



# Newfield Primary & Nursery

## Newsletter



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*Values: Leadership, Equity, Achieving, Resilience, Nurture*

*Aims: We aim to develop a safe, caring and supportive learning environment where all achievement is celebrated.*

*We aim to equip all our learners with skills that will help them to reach their full potential.*

*We aim to work together and encourage each other as one school community.*

All our key dates are saved on our Calendar in ParentsPortal. If you have not already done so, sign up to keep up to date with our latest events. If you have any issues, please contact Mrs Hughes in the school office.

### *End of Term 1 already!*

As we quickly approach the end of term 1 I would like to congratulate all the pupils on their hard work and effort at the start of the new school session. The classes have been very busy with new learning, topics and activities and have been impressing me with their hard work. I would also like to thank parents for supporting their children with their weekly homework. Here at Newfield we pride ourselves on our 'Open Door' policy and I would encourage parents/carers to contact the school if they have any suggestions or ideas they would like to share to improve the running of the school. I would also encourage parents/carers who would like to come in to help to get in touch – we would be delighted to work with you!

Contact us: Telephone: 01698 792084 Email: [gw14newfieldpsoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14newfieldpsoffice@glow.sch.uk)

### Our Core Values – 1. Leadership

Last year we looked again at our Visions, Values and Aims and, in consultation with pupils, parents and staff, we updated them. They are proudly displayed all round our school and discussed regularly in classes and at whole school assemblies.

Our first value is **Leadership**.

There are many opportunities for our pupils to take on leadership roles within the school. Our Primary 7 pupils have the chance to be House Captains and Vice-Captains. They are all buddies for our Primary 1 pupils; encouraging them to settle in to the school routine and helping them with their learning at buddy events. The P7 pupils also trained as sports leaders and delivered sport sessions to the younger children. The P7 also lead our Masterclass groups on a Friday afternoon three times a term. Our Primary 6 pupils are reading buddies for the younger children and will be trained later in the year as sports leaders. All our children in P3-P7 take part in Leadership Committees which gives them the chance to lead change in many areas of our school – Sustainability, Reading Schools, Sports Committee, Play Ambassadors, Tech Team, Rights Respecting Schools and Pupil Voice. We also have ambassadors who lead change in various areas of the school. Our P6 JRSO pupils are responsible road safety and keeping our pupils up to date on issues around our school.

Throughout the school year our pupils lead clubs and activities. Children are encouraged to suggest activities they would like to see and, after discussion with a teacher, they plan and lead that group for other pupils. Within after school clubs pupils also take lead roles; warm up sessions at sports clubs pupil led. Within class the children have a say in their learning.

Teachers plan responsively after discussions with pupils. Activities are based around pupils' interests and children influence the direction of topics depending on their responses. Pupils target set and are responsible, with help from their teacher, for identifying their strengths and areas for development. Our P5 class are currently leading a large change project in our school grounds which will enhance our Outdoor Learning Opportunities. As you can see we have lots of opportunities for pupils to lead their learning and change within the school. Staff are also leaders of learning in various curricular areas. By providing everyone with a voice we can ensure a rich and varied curriculum that staff and pupils feel ownership of and that benefits everyone.

### **Parents Night Appointments**

Our Parents Night appointments for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October have been booking up fast. If you still haven't booked your appointment please contact the school office and we will arrange that with you.

## Participatory Budget Decisions

Over the last few weeks we have been gathering opinions from our pupils, parents and staff as to what we should be spending our Participatory Budget money on.

We had set aside almost £3,300 (5% of the PEF money) to support the learning and health and wellbeing of pupils directly affected by poverty.

Thank you to everyone who has shared their ideas and opinions. The three groups all had a different winning item so, to make it fair, we have decided to select all four options and share the money between them.

The winning selections were as follows:

**Parent Choice:** Play resources

**Pupil choice:** Improving our Library and painting games on our playground

**Staff choice:** Purchasing new I pads

We will now start ordering and organising the purchase of these items and share with you when they are in place.

