



HIGH BLANTYRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



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Dear parents/carers,

It was great see so many of our parents/carers at Parent's Night a few weeks ago. The online booking system is working well, reducing the time spent on allocating/changing appointments and of course saving lots of paper! Parents' Night in the hall seemed to work really well. We had lots of positive feedback from parents/carers through our follow up questionnaire and also some suggestions on what we could improve on next session. We are participating in the Clyde in the Classroom Project again this year and our Primary 6 are currently looking after just under 200 baby trout, which we will be releasing into the Calder next Monday, just before our Primary 7 pupils leave for Lockerbie. Our Primary 7 pupils will be away all of next week on their residential trip to Lockerbie Manor. The bus will leave the school at 1pm on Monday afternoon and should be back for around 2pm on Friday afternoon. Mrs Gallagher, Mr Maslanka and myself are all looking forward to participating in all the outdoor adventures with the children next week and making lots of fun school memories with our Primary 7s, who really are a great group of children. Fingers crossed the weather is better than last year! This week we have a local authority Peer Review, with a focus on Augmentative, Alternative, Communication (AAC). The Head Teachers of Robert Owen Memorial and Harleeshill Primary School, will be visiting our school to talk to the Senior Leadership Team and visit our supported classes to see the range of ways we support our children with their communication. Our speech and language team, Isabelle Shaw and Nicole McMillan have been invaluable in the support they have provided our staff and children and we have been so lucky to have them! 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, *Kirsteen Helsby*

World Book Day



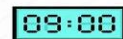
World Book Day is Thursday the 6th of March. The children can bring in their favourite book or book they are currently reading to share with their class. There will also be lots of author/book themed activities, including, making book characters out of wooden spoons. Our singing story teller Gerry will also be visiting the school once again to provide singing storytelling for all of our children.

Please follow this link to find out about the Scottish Book Trust's recommended books for the month of March:

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/new-book-releases/books-of-the-month/>

Our Parent Council very kindly buy these recommended fiction, non-fiction and picture books each month for us to put in our school libraries.

Arriving on time for school



Please can we kindly ask all parents/carers to ensure their children arrive on time for school. The bell rings at 9am and all children should be ready to line up at this time. We have started to ask all children arriving late for school to enter from the dining hall doors as we were finding the large volume of children entering from the front entrance in the morning was becoming unmanageable for Mrs Black in the office, who is already managing the usual morning routines and phone calls at this busy time. It is very unsettling when children are frequently late for school as they miss morning routines and often key information at the start of the day. Time keeping is an essential skill for life and the world of work, which we want to foster in our children from an early age.



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Safe use of the Drop off area



Thank you for your support in using the drop off area at the start and end of the school day safely. Can we kindly remind parents/carers to drive slowly in this area and not park on the double yellow lines. Once the spaces are filled up at the bottom car park, this should only be used as a drop off area first thing in the morning. There should be a constant flow of traffic leaving the school at the end of the day and once the spaces are filled, no cars should be stopping or parking, unless a space becomes available. We kindly ask that cars do not park on the zebra crossing. The Health and Safety of all our children is our main priority. The staff car park should not be used by parents/carers for drop off at breakfast club, first thing in the morning or at the end of the day. If **you** have a blue disabled badge and need to access the school at these busy times, please inform the school office, who will give you a blue school badge to display on the dashboard of your car. Once our ASN transport has left and it is safe to do so, our janitor will let you in to park in a disabled space. This is all part of our School Traffic Management Plan as agreed by Health and Safety. We encourage all our High Blantyre families to walk/park and stride to school nursery where possible. It is against the law to park on the zig zag lines outside of the school and our community police drop by at times to monitor the local situation.



Dates for your diary

Monday 3/3	Sustainability Week
Thursday 6/3	P6/7 Cross Country 10am
Friday 7 th -13/3	STEM WEEK
Monday 10/3	P7 residential
Friday 21/3	World Downs Syndrome Day
Wednesday 26/3	P6/7 Cross Country Finals
Thursday 27/3	Dress Down Day
Wednesday 2/4	Autism Acceptance Day
Thursday 3/4	Spring Fling
Friday 4/4	School closes 2.30pm
Monday 21/4	School starts back
Thursday 1/5	INSERVICE DAY
Monday 5/5	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 6/5	P1 Induction Day 1 @1.45pm
Wednesday 7/5	Dance Festival
Thursday 8/5	Parent Council @6pm
Thursday 13/5	P1 Induction Day 2 @1.45pm
Tuesday 20/5	P7 visit to Calderside
Wednesday 21/5	P7 visit to Calderside
Wednesday 21/5	P1 Induction Day 3 @9.30pm
Thursday 22/5	Whole School Trip
Friday 23/5	HOLIDAY
MONDAY 26/5	HOLIDAY
Friday 30/5	Dress Down Day
	Rainbow Raffle Donations
Wednesday 4/6	Girl's Football 10am
Thursday 5/6	P7 Leavers' Trip
Thursday 5/6	New class visits 1.45-2.45pm
Monday 6/6- Friday 13/6	Health Week
Tuesday 10/6	Sports Day 10am P1-4 1.30pm P4-7
Wednesday 11/6	Track and Field Finals
Thursday 12/6	New class visits 9.30-10.30am
Thursday 19/6	Sports Awards
Tuesday 24/6	P7 Leaver's Celebration @10am
Tuesday 24/6	P7 Leaver's Disco
Wednesday 25/6	School closes at 1pm