



HIGH BLANTYRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now been back at school for almost three weeks and we are delighted to see how well all of our classes have settled in so quickly to the new session.

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' event a few weeks ago, it was great that so many people were able to come along- we really appreciate your support! The next big event in our school is the Parent Council Annual General Meeting, this will be held in the school hall on Wednesday the 27th of September at 6pm. 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. The school works closely with the Parent Council and this year we have created an annual overview of school events: Dress Down Days, Charity events, discos, etc, which we will share with you over the next few weeks through the school APP. This is in response to feedback from our parents/carers with regards to better communication and advance notice of school events. We gathered lots of views from our parents/carers, staff and children last year and we hope you begin to see some of the changes we make as a result throughout the session.

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.

Kind regards, *K. Helsby* Head Teacher

House Captains



Following a lot of hard work, our Primary 6 and 7 pupils who decided to stand for the positions of House Captain and Vice Captain, presented their speeches to their Houses last Friday. The votes have been counted and the following children have been elected as our new House Captains and Vice Captains for this session.

<u>House Captains P7</u>	<u>Vice Captains P6</u>	
Charlie Lindner-Kelly	Millie Smith	Burns Thistle
Ava Hill	Teagan Cain	The Explorers
Marcus Wilson	Max Grant	Golden Eagles
Layla Flynn	Carys Bryson	Stirling Wallace

Congratulations to all our new House Captains and Vice Captains, the standard was very high this year and we are very proud of all the children who took the time to prepare their presentations!

Assemblies and Achievements



We have P1-3 and P4-7 assemblies every Friday afternoon. We are a Rights Respecting School and during this time we talk to the children about their rights and how we respect each others' rights, through themes such as friendship, bullying, respect, behaviour expectations, values, citizenship, etc. We also celebrate success both in and out of school at assembly. Each week, class teachers choose a pupil demonstrating 'The High Blantyre Way' as Star of the Week, which is presented at assembly. Head Teacher Awards are presented at our monthly celebration assembly for outstanding work. Children are also encouraged to bring in achievements from home, e.g: swimming badges, medals, certificates, etc to our monthly achievement assembly, which is held on the last Friday of every month. We sometimes have visitors to our assemblies, including our school Chaplain, Mr Jim Murphy, who comes to talk to the children about school assembly themes, values, Christian festivals and other World Religions.



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

Parent Helpers



We are always looking for parents/carers and grandparents to help in school. If you have any free time during the week and would like to help out in classes, with general admin, after school clubs or school outings, please contact the school office. All adults helping in the school must go through the PVG process. Please email: Ronan.Hannigan@southlanarkshire.gov.uk for a PVG application.

Living Streets Travel Tracker



The whole school will soon be participating in a project set up by Living Streets called Travel Tracker, to encourage children to walk, cycle, park and stride, etc to school all year round. All children will soon record in school how they travel to school each day and will have the opportunity to work towards badges for their efforts. This will be launched at assembly on Friday the 14th of September and we hope to start tracking daily travel to school from Monday the 18th of September.

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.

Dates for your diary



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

Wednesday 6/9	School Photographer
Wednesday 20/9	Parent's Night Appointments
Friday 22/9	Holiday
Monday 25/9	Holiday
Wednesday 27/9	Parent Council AGM 6pm
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
Monday 13/11- 17/11	Anti Bullying Week
Monday 13/11-19/11	Scottish Book Week
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