Please help us by ensuring your child's belongings are **clearly labelled with their name**. We always try to reunite children with their lost property and this helps avoid confusion. Thank you.

### Learning Showcase Dates

Our Learning Showcases have started for this year already.

This is a great opportunity to share in your child's learning and find out more about what they have been doing at school. Here are the dates for the showcases coming up

**27<sup>th</sup> Oct – Room 9    7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Room 7    25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Room 8**

**20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Room 3    21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Room 5    15<sup>th</sup> May – Room 6**

**7<sup>th</sup> June – Room 4**

Room 8 will also be leading our End Of Term service and Prizegiving in June.

### Twitter Takeover (or X extravaganza!)

Each class have been allocated a week where they will be in charge of our Twitter (X) page.

**R7 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, R3 20<sup>th</sup> Nov,**

**R8 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, R4 15<sup>th</sup> Jan,**

**R9 29<sup>th</sup> Jan,**

**Room 1/2 19<sup>th</sup> Feb,**

**R6 4<sup>th</sup> Mar, R5 18<sup>th</sup> Mar**

### Dress Down Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Our next Dress Down Day is on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, the themes is odd socks. Payment for this is made via ParentPay.

We would remind parents/carers that supervision in the playground begins at **8.45am**. Please keep this in mind as winter and dark mornings are approaching.



### House Captains Vice Captains

We are delighted to announce the captains and vice captains for this school year are as follows:

**Cander – Aaron McCormick and Lucy Grant**

**Avon – Ellie Robertson and Stevie Gavin**

**Clyde – Leia Cameron and Anna Macrae**

**Nethan – Harrison Reid and Hannah Plenderleith**

A huge thank you to everyone who took part.

### Community Group Event

Our rescheduled community event is taking place on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 1.30pm** in our gym hall. We would love to see as many parents/carers at this event as possible to find out about the local groups in Stonehouse.

Thanks go to Mrs Jones for organising this.

### HWB Coffee Morning

All parents/carers are warmly invited to our Health and Wellbeing Coffee Morning on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9.00-10.30**. This is an informal event that allows parents/carers to connect and network, we also invite local groups to come and share their work and discuss supports in the village. Tea/coffee and cakes are provided! **ALL WELCOME!**

### Areas of Curricular Responsibility

Each member of staff leads an area of the curriculum as part of their own Personal Development.

Amanda Johnston – Scots Language, Social Subjects

Lauren Murray – Music, Drama, Art

Ruth Colquhoun – PEPAS, Writing

Lynsey Forsyth – Technologies

Summer Smith – Modern Languages

Stephen Rae – ICT, JRSO

Katie Paton – Finance, World Of Work

Alix Jones – ECO, Sustainability, Outdoor Learning

Denise McCafferty – STEM

Robbie Kennedy – HWB

Sarah Maclean – RME

Marion Montgomery – Literacy Lead, Reading Schools, ICT

Denise Corke – Numeracy lead

### Newfield Uniform Shop

A reminder that we have a huge amount of brand new and preloved uniforms available for anyone who needs uniform replaced.

**Please send us a message on our Facebook Page, email the school or call us on 792084.**

The uniforms will be available, free of charge, at Parents Night this week. Reusing uniforms is cost efficient and helps us become more sustainable thus helping the planet and reducing waste.

Get in touch!



### Library Visits

As part of our reading promotion project, all classes will again get the opportunity to visit the local Library at the Lifestyles Centre. When they are there they will get to take part in various fun activities relating to books and reading led by our Librarian, Nicole. If you have never been before, we would encourage you to take your child to the Library on an evening or weekend and take part in the many events that they run to promote reading and the love of books. It is a fabulous resource and the pupils really enjoy going to visit. Thank you to Mrs Montgomery and the Reading Schools Committee for organising these visits.

