



HIGH BLANTYRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now been back at school for almost three weeks and our children and staff have all settled back quickly into daily school routines. The children have been enjoying reconnecting with their friends and are getting to know their new teachers and support assistants. We had our first Parent Council Meeting of the session last week and were delighted that some new Primary 1 parents could attend. The Parent Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 2nd of October 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 parents/carers 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, with regards to communication of events and to our commitment to the reduction of the Cost of the School Day, this year we have created another annual overview of school events: Dress Down Days, Charity events, discos, etc. I am delighted that once again free school trips has been voted as the Participatory Budget spend, which means for another year there will be no charge for school trips and transport to sporting events. The only charge to parents/carers this year will be the ticket price for the pantomime at Carrrigans, which families will be able to pay up over three months through Parentpay. As always, please do not hesitate to contact myself or 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 week. The votes have been counted and the following children have been elected as our new House Captains and Vice Captains for this session.

House Captains P7

Millie Smith

Alfie Meldrum

Fynn McIntosh

Ava McDade

Vice Captains P6

Connor Lawson Burns Thistle

Skye Sproull The Explorers

Rebecca Frew Golden Eagles

Abbi Grant Stirling Wallace

Congratulations to all our new House Captains and Vice Captains, the standard was very high. This year all of our candidates will be asked to take a lead role in one of our new Pupil Voice Groups. Information coming soon.....

Parentsportal



Well done to all our new Primary 1 parents/carers, who have all already successfully signed up to Parentsportal. There is now a very small minority of parents/carers, who we will be contacting over the next week to support them to sign up through: <https://parentsportal.scot/home/>. This is how we will be communicating with parents/carers and collecting our annual data returns, permission slips, etc. We have even managed to use this system to enable parents/carers to select and book their Parent's Night appointments!

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 or speak to a member of staff.



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Assemblies and Achievements



We are a Rights Respecting School and teach our children about their rights through weekly assemblies, classroom activities and the general day to day life and work of the school. Our School Behaviour and Relationships Policy, 'The High Blantyre Way,' reflects our core values and rules 'Ready, Respectful and Safe,' and attachment informed approach to managing and supporting children to understand their emotions and behaviour. There is a copy of 'The High Blantyre Way,' in your child's homework diary and one has also been sent out through Parentsportal. 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.

Safety in the Community



Please can we kindly ask parents/carers to encourage their child to walk, cycle, etc to school, where possible. We want to work with our families to reduce the amount of cars around the school at drop off and pick up times. Unfortunately, we have some cars parking on zig zag lines outside Carrigans and not adhering to the set speed limits at these busy times. Please help us keep our children safe as they travel to and from school.

Dates for your diary



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| Friday 13/9 | Roald Dahl Day |
| Thursday 19//9 | Parent's Night Appointments |
| Monday 23/9 | Maths Week |
| Monday 23/9 | International Day of Sign |
| Monday 23/9 | Nursery Stay and Play@1.45pm |
| Wednesday 25/9 | Parent's Night Appointments |
| Thursday 26/9 | Parent Workshop on Visuals@10am |
| Friday 27/9 | Holiday |
| Monday 30/9 | Holiday |
| Wednesday 2/10 | Parent Council AGM @6pm |
| Wednesday 2/10 | Dyslexia Awareness Week |
| Friday 4/10 | Dress Down Day- Food Bank donations |
| Monday 14/10-18/10 | October Holiday |
| Monday 21/10 | Halloween Swap Shop all week |
| Friday 25/10 | Dress Down Day- Xmas Fayre |
| donations | |
| Wednesday 30/10 | Halloween Disco |
| | P1-4 6-7pm P5-7 7.15-8.30pm |
| Thursday 31/10 | Sports Hall Athletics |
| Wednesday 6/11 | Flu Vaccinations |
| Wednesday 6/11 | Parent Council 6pm |
| Friday 8/11 | STEM DAY |
| Monday 11/11-Friday-15/11 | Scottish Book Week |
| Monday 11/11-Friday-15/11 | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Monday 11/11 | Inservice Day |
| Friday 15/11 | Nursery and siblings |
| | Photographs |
| Friday 15/11 | Children in Need- |
| | NO Dress Down |
| Friday 22/11 | Dress Down Day- Bring a toy/book for Xmas Fayre |
| | Christmas Fayre 6-8pm |
| Thursday 28/11 | Sports Hall Athletics |
| Thursday 28/11 | Xmas Jumper Swap all week |
| Monday 2/12 | Parent Council 6pm |
| Thursday 5/12 | Christmas Concert P1-7 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 11/12 | Christmas Concert P1-7 1.30pm |
| Thursday 12/12 | Christmas Jumper Day- Donations for Raffle |
| Thursday 12/12 | Nursery Nativity@10am |
| Friday 13/12 | Room 15 & 16 Xmas Party@1.30pm |
| Monday 16/12 | Room 10, 11 and 13 Xmas Party 1.30pm |
| Tuesday 17/12 | Panto @ Carrigans 1pm |
| Tuesday 17/12 | Room 5, 6 and 9 Xmas Party |
| Wednesday 18/12 | Panto @Carrigans 1pm |
| Thursday 19/12 | Room 1,2,3,7 and 8 Xmas Party |
| Thursday 19/12 | School Closes at 2.30pm |
| Friday 20/12 | |