



HIGH BLANTYRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



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Dear parents/carers,

March is finally here, the lighter mornings and nights means Spring is on its way! We have had a very busy month and there is lots to look forward to before our Easter Break. It was great to see almost all of our families at their Parents' Night appointments this year! Thank you for all of your positive feedback and suggestions for improvement, which we will consider as we continue to look at how we can improve our school. Our Primary 7 children all had an amazing time on their residential at Lockerbie Manor Pod Village last week, despite the weather! We are so proud of their energy and enthusiasm towards trying exciting new experiences and hope they made lots of great memories. A big thank you to Ms McKinlay, Miss Maclean and Mrs Gallagher for taking such good care of our children for the week. It is very much appreciated! The daily photographs and videos on our school Facebook page were great and helped us all keep up to date with their daily fun and experiences. Apologies to all the parents/carers for the muddy clothes and endless washings they must have had over the weekend. It was great to see full attendance on Monday morning, all refreshed and ready to learn! We have already booked Lockerbie for March next year and plan to meet with our P6 parents to discuss this very soon. It is Sustainability Week this week and all of our classes are engaging in an Inquiry Based Learning Project based on this theme, which will take them up to the end of term. As always, if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education then please do not hesitate to get in touch. *Kirsteen Helsby*

Pupil Safety at Drop off and Pick Up



NO PARKING

Please can we kindly remind our parents that the staff carpark should **not** be used by parents at drop off and pick up times **or for breakfast club**. Only our ASN Transport has access at these busy times. **Blue badge holders only** may use the disabled spaces after our ASN transport has left the staff carpark. This is part of our Traffic Management Plan agreed with Health and Safety. Can we also kindly ask that parents/carers do not park on the zig zag lines outside of the school gates. We continue to receive lots of complaints from parents and the local community with regards to this, hence the new banners on display at the gates. Our Community Police are planning on visiting at these busy times. Thank you for your support to keep everyone safe as they travel to and from school.

World Book Day



World Book Day is Thursday the 5th of March, however, we will be celebrating this special day on Friday the 6th of March, to coincide with our Dress Down Day (as requested by the children). World Book Day activities have been planned by our Reading Schools Pupil Voice Group this year - an information flyer was sent out through Parentsportal earlier this week. Children are encouraged to bring in their favourite book, soft toy and an extra snack, for a 'Reading Picnic' with another class. There will also be lots of author/book themed activities, including: A drop everything and read bell throughout the day, making book characters out of paper cups and book writing.



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New Staff



In addition to our new nursery Team Leader Margaret Dickson, who started with us in January, we are delighted to welcome two new Early Years workers to High Blantyre Nursery Class. Alice Swan is now working in our nursery on a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Rachel Mulholland will be starting work in our nursery full time on Monday the 9th of March. We also have welcomed two new support staff to our school support team, Ruchika Rawat and Prerna Arya are now working across our supported classes and mainstream school.

School Uniform



Please can we kindly ask all parents/carers to continue to ensure that their children wear school uniform to school every day. Branded and coloured tracksuit bottoms/leggings, jumpers **should not be worn to school.** P4-7 children should bring PE kit to school to change into. Unfortunately, we still have a small number of our pupils not wearing school uniform/school colours. We encourage our children to take pride in their school and it is important that all children wear school uniform and colours to ensure equity and a sense of community and belonging. This is also preparation for High School and the World of Work. We are always looking for more ways to reduce the cost of the school day as much as possible and we have lots of new/nearly new school uniform items in school, which children can access anytime. Most of our nursery children are wearing uniform now too!

Dates for your diary



Monday 2/3	Sustainability Week
Thursday 5/3	World Book Day
Friday 6/3	Dress Down Day
	Bring a Mother's Day Hamper Donation
Friday 6/3	School World Book Day
	P6 Transition visit
Thursday 12/3	Calderside History Dep
	Girls' Football @
	Hamilton Palace
Friday 13/3	P6 Transition visit from
	Calderside History Dep
Monday 16/3	Neurodiversity Week
Thursday 19/3	P1 and P7 Dental Checks
Thursday 19/3	Parent Council @ 6pm
Thursday 19/3	P6 parents/carers
	Lockerbie Meeting @ 7pm
Friday 20/3	Comic Relief 'Crazy Hair'
Monday 23/3	World Downs Syndrome Day
(actual date 21/3)	Pupils can wear odd socks
Thursday 26/3	P6 Euro Quiz
Thursday 26/3	Spring Fling
	P1-4 -6-7pm
	P5-7.15-8.30pm
Friday 27/3	Pupil Voice Groups
Friday 27/3	Sponsored Mile a Day
Wednesday 1/4	Autism Acceptance Month
Wednesday 1/4	School UNCRC Day
Wednesday 1/4	Football/Netball Festival
Thursday 2/4	School closes @ 2.30pm
Friday 3/4	Good Friday
Monday 20/4	School returns
Monday 27/4	Snapshot Jotters home
Wednesday 29/4	Parent Council @ 6pm
Friday 1/5	Pupil Voice Showcase
Monday 4/5	HOLIDAY