### Informing The School Of Absence

If your child is absent from school, please notify the school as early on the day as possible. Messages can be left on our answer machine (select option 1 when calling the school). Alternatively, you can send us an email [office@newfield-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@newfield-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

### Dress Down Day

Thanks to the payment of Dress Down Day we have been able to order two Chromebooks. This is us on our way to our target of eight across the school year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. All payments for Dress Down Day can be made through ParentPay.

## Wish List

With our many activities and project going on at Newfield we are often looking for donations of items. We have listed below a range of items we would really appreciate!

#### For wet weather boxes

Playing cards, Uno, Dobble, Old Maid, Happy Families, Dominoes, Colouring books, pens, pencils and crayons, dot-to-dots, crosswords, wordsearches.

#### For Room 9's outdoor project

Bird seed, peanuts, fatballs, bricks, garden ornaments, bits of wood, play items for our sand pit.

#### For craft activities

Scrap fabric pieces, pins/needles, thread, scissors.

#### For our new library

Novels in good condition, beanbags, comfy seats, rug, cushions, small sofa, fairy lights.

#### For Play experiences

Ribbons, feathers, egg cartons, shells, wool, string, pots, stones, spoons, sieves, tarpaulin, sponges, tin foil, dried pasta, brushes, plastic bottles, rope, chalk, buckets, silk, twigs, felt.

Please hand in any items to the school office.

A reminder that there is also a donation option on ParentPay if you wish to donate money rather than items. This payment item is solely to pay for the items listed above.

## Welcome to the Parent Council

### Parent Council News

The next Parent Council meeting will take place online on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6pm**. The Parent Council have organised a Hallowe'en disco on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** at 6.15-7.15/7.30-8.30. Tickets will be on sale after the October break.

#### **Save The Date!**

The Parent Council Christmas Fayre takes place on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm**. There may be a special visitor in a red suit! Alongside external stalls, classes will also be selling crafts items, there will a tombola and raffle. Teas/coffees/hot chocolate and cakes also available. Please see the flyer for donations which is on our Twitter page.

### Yellow Bin

A reminder that our yellow recycling bin is there and would encourage all of our parents to consider us when they are having a clear out at home. The bin is for clothes, shoes, sheets and handbags. (No duvets please) We are paid per kilo for everything that is collected which goes towards school activities. It is a simple way to raise money!

### Term 2 After School Clubs

Information about the clubs running next term will be emailed out to all parents and permission slips distributed. We are hoping to do all permission slips and information via ParentsPortal which will reduce paper use and be more streamlined. All clubs and the dates they are running will then be listed on the ParentsPortal calendar.

### ParentPay

A polite reminders to all parents, please make sure your ParentPay account is up to date and any payment items paid for. Please also ensure that milk/dinner money is regularly updated so that accounts do not go into debt. If you need to discuss anything with us, in confidence, please get in touch.

### Room 6 trip to Vikingar!

Room 6 had a great time at Vikingar last week on their school trip. The behaviour and manners of the pupils was commented on by staff of the centre, so well done to you!



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Room 6 enjoyed their class trip to Vikingar! this week, showing off their knowledge of the Vikings



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## Newfield's Stars Of The Week

Our August/September Stars of the Week are as follows:

**Room 1:** Elsie Purdie, Ethan Ashbridge, Robyn Kennedy, Jocelyn Baillie, Mason Boyle, Aariah Morgan, Jake McConnell, Charlie McFarlane, Amie Kirkwood, Charlotte Maley, Harris Edgar.

**Room 2:** Ellie Malone, Robbie Dickson, Penny Dyer, Molli McMillan, Ella Sriebaliute-McLachlan, Hamish McIntyre, Ava Kane, Laughlan McLuckie, Jorgie Reid, Vincent Hughes, Mirren McReady, Haven McGarry.

