



Ready Respectful Safe
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Dear parent/carer,

We are now into October and it is hard to believe that this Friday we will be stopping for our October Break! It has been a very busy month at High Blantyre Primary. Our new Pupil Voice representatives have been selected for their new leadership roles in the school and had their first meetings last week. The minutes from each Pupil Voice Group will be shared with all classes and displayed on the Pupil Voice notice board in the school for the children and in the entrance foyer for visitors to read all about the great work our children are doing in our school. We are also really excited to have school librarians this year who will be looking at improving our school library environment and the use of our library. Our after school and lunch time clubs have started and we are pleased to offer a range of extra curricular activities to our children: dance, cheer, art club, chess club, athletics, netball, boys and girls football and hopefully more to come. Our next big event in school is our Parent council AGM on Thursday the 12th of October. All parents/carers are invited to attend this to hear about the school's plans for improvement and the work of the Parent Council. This is also the opportunity for new members to be voted in as active members of the Parent Council. We would like as many of our parents/carers to attend as possible, not just those interested in being part of the Parent Council.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the Senior Management Team if you have any questions with regards to your child's learning.

Thank you for your continued support. Kind regards, *Kirsteen Helsby*

Sporting Success



Congratulations to our school netball and boys' football on their recent success at local schools' festivals. The children all had great fun playing other schools and both teams won all of their games too!! There are many more football and netball festivals to look forward to this term. Our athletics team are now in training for the Sports Hall Athletics events, which will be taking place over the next few months. We have lots of very sporty children!

Focus on School Improvement



Each year our school has a detailed plan for improvement which is evaluated at the end of the session. This session our main priorities are as follows:

Numeracy

This session we will be fully implementing Numicon resources and more active and practical approaches to the teaching of numeracy across the whole school.

Curriculum

We are planning to consult our children, parents and staff on the refresh of our curriculum structure and implementation.

AAC and Makaton

Makaton is our third language and we will be continuing to develop the use of this across the school and with our parents and carers. Please Follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with how we are developing Makaton in our school.

<https://twitter.com/HBPSsigns>

Pupil Equity Focus

We will continue to provide targeted support in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing through a range of supports and interventions.

Parentsportal



Please can all parents/carers ensure they are signed up for Parentsportal:

<https://parentsportal.scot/home/>. If you have a mygovscot account, sign in, if not, select register. This is how we will be communicating with parents/carers and collecting our annual data returns, permission slips, etc.



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This will be the only printed Newsletter this session. All further communication will be through the School APP.

Pupil Leadership



The children representing our Pupil Leadership Groups this year are as follows:

Eco Committee with Ms McKinlay and Mrs Brown

Harri Murtagh (Room 5) Robbie Paterson (Room 6)
Phoebe Thomson (Room 7) Mya McGraw (Room 8)
Aria Millar (Room 10) Theo Fowler (Room 11)
Rebecca Frew (Room 12) Mark Sempie Sutherland
(Room 13) Alfie Lindner Kelly (Room 15)
Johnny Lindner (Room 16)

Pupil Council with Mrs Gallagher and Mrs McLean

Monroe Paterson (Room 5) Coupar McMillan (Room 6)
Eve Rae Deans (Room 7) Harper Barclay (Room 8)
Vinnie Veverka (Room 10) Bethany Balloch (Room 11)
Harvey Lee (Room 12) Avan McMahan (Room 13) Ava
McDade (Room 14)
Carys Bryson, Teagan Lee Cain, Max Grant,
Millie Smith (Room 15 Vice Captains)
Charlie Lindner Kelly, Layla Flynn, Ava Hill, Marcus
Wilson (Room 16 House Captains)

Rights Respecting Schools Committee with Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Mullen and Miss Marshall

Aymen Shazad (Room 5) Muhammad Noor (Room 6)
Lilymae Faulkner (Room 7) Robbie Patterson (Room 8)
Megan McClemont (Room 10) Skye Sproull (Room 11)
Alfie Lindner-Kelly (Room 12) Zak Wilson (Room 13)
Ashleigh McGeough (Room 14) Jay Dunn (Room 15)
Carson Duncan (Room 16)

P6 JRSOs with Miss Gallagher and Miss Elliot

Skye Duncam and Emillie Heron

P6 Twitter Reps with Mrs Sliman

Kyle Gebbie, Blake Kio, Shay Murphy, Bonnie
O'Quigley, Kendal beecroft, Isabella Tran, Lilyann
Ferguson, Lucy Fullarton, Ava Turner, Millie Fulston

P6 Librarians with Mrs McAveety and Miss Sim

Millie Smith Ava McDade, Alfie Meldrm Oscar MacGregor,
Teagan Lee Cain, Bonnie O'Quigley, Millie Fulston
Isabella Tran

Dates for your diary



Please be advised that these dates can be prone to change.

Thursday 12/10	Parent Council AGM
Monday 16/10-22/10	October Holiday
Monday 23/10-25/10	Halloween Swap Shop
Wednesday 25/10	Parent Council 6-7.30pm
Thursday 26/10	Halloween Disco
Friday 27/10	Dress up Halloween Day
Wednesday 1/11	P6/7 Netball/Football Festival
Monday 13/11- 17/11	Anti Bullying Week
Monday 13/11-19/11	Scottish Book Week
Wednesday 15/11	Scottish Storyteller Visit
Wednesday 29/11	P6/7 Netball/Football Festival
Monday 13/11	Inservice Day
Friday 17/11	Children in Need
	Dress Down Day
Tuesday 21/11	Parent Council 6-7.30pm
Thursday 30/11	Xmas Fayre 6-8pm
Friday 8/12	Xmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 13/12	Christmas Concert P1-7
Thursday 14/12	Christmas Concert P1-7
Thursday 21/12	Panto @ Carrigans
Friday 22/12	Panto @ Carrigans
Friday 22/12	School Closes at 2.30pm
Monday 8/1	School starts back
Wednesday 24/1	Scottish Assembly 1.30pm
Thursday 25/1	Scottish Assembly 1.30pm
Thursday 8/2	Parent's Night Appointments
Monday 12/2&Tuesday 13/2	February Holidays
Wednesday 14/2	Inservice Day
Thursday 7/3	World Book Day
Wednesday 13/3-15/3	P7 Residential
Thursday 28/3	School closes at 2.30pm
Monday 15/4	School starts back
Thursday 2/5	Inservice Day
Monday 6/5	Holiday
Friday 24/5	Holiday
Monday 27/5	Holiday
Monday 10/6-14/6	Health Week
Tuesday 11/6	Sports Day am P1-3/pm P4-7
Tuesday 25/6	P7 Leaver's Assembly
Wednesday 26/6	School Closes at 1pm