close at 9am on Monday 20th June, so please vote before then by visiting the <u>Pocket Garden Showcase page</u> and clicking on the voting link.



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Pocket Garden is run by <u>Keep Scotland Beautiful</u> in partnership with the <u>Garden for Life</u> <u>Forum</u>, and this year, <u>Scottish Book Trust</u> has joined them in celebration of the 2022 Year of Stories.

Our garden includes this year's themes of the Year of Stories, One Planet Picnic and Wildlife Gardening. Our Pocket Garden tells the story of 'Herb, the vegetarian dragon' by Jules Bass. The class used the start of the original story and made up their own endings. Herb just liked to tend his vegetable patch. We designed the patch in a rainbow around the cauldron for soup. You can see the knights, dragons and a princess characters painted on the slates in amongst the vegetables. An abstract Herb flies over the patch in front of Castle Dark. The back half is a plastic bottle greenhouse with a working drawbridge. Inside the bottles the class have illustrated their combined story on pebbles. There is also a QR code so you can read their stories. To support wildlife we built a bug hotel in the tower to attract solitary bees. Nasturtiums attract Cabbage white butterflies and garden bees. There are spider eggs and other insects in the bark tiles. Nasturtiums Our edible elements are: Nasturtium, Sweat pea, Calendula, carrots, kale, beetroot, potato, tomato, chilli, sweet pepper, chive, mixed herbs, rocket, lettuce, strawberry and poppy. To make our garden more sustainable we have reused pallets, garden canes, bubble wrap, plant pots, barbeque, netting, wood from stripping down a caravan, plastic bottles, hoola hoop and eggboxes. We have also repurposed an old barbeque, old wicker basket and old secateurs. We are reducing our carbon footprint by growing, not buying, our own vegetables and are looking forward to making soup from them.

Thank you to Catherine Lloyd for help and all the parents/carers who helped make it possible.

Reading Schools need your help

Help us win £1,000 of National Book Tokens and a membership to the School Library Association to help rebuild the library and encourage reading for pleasure - plus you could win £100 for yourself! Enter here: <u>http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools</u> It only takes a few minutes to vote for each of these good causes.

| Date | Time | Event | Notes |
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| 10/06/22 | Morning | End of session reports sent to parents/carers by email. | |
| 10/06/22 | Afternoon | Move Up Afternoon 1 All children including new P1 class to meet their new teacher. | There will also be an information session for new parents and an opportunity for parents to pop in and say hello to their child's new teacher at 3.15. |
| 13/06/22 | Both Days | P7 Pupils to Willowgate | |
| 14/06/22 | | Outdoor Learning Centre | |
| 14/06/22 | Evening | Parents Night 1 P1 - P7 | Appointments have been sent home to families by |
| 16/06/22 | Evening | Parents Night 2 | email. |

Dates for your diary:

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| 17/06/22 | Afternoon | Move Up Afternoon 2 | Al children including new P1 to spend an afternoon in their new class with their new teacher. |
| 21/06/22 | 6.30pm | Evening performance of | P6 parents have been notified |
| Tuesday | | P6 show | via seesaw about this change. |
| 22/06/22 | 2pm | Afternoon performance of the P6 Show | |
| 24/06/22 | 2pm- 3pm | Nursery superheroes sponsored walk. | Sponsor sheets will be sent home with children. |
| 28/06/22 | 2pm to 3pm | Nursery Graduation | All nursery parents are welcome to attend. |
| 30/06/22 | 11 am | End of term Service in Dunbarney Church at 11am | All families are welcome to attend. Please note the start time of 11am. |
| 30/06/22 | 12 noon | School closes for the summer holidays | |

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