



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.

Dates for your diary

8th Feb
Parent Council Disco and Movie Night
12th Feb
HOLIDAY
13th Feb
HOLIDAY
14th Feb
INSET (pupils do not attend)

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

New term, new year!

We hope all our families had a good Christmas break and had some opportunity to spend time with friends and family. Already it is proving to be a busy term and I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the things we did before Christmas as well as exciting events coming up in the rest of the school session. A special thank you to the staff who coped brilliantly whilst I was off for the last few weeks.

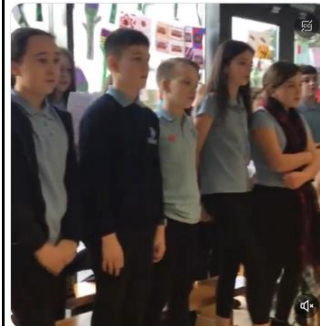
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Scots Language

This term the pupils have been learning about the Scots Language and studying some poems and stories written in Scots. Alongside this we also celebrated Scottish culture and took part in some traditional celebrations related to Burns Day on 25th January.

Our Primary 7 class led our Burns Supper. Well done to the pupils who recited some poems and songs at the event. Thank you to all our P7 parents for coming along.

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Room 8 gave the 'Address to a Haggis'. Afterwards, we enjoyed some haggis, neeps and tatties! 🥰



STEM Week

We are still looking for people to come and speak to the pupils about their STEM related job during our STEM week. Please get in touch if you are interested.

Parents Night Appointments

Thurs 29th Feb 2024

Our parents' night appointments are filling up fast. If you have not already booked your time to speak to your child's teacher please do so before Friday 16th February.

If you cannot attend please let us know beforehand. The teaching staff are unable to rearrange appointment times if parents do not attend on the night.

Learning Showcases

A reminder of the dates of the remaining learning showcases this year.

20th March – Room 3 21st March – Room 5
15th May – Room 6 7th June – Room 4

More details will come out shortly for each event.

Days with Adverse Weather

When the weather is challenging we may have a delayed opening of 10am. Please ensure you have access to our Twitter for opening information and keep checking when we have wintery weather. Please avoid calling the school in the morning to find out if the school is open – this information will be shared via our Twitter page and SLC website.

Inspection Report

We are expecting our HMIE Inspection Report any day now and we are excited to share the findings with you. The pupils were wonderful throughout the week of the visits and really showed the visitors what a great place Newfield Primary and Nursery is. A particular thanks to everyone who took part in the discussion groups and contributed by completing the questionnaire. And special thanks to the staff for the extra hours they worked in preparation for the visit.

Our Core Values – 3. Achieving

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 third value is **Achieving**.

Academic achievement is regularly celebrated at our assemblies as well as in class with the pupils. Certificates, points, stickers are all given in recognition of achievement in the curriculum. We ensure recognition is given to all pupils for their achievement at their working level, not just those who are furthest on in the level. The end of term prize giving is the formal event where academic achievement is recognised and celebrated.

We share all achievement with our wider school community of our Twitter page.

We ensure that achievement in areas not related to the curriculum are also celebrated. This is done in class and at assemblies, determination, effort and kindness are all recognised.

Out of school achievements are celebrated at whole school assemblies and pictures posted on our school Twitter page.

We always encourage the pupils to share their successes no matter where they take place.

Our Star of the Week wall at the office ensures the wider school community can see all successes of our pupils.

As well as the big celebrations that take place, teachers and support staff ensure that daily achievement is celebrated and highlighted. Every day our hard working pupils are making progress through the curriculum and gaining knowledge and skills. You may receive this information from your child personally or it may be written in their Ready Steady Learn.

We would also encourage parents to let us know if their children receives any awards or recognition outside school, you can do this by calling the office, emailing the office or writing it in your child's Ready Steady Learn.

Improvement Plan Update On Progress

Throughout the school year, alongside the day to day teaching, staff are working on our school improvements. Here is an update on how we are getting on with them:

1. Our Leadership groups are all busy working on their priorities. Masterclasses change every term, ensuring pupils get a wide variety of experiences. Our extracurricular clubs continue to be popular and take place at lunchtimes and after school. We held our community event which was very successful and we have forged some good relationships from that.
2. Three staff are currently undertaking the Talk 4 Writing Leadership training course as part of our improvement in Writing attainment across the school. We are completing work on our new school library and hope to have this finished soon. This also links with our Reading School Gold Award application that we are working on.
3. Play in our P1 class is continually evolving and changing to meet the needs of the pupils. Outdoor resources have been further developed for the rest of the school and we are continuing with our metacognitive work – talking about our learning and how we learn.

