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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely seeing so many of our families at various school events over the past month. Our Scottish Celebration was once again a great success. This year, the children were involved in writing the script of our very own performance of Fantastic Scottish Beasts and Where to Find Them. There was indeed some great Blantyre humour, **most** of it was planned and part of the script! Our talented children were just amazing and we are so so proud of every one of them. A huge thank you to Miss Watt for all the hard work put into this fantastic showcase of learning across the expressive arts. We have had lots of lovely feedback regarding Parent's Night and some good suggestions on how to improve the format for our families, which we will look at for next year! We also had a couple of 'Brew and Blether' mornings, for our families to get together and chat, whilst also having the opportunity to find out about ways to support their child at home. Our fantastic speech and language team have been supporting these mornings and both the visuals and Makaton session were very well received. We will continue to offer more of these sessions throughout the year and really hope to see more parents/carers attend. It is a great way to meet other parents and catch up with staff and our extended team too! As always, there has been lots going on across the school. One of our most memorable moments from February, aside from our Scottish Show, was the Primary 7 children releasing almost 150 baby trout into The Calder. A big thank you to Paddy, from the Clyde project team for all his guidance and support, helping our P7 children look after the fish before and after they hatched -and teaching us lots of interesting facts too !! Thank you to Mrs Kerr our janitor, for trout sitting during the February break- even though it was her very special birthday. Happy birthday Mrs Kerr!! 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 and partnership, Kind regards, *Kirsteen Helsby*

Author of the Month



Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

We hope all our children (and teachers) enjoyed reading lots of Wes Gray's books last month. Our P6 Vice Captains and Reading Ambassadors will be introducing our new author of the month at assembly this week, Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara. We are looking forward to reading more of the Little People Big Dreams collection written by our author of the month. Our whole school have already read Rosa Parks as part of our focus on Race Equality .

Reading Schools Award



We are delighted to announce that we have submitted evidence for our Bronze Reading Schools Award. Well Done to all our children, families and staff for a super team effort. Mrs Brown and Mrs Mclean have uploaded all our hard work and we hope to hear soon if we have been successful. World Book Day is Thursday the 7th of March. The children can bring in their favourite book or book they are currently reading to share with their class. There will also be lots of author/book themed activities, including, making book characters out of potatoes and creating class book themed displays. Gerard Durkin will also be visiting the school once again to provide interactive, story telling, musical workshops for all of our children



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Pupil Voice Group Updates



Our community police visited our Primary 6 and 7 classes last month to discuss online safety. Unfortunately, there continues to be reports of children in our school using mobile phones and social media inappropriately. This can cause a lot of distress to everyone involved. Children of primary school age should not be using social media. Please continue to monitor your child's safe use of the internet and encourage them to report anything they are concerned about to an adult. The websites below provide useful information for parents/carers and children.

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.ceop.police.uk

If your child **needs** to bring a mobile phone to school, it **must** be switched off when they enter the playground and should remain off until they leave school grounds at the end of the day. No mobile phones are permitted to be on in school, this includes watches that can take calls, pictures, send/receive messages. Please support and help us keep all our nursery and primary school aged children safe in school!

Parentsportal



Good news -we now have **170** parents/carers signed up for Parentsportal! This will soon be our main source of communication. We will be uploading all consents for trips, letters, messages, report cards, etc through this APP very soon. Please can all parents/carers ensure they are signed up for Parentsportal as soon as possible:

<https://parentsportal.scot/home/>. If you have a mygovscot account, sign in, if not, select register.

Please contact the school office if you are experiencing difficulty with this new APP and we will be more than happy to help. It will be great to have everyone signed up and using this by the end of term!

Dates for your diary



Friday 1/3	P6/7 Tree Planting in Blantyre
Monday 4/3	Pupil Voice Meetings
Thursday 7/3	World Book Day (themed lunch)
Wednesday 6/3	Boy's Football Festival
Friday 8/3	P6/7 Trip to Bannockburn
Monday 11/3	STEM visit Room 6 and 10
Wednesday 13/3-15/3	P7 Residential
Thursday 14/3	International Schools Meals Day (themed lunch)
Friday 15/3	Dress Down Day Comic Relief
Monday 18/3	P7 Mixed Transition Football @ Calderside
Tuesday 19/3	P5 Hockey Festival
Thursday 21/3	School Discos 'Spring Fling' 6-7pm P1-4 7.15-8.30pm P5-7
Friday 22/3	P5 ASDA cafe visit
Tuesday 26/3	Parent Council Meeting @6pm
Thursday 28/3	School closes at 2.30pm
Friday 29/3	Good Friday
Monday 15/4	School starts back
Monday 29/4	Room 6,10 and 11 trip to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh
Wednesday 1/5	Dance Festival
Thursday 2/5	Inservice Day
Monday 6/5	Holiday
Thursday 9/5	P1 Induction 1 @1.45pm
Thursday 9/5	Parent Council Meeting @6pm
Sunday 12/5	Davie Cooper Festival
Thursday 16/5	P1 Induction 2 @ 1.45pm
Thursday 23/5	New P1 pupil's visit 9.30-10.30am
Wednesday 22/3	P7 Visit to Calderside
Thursday 23/5	P7 Visit to Calderside
Friday 24/5	Holiday
Monday 27/5	Holiday
Wednesday 5/6	Parent Council Meeting @6pm
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

Please remember these dates are subject to change. We will always do our best to give as much notice as possible of any changes.