

Wallace Primary School

October Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe the first term of the year has passed already! What a great term it has been at Wallace. I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome and support they have shown me as I get to know the school. I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing October break, despite the weather!

Teamwork has definitely been a big feature of October at Wallace Primary School and Nursery. We have worked together with parents, pupils and staff as a team to support our local foodbank, engage in discussions about our pupils' learning, raise funds for the school and much more.

School Bag Pack

A huge well done to all the Wallace Primary School pupils who took part in our bag pack at Asda. As well as raising over £500 for the school, they showed themselves to be responsible citizens. The staff were inundated with compliments about our pupils! It's great to hear our pupils representing the school in such a positive way in the community. Thanks also to parents who gave up their own time to help at the bag pack, we really appreciate it. And of course, thanks to the staff involved in planning and organising the event, supervising and taxiing on the day! Thanks to Miss Docherty, Miss Harper, Miss Marcos and Mrs Robertson.

Clubs

I am delighted to be able to offer pupils a wide range of clubs this term. Our clubs, run by school staff, are now up and running and children enjoyed their first week. This week we add Mr Paterson's Electronics Club to the list and a Friday Fun Art Club run by parents.

Our Active Schools Sports Clubs will be changing for the new term and letters will be issued this week. If your child is unable to attend a club for one week or no longer wishes to attend please inform the school.

Once again thanks to the staff and parents who are giving up their own time for these clubs, it is greatly appreciated.

Any parent with a skill or talent willing to take or support a club, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Parents' Evenings and PLCs

Thank you for the excellent turn out for Primary 1 - 5 Parents' Evenings and Primary 6 + 7 Pupil Led Conferencing. Working together with parents as partners is essential to support pupils with their learning.

PTA Halloween Disco

Thanks to everyone involved in making our Halloween Disco a huge success. The children had a great time, their costumes were fantastic and their behaviour was excellent.

Thanks to our wonderful PTA for organising the event and preparing the goodie bags. Thanks also for the great turn out of parent helpers who came along to help. Finally, thanks to the teachers who gave up their own time to support the event and to 'Disco Dave' for making it a great night.

School Improvement Plan

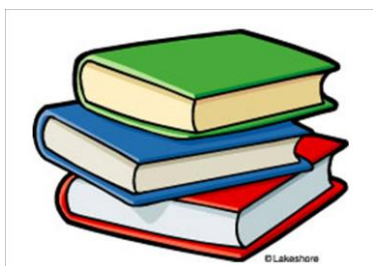
A big focus for our School Improvement Plan this year is to take forward reading across the school and further implement the Renfrewshire Literacy Project. We will soon be sharing with you the changes we are making to reading and the raised profile of reading across the school.

Foodbank Collection

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed to our whole school and nursery collection for Harvest. We were delighted to be supporting the local foodbank and thank you for your support. On Friday 3rd November we will welcome a visitor from the foodbank to explain to the children where their donations have gone and how the foodbank supports people in our community.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased a book from our book fair, our total sales were £1519 which gave us £851 in commission. The commission will be used to upgrade the library stock in class libraries. Class teachers will be consulting pupils very soon about which books they would like.



Scottish Book Week

We are looking to take forward Scottish Book Week this year, with a variety of ways to promote reading and reader engagement. I am working with Miss Sanderson and Mrs Robertson (Our Literacy Champions) to plan an exciting and engaging week. Mark Monday 27th November in your diaries as we are holding a parental event from 3.15pm on this day, details to follow.

Vision, Values and Aims

Another area for review in our School Improvement Plan is to review our school vision, values and aims. Over the next month I will be working with staff and pupils to develop these. I would very much like to involve parents in the process as well and invite you to a focus group meeting to discuss this on 23rd November at 2.30pm. I hope you can spare the time to help us shape our school vision.

Dates for your Diary

1/11/17	School Photos
13/11/17	P4-7 Cinema Trip
14/11/17	P1-3 Cinema Trip
19/11/17	PTA Bag Pack @ Asda
20/11/17	Rag Bag Collection
23/11/17	Parent Focus Group 2.30pm
24/11/17	Non uniform day for PTA Christmas Fair
27/11/17	Scottish Book Week Parent Workshop 3.15pm
29/11/17	PTA Christmas Fair 6pm
30/11/17	St Andrew's Day Holiday
6/12/17	Community Cafe
11/12/17	Interim Reports Issued
14/12/17	P1 -3 Nativity (10am and 1pm)
15/12/17	P1, P3 and P4 Christmas Party
18/12/17	P2 and P5 Christmas Party
19/12/17	Nursery Nativity (AM & PM) P6 and P7 Party
20/12/17	Nursery Party (AM & PM) Christmas Service
20/12/17	Stop for Christmas Holidays

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Susan Dalrymple
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