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Head Teacher's Report Tuesday 26th of May

There has been lots going on at HBPS over the last month!

Miss Watt's Dance Group were outstanding at the Hamilton Schools Dance Festival at the beginning of May- and it was great to see so many of our parents and siblings there supporting them. We had some new members performing this year and they all danced beautifully together to Dog Days are Over by Florence and the Machine, we are so proud of them all! Lush Life by Zara Larsson was the audience participation Tik Tok routine and some of our teacher helpers (Mrs Cairns, Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Helsby) enjoyed learning this too! A special thankyou to our last standing P7 dancer Abbi Grant, who has been with the team since Primary 4. She is a great dancer and team player, who will be very much missed by Miss Watt and the remaining dancers.

Our P6/7 Athletics team participated in the Hamilton schools Track and Field event a few weeks ago. Saleh in P6 was awarded second place in the javelin and will be attending the SLC finals at Carluke on Wednesday the 17th of June. George in P7 will also attend the finals for the 100m sprint. Room 13 participated in a Track and Field event at the John Wrights Sports Centre this month and we are very proud of them all too!

We have lots of very talented children at High Blantyre Primary and love providing opportunities for our children to represent their school at these events.

All our dancers and athletes will be celebrated at our annual Sports Awards Ceremony on Thursday the 18th of June. All Room 13 and Primary 6 and 7 parents/carers are invited to attend this event.



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Our new Primary 1 children have had all their transition visits and we are very much looking forward to getting to know them. We have 30 mainstream children starting in August and 4 new Primary 1 children in our supported classes. Next session it looks like we will remain at 8 mainstream classes and 5 supported classes, we will communicate class configurations and teachers for next session as soon they are confirmed.

The children will all have the opportunity to meet their new teacher on Friday the 5th June and Tuesday the 10th of June at 9.30-10.30am.

Transition homework was sent home this week for parents to complete with their child and return to the school to share with their new teacher, prior to these transition visits.

The school was very quiet last week as Our Primary 7 children all enjoyed their High School visits to Calderside. The children looked so smart in their uniform and blazers and once again I got very positive feedback from Mr Wilkie (Acting SHT S1) regarding their presentation and conduct. A huge thank you to our Parent Council for supporting and funding the provision of our senior uniform- it does make a difference! Our P7s are busy preparing for their Leaver's Celebration and have lots to look forward to in their final few weeks of primary school including; the Parent Council funded trip to Sea Life Centre (and hopefully a picnic lunch on the banks of Loch Lomond) and their underwater/beach themed Leaver's Party.

The end of Term P7 Leaver's Celebration will be held at Blantyre Old Parish Church on Tuesday the 23rd of June at 10am and all parents/carers are invited to attend.

We are now approaching the end of term with so much to look forward to over the next few weeks.



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We will be having a Health and Wellbeing Focused month throughout June, where classes will all be learning in their classes about healthy eating/living, healthy minds, healthy and positive relationships and keeping themselves safe. The whole school will have a breakfast tasting experience of cereal, toast and fruit, provided by the Happy Shopper in partnership with The Healthy Living Project on Tuesday the 2nd of June and our Health Activity week starts on Monday the 8th of June. We have lots of activities planned for this busy week, coordinated by Mrs Taylor including; a petting zoo, dance activities, massage, sports taster sessions, cooking with chef Robert, healthy snack making, House Bench Ball Tournament, Sports Day and many more health-related activities and experiences. We will end the week with a 'Scotland' themed dress down day as we celebrate Scotland's success in reaching the finals of the World Cup prior to their opening game on Monday the 15th of June. School is closed this day.

We are about to start consulting with our parents/carers, staff and children on our school improvement plan and how we spend our Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) /Participatory Budget allocation (5%). Our PEF allocation is £75,950. The majority of this is spent on funding a teacher to provide targeted support to identified children and the rest is allocated to school improvement and addressing the poverty related attainment gap. 5% of our PEF allocation forms the Participatory budget, our children, parents and staff decide on how this is spent. School trips have been chosen for the last few years and this year we contributed more money towards this budget line, to ensure that there was no cost to families at all for any school trips (aside from the P7 residential trip and pantomime).

This is the final year of PEF after 10 years of funding from the Scottish government!

It has been another very successful year at High Blantyre Primary with lots to celebrate! Thank you to our Parent Council for your ongoing support and all that you do for High Blantyre Primary. We could not do it without you!

Raffles, Rainbow Raffles, Dress Down Days, Free Discos (Halloween and Spring Fling!), Xmas Fayre, Xmas party food, drinks and prizes, Christmas lunch helpers, monthly bonus ball money towards school equipment, Easter Eggs,



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providing the nursery with soil and filling in holes in the garden, Mr Rothead-our general go to handyman, substantially supporting funding of our new playground markings, paying for the petting zoo for health week and securing a £500 grant for healthy food to make healthy snacks, Leavers' Hoodies... the list goes on and on.

You are truly amazing and our children and school benefit so much from what you do!!

Our school continues to grow and improve and is as always a great place to work and a supportive and happy place to learn. I am very proud and lucky to have the opportunity to work alongside this great Parent Council Team and the parents/carers, children and staff of High Blantyre Primary School and Nursery.

This is our last Parent Council Meeting of 2025/2026, quite a remarkable year for the school as we celebrated our 150th year anniversary and received a motion in parliament!

I would like to personally thank Julie McCallum and Lisa Grant for all of their hard work, ideas and support as parents and members of the Parent Council for many years, as Evan now follows his big brother Jack up to Calderside and Abbi joins big brother Max. Both ladies and their children, will be missed greatly by the Parent Council and our school. Good luck to both our school captains, Evan and Abbi and indeed all our Primary 7 pupils, as they move on to Calderside after a fantastic final year at High Blantyre Primary.

I hope everyone has a lovely summer with their friends and families and look forward to working with you all again when we start back in August.