



Dear Parents and Carers,
How quickly the first few weeks back at school have gone at Wallace. Our pupils have returned enthusiastic and keen to learn and they continue to be a credit to their families and their school.

We continue to strive towards our vision for everyone at Wallace to be *happy together, learning together and succeeding together.*

Staffing Update

I am delighted to share with you the news of two new arrivals. Mrs McLellan gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Carrick, on 21st August. It was a gorgeous little girl for Mrs McKinnon, Cara, born on 21st September. I am sure you will join me in congratulating the McLellan and McKinnon families on this wonderful news!

Following successful interview Mrs McConnell has taken on the temporary role as Senior Clerical Officer in the office and from 8th October she will be joined by Mrs Gillian Boyd as Clerical Assistant. We are delighted to welcome her to Wallace and I am sure you will get to know her in the coming months.

Miss Rebecca Inglis will be joining us soon as an additional classroom assistant funded by PEF. She will work alongside Mrs Sloan in providing additional support to pupils from Nursery through to Primary 7.

Happy Together

Road Safety and Car Parking

We continue to be made aware of issues around the school at pick up and drop off times and we continue to try to improve this situation.

We are currently working with Renfrewshire Council, Community Police and our pupil Junior



Road Safety Officers to improve the situation. The pupils have new signage which will be launched soon. In the meantime, please can

I remind you that the car park is for staff use only. We continue to ask that you are mindful of pupil safety and local residents when parking your car close to the school and when driving close to the school.

We can recommend a healthy 'Park and Stride' option, parking at the playing fields or local shops and walking part of the way to school.

School value: respect



Sponsored Cycle - June 2018

In June last year we held a sponsored scooter and cycle. P4 - 7 cycled to Lochwinnoch and the nursery - P3 scooted or cycled around the playground. We raised £1741.62. Huge thanks to everyone who sponsored our pupils and to the pupils themselves for their hard work. The money will be used for new PE equipment and to begin to create a second iPad trolley.

Succeeding Together

Maths Week Scotland

Our Maths Week Scotland was a huge success and the pupils were involved in excellent experiences across the nursery and school!

Some highlights included:

- A Disney theme for Mickey Mouse being 90.
- Amazing Alice in NUMBERLAND homework and outdoor learning in Primary 1.
- A trip to the local shops to look at Maths in real life for Primary 2.
- Monsters Inc themed maths with excellent links to Literacy in Primary 3.
- An excellent Maths Day in the gym, organised by Miss Docherty and led by Primary 7 pupils.
- Primary 4 and 5 enjoyed a dogs trust workshop and linked this to some Dalmatian problem solving.
- An excellent Parental Engagement event, 100% of parents agreed it was useful in explaining our new approaches and taking part in Numeracy activities with their children.
- Primary 6 pupils planned and led high quality numeracy activities in the nursery.

As well as all of our in-school success we also had wider success:

- We were a Day 3 winner for the Renfrewshire Maths Week Engagement competition. They were impressed by our parental engagement, community engagement and the activities led by P6 in the nursery.
- Out of 3,500 classes, Primary 7 earned a daily 1st and 14th place and came 26th overall in the National Sum Dog.



An excellent week for everyone at Wallace. Thanks to all staff, pupils, parents and partners who helped to make it a success. Special thanks to Miss Docherty and the Numeracy Champions Miss Satera and Miss Johnston for their hard work in planning it.

Succeeding Together

Communication with Parents

Over the course of this year we hope to reduce the amount of paper being sent home in letters and the high costs involved in texting parents. We hope to utilise twitter, our school website and our school app as main lines of communication.

We hope the app will become our main communication route with parents, we will continue to send texts in the interim as we move over to the app fully. **However, we ask that you download the free app to keep you up to date.**

Reminder of key communication:

- Download our school app - 'My School App'
- Check out our website and class blogs
- Follow us on twitter @WallacePrimary
- Sign up for our email subscriptions, which will send you any blog updates.
- Read our monthly newsletters, which will come home in school bags.



Happy Together

School Values

As we continue to embed our vision and values across the school we are developing graphics and art work to go with these. Thanks to parent Margaret McLeod for her support with this. This will be a mix of photographs and pupil drawings.

