



# Heriot News 4



Friday 12th January 2024

**Happy New Year everyone. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and let's hope 2024 is a good year for us all.**

## **Rights Respecting School Award**

Some good news to start of the new term - we achieved our Rights Respecting School Bronze Award!!

The Rights Respecting School Award is an initiative run by UNICEF UK, which encourages schools to place the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of its ethos and curriculum.

A big thank you to Mr Taylor, Miss Currie and our Pupil Council who worked hard on our action plan. We are being ambitious and aiming to have our Silver Award by the end of this academic year.

## **GL Assessments**

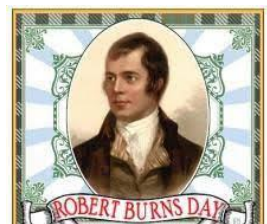
This session we are using GL Assessments. These formative assessments will be used with all children for English, Maths and Health and Wellbeing. These assessments will highlight strengths and gaps in learning, identify and support children with additional educational needs, deliver evidence of whole school improvement, reveal barriers to learning, provide evidence of progress and directly inform teaching strategies. This data and information, along with class based evidence and teacher judgements, will provide robust evidence of attainment levels. Pupil Attitudes to Self and School (PASS) is an all-age survey that all children will complete this month. It provides information on our children's mindset towards school, and if they are confident, ready and motivated to learn. Although we know our children well it may be that a concern is identified and, where appropriate, actions can be taken to provide support if not already being addressed.

## **School uniform**

Please can we ask that children wear school uniform. Although the majority of our children do wear uniform and look very smart each day, we have a growing number of children coming to school wearing clothing that is heavily branded, has large graphics and isn't school colours. Please keep these items for our designated own clothes days.

## **Scottish Performance afternoon to celebrate Robert Burns Day**

On 25 January each class will present a Scottish song or poem to the rest of the school. This will be hosted by our house captains. Tartan, Scottish flags, saltire crowns etc all welcome but not mandatory! This will be a great opportunity for all classes to get together to celebrate the birth of our famous Scots poet.



## **P7 Leavers' Hoodies**

Order forms for P7 Leavers Hoodies will be sent home later this month. Samples will be available for children to try on before they order. We send our order off at the beginning of March and the children will have these after the Easter Holiday. Hoodies are priced at £16.95 and further details re payment etc. will be sent home with the order form.

## **Parent Forum meeting**

An initial discussion, regarding parental involvement in supporting the work of the school, will take place on Monday 5 February from 6 - 7pm. We hope to have monthly meetings moving forward in whatever format is agreed upon. If you will be attending this meeting please contact the school office.

## **February Holidays**

The school will close at 3pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February for the February mid-term break. School will re-open at 9am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February as Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February is a staff training day.

## **Discos**

Our next discos will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The P.1 - 3 disco starts at 6.30pm and finishes at 7.30pm. The P.4 - 7 disco starts at 7.45pm and ends at 8.45pm. Letters will be issued nearer the time asking for parent volunteers for this event. There will be no charge for the disco however children can purchase glow bands, sweets etc. on the night.

## **Visits**

Our visits to Foxbar library continue this term. Our children tell us that many of them are now using the library more regularly after school and at the weekend which is great. Our Reader Leaders continue to plan a range of activities to promote a culture of reading within our community.

## **Parents' Evening**

Our next Parents' Evening is being held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 from 3.15 pm until 5.45 pm and 6.15pm until 8.45pm. This is an opportunity for you to discuss the progress of your child / children with the class teacher. Letters will be issued at the start of next month. We ask that you return the slip on the letter to indicate which time slot would suit you best.

## **Last day of term**

The school will close on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm for the Spring break. As an end of term reward, children may come dressed as they please that day. The school will reopen on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

## **P7 - Diary Dates**

The P7 Prom will take place in the school hall on the evening of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. The theme for the prom will be chosen by the children and the hall decorated to reflect this. More information will be given nearer the time. Also, the P.7 service will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 9.30am. Children attending Gleniffer High school next session will have their two transitions days on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May with a P.7 Sports Day at Gleniffer organized for Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Active Schools Families Fun Community Club**

The Active Schools Team would like to invite some of the families within the Paisley Area to sign up for FREE Family Fun Sports Session. The session is aimed at P1-P7 pupils within the school and parents/carers are invited to stay and participate. On the night there will be wide range of sports and also be an area for families to relax and have tea/coffee, soft drinks and snacks. The first session will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 4:30-5:30pm at the Lagoon and will run right up till Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. You can sign up using this link – <https://oneren.classforkids.io/info/476>

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