**Room 3:** Jamie Currie, Peyton McGarry, Oliver Harrigan, Lily Stewart, Archie Gillan, Ella McFarlane, Maci Morrison, Emily Barrie, Sophie Malone, Brianna McKillop, Tait Smith, Oliver Davidson.

**Room 4:** Matthew Kretowicz, Hollie Trench, Max Smith-Closs, Auriella Speirs, Alasdair Norden, Orlagh McKenna, Harris Dickie, Lyla Jamieson, Sophie Whiteford, David Heeley, Evie Smith, Cailin Stewart.

**Room 5:** Rory McCarron, Sol Jamieson, Aryia Gillan, Emily Bayne, Casey Marshall, Lewis Guthrie, Amaiyah Harkness, Finlay Cameron, Orla Bowers, Jude Reid, Noah Tindall, Lottie Ramage.

**Room 6:** Aaron Kennedy, Olivia Loggie, Finlay Dalziel, Anna Ross, Alix Baillie, James Gilmour, Renae McMillan, Millie McIntyre, Emily Collins, Charlotte Murray, Ava Dickson, Ryan Malone.

**Room 9:** Isla McNally, Nathan Lapper, Joshua Markey, Jessica Robertson, Micky Forbes, Harley McLean, Murray Singh, Etta McIntyre, Lacie Adair, Luke Barrie, Ruby McCleary.

**Room 7:** Jay McFie-Sneddon, Connor Neary, Hope Leonard, Stephanie McLean, Argyll McFarlane, Keane Little Bentley, Devon Wood, Isla MacDonald, Rhys Malone, Freyja McLellan, Matthew Ramsay, Stuart Rowan.

**Room 8:** Paige McFie-Sneddon, Declan Watt, Harrison Reid, Ryan Weir, Calvin Gilmour, Liam Gardner, Blair Smith, Leia Cameron, Naomi Paterson, Lewis Forrest, Kayla McCluskie, Abbie Findlay.

Please follow our Twitter page to see Stars of the Week, Kindness Champions, Star Writers and all other achievements.

### Road Safety Information

After discussions with the Parent Council at our last meeting I wanted to highlight a couple of issues to the wider parent body:

#### Pick up/Drop off Parking

We would kindly remind parents to be considerate to our neighbours round the school when dropping off their children in cars. Please avoid blocking driveways, parking on pavements and ensure that speeds are kept low for the safety of our pupils. Please do not park on or near the grass at the pitch. We operate an unofficial one-way system: up Udston Mill Road, along Muirhead (school on left side) and down Glenburn Avenue. Only Disabled badge holders may use the first space on our drop off area.

#### Bikes and Scooters

We want to encourage all of our pupils to walk, scooter or cycle to school but this must be done safely. Pupils with bike and scooter should always wear a helmet. Care must be taken when leaving school and could you please speak to your children about weaving in and out of cars and going on and off the pavement. We do not want anyone (pedestrian, pupil or parent) to be injured.

#### Walk On Wednesday

The Primary 5 pupils will be taking part in the SLC WOW scheme this year as we have done previously. Rewards will be given to pupils in Room 9 who walk/wheel/scoot/cycle to school and back on a Wednesday. More information will be shared by Mrs Jones.

### Nut Free School

Due to confirmed nut allergies amongst our school community, we would ask that no nut-based products or items containing nuts be brought to the school.

This includes playtime snacks and lunchboxes. We thank you in advance for supporting us in this.



### Methods of Communication

It is important that we have effective communication with our parents/carers and there are many ways you keep up-to-date with events and let us know if you have any concerns.

**Ready Steady Learn Books:** Please write notes and comments in here for the teacher and we encourage discussion at home about your child's learning. More sensitive matters should not be noted in here – please contact the school for this.

**ParentPay Email:** This is our main method of communication, ensure your details are up to date and you have signed up.

**Twitter:** @NewfieldPS (please send your username to the school so we can add you to this private group)

**Website:** [www.newfield-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.newfield-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

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Thank you for your support,

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