Congratulations to our winners:

RESPECT - Max Neil

AMBITION - Holly Archibald

HONESTY - Darcy Ford

KINDNESS - Jack Dunn (previously P7)

FRIENDSHIP - Sienna McLeese

Reminders – please find below some information and reminders for the new school year:

OUR VISION

Happy Together. Learning Together.
Succeeding Together.

OUR VALUES

- RESPECT
- AMBITION
- HONESTY
- KINDNESS
- FRIENDSHIP



Attendance and Late-coming

Please remember to call the school to inform us of your child's absence. School office is open from 8.30am.

We will send a text out for any unexplained absence and this will be followed by a phone call. When we do not hear from you we become concerned for your child's safety and have a strict policy to follow. This includes home visits by school staff.

I continue to monitor attendance on a monthly basis and letters are issued to all pupils with less than 90% attendance or more than 5 instances of late-coming.

For any holidays during term time a letter should be sent to the school office. All holidays during term time will be recorded as unauthorised on the attendance register.

Please note there will be no 100% attendance awards at the end of this year.

SMT Remits

Please find below a summary of management team remits. The full version can be found in the Useful Documents section of our website and app.

Mrs Brooker

Nursery, Primary 1 -3, Primary 1 Transition, Health and Wellbeing (including Sports, Health Week and Sports Day) and ICT.

Miss Docherty

Primary 4-7, Additional Support Needs, Numeracy, Fair Trade and Rights Respecting Schools.

Miss Harper

Modern Languages, Growth Mindset, Expressive Arts and responsibility for student teachers.

I would like to encourage parents with any concerns or questions to approach the class teachers as their first port of call. They know your children best and should hopefully be able to answer your questions about their learning or day to day events. If you still have questions or concerns, please contact the Depute Head Teacher with responsibility for their class.

Whilst I feel the class teachers and deputes are best placed to deal with any queries or issues, this does not change my open door policy. Please get in touch if I can help at all or you have concerns you would prefer to raise directly with me.



House System and Pupil Voice

This year our House Captains have started off their roles very quickly and are already working hard. Congratulations to:

Saturn Mia Dunwoodie

Zach O'Brien

Venus Suki Bhatt

Rory McFarlane

Mars Eva Fallows

Emma MacDonald

Jupiter Kayla McGoldrick

Abbi McLeese

We have dates in the diary and plans for the 4 house rewards for each term. We have introduced a new token system for house points, the children are enjoying being able to see the points build up in the tubes in the foyer.

This year we have added a 'Pupil Voice' session to our Friday mornings. Pupils meet in their houses after assembly and are split into teams with P1-7 pupils. Each team is led by a Primary 7 'House Leader' and they work on a variety of activities. These will include:

- Team building activities
- Talking and listening activities
- Literacy and Numeracy activities
- Pupil surveys
- Exploring our values
- Exploring Health and Wellbeing
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Feedback about this approach has been very positive and we will review it in December with the staff and pupils.



Diary Dates

20.9.18

Charity Own Clothes Day
Chuck it in the bucket for St
Vincent's Hospice
Toadstool Project

21.9.18

Holiday

24.9.18

Holiday

26.9.18

European Day of Languages

10.10.18

Harvest Service

12.10.18

House Colours

House Reward for winning
house

15.10.18- 22.10.18

October Holiday

22.10.18

In service Day

24.10.18

Parent Council Hallowe'en
Disco

1.11.18

Parents' Night

2.11.18

Flu Vaccinations

19.11.18

Book Week

28.11.18

Parent Council Christmas
Fair

29.11.18

Charity Own Clothes Day

30.11.18

St Andrews Holiday

We hope the information within this newsletter has been useful in keeping you up to date with what is going on at Wallace.

In the next few weeks you will be issued with our school Standards and Quality Report which highlights the huge successes of last year and a summary of our priorities for improvement this year.

Thank you for your continued support as we continue to work in partnership to be 'Happy Together, Learning Together and Succeeding Together.'

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Susan Dalrymple
Head Teacher