Our support for learning timetable is still in place and constantly reviewed to ensure we are meeting the needs of our pupils with the resources we have.

Gym Kit

A reminder that pupils should bring **A CHANGE OF SHOES** on gym day for use in the hall. We have a lot of pupils wearing boots and shoes unsuitable for gym and we will have to ask pupils to sit at the side as it can be dangerous to take part in the wrong footwear. A reminder that earrings should be taken out or covered for gym to avoid any accidents. Jewellery should not be worn either – this should be kept in school bags or at home. Teachers cannot be responsible for storing this in classes.

Twitter Takeover

The classes will all have a dedicated week on our Twitter page to showcase their learning.

The dates are:

**Room 4 - 19th February, Room 5 - 18th March, Room 6 - 15th April,
Room 9 - 24th April, Room 8 - 13th May, Room 1&2 - 10th June.**

Could we kindly ask that parents check their ParentPay account to ensure that they are up to date with their payments.

Staffing Update

Due to Mrs Colquhoun's move to Blackwood Primary as Acting Principal Teacher I am delighted to welcome Mr Jamie Paterson to our staff this term. He has taken over Mrs Smith's timetable as she is now leading our Writing development this term.

Emergency Snack Box

This year we have been operating an emergency snack box for pupils who have forgotten to bring a snack for playtime. We are finding that this is running out very quickly so we would appreciate any donations for fruit for this. Can you please encourage your child to only use this facility should they not have any snack as some are accessing it alongside their own snacks.

Newfield's Stars Of The Week

Every week the class teachers nominate pupils in their class who have worked hard, shown improvement or have had a positive attitude in school. Certificates are awarded at our Friday assembly, a picture posted on our Twitter page and the certificate sent home.

Our December/January/February Stars of the Week are as follows:

Room 1: Robyn Kennedy, Quinn Chalmers, Jake McConnell, Jocelyn Baillie, Ethan Ashbridge, Adesire Ajakaye, Amie Kirkwood, Aariah Morgan, Elsie Purdie. **Room 2:** Jorgie Reid, Ella Sriebaliute-McLachlan, Evie Little, Haven McGarry, Laughlan McLuckie, Mirren McReady, Jessie Falconer, Hollie Wilkie, Bobby Hamilton, Cameron Park, Molli McMillan, Vincent Hughes. **Room 3:** Ella McFarlane, Elliott Gibb, Sophie Malone, Jamie Currie, Maci Morrison, Will Stevenson, Isla Coburn, Ethan Smart, Tait Smith, Oliver Davidson, Archie Thomson, Peyton Dixon. **Room 4:** Harris Dickie, Hollie Trench, Alasdair Norden, Auriella Speirs, Orlagh McKenna, Matthew Kretowicz, Sophie Whiteford, Joseph McGrory, Lyden Biggar, Jack Ainslie, Scarlett Rose Dobbie. **Room 5:** Orla Bowers, Emily Bayne, James Strachan, Emily Bayne, Elliott Mundt, Sol Jamieson, Finlay Cameron, Lacie-Leigh McLuckie, Amayah Harkness. **Room 6:** Alivia McMillan, Charlotte Murray, Aria Smith, Alexis Sankus, Eevie Cunningham, Aaron Kennedy, Jayden Booker, Kacey Allan, Olivia Loggie, Devon Reid, Renae McMillan, Lochlin Anderson. **Room 9:** Reice Snodgrass, Jayson McGill, Sophie McLuckie, Abbie McMillan, David Cook, Lyle Burns, Lacie Adair, Ademide Ajakaye, Isla Teape, Jessica Robertson, Taliyah Anderson, Luke Barrie. **Room 7:** Arya Forshaw, Callum Ferguson, Kyle Barr, Oliver Norden, Argyll McFarlane, Matthew Ramsay, Stephanie McLean, Emilie Kirkwood, Freyja McLellan, Hope Leonard, Jay McFie-Sneddon, Connor Neary. **Room 8:** Amelia Burns, Arran McCormick, Jamie Weir, Liam Gardner, Codey Tennant, Lucie Rennie, Marshall McMillan, Leia Cameron, Lucy Grant, Hannah Plenderleith.

Well done everyone!

Welcome to the
Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be on **Wednesday 6th March at 6pm**. The Parent Council are always looking for new members. You can help in a variety of ways. Either come along to the monthly meetings, help at special events or help with fundraising ideas - get involved in any way you can!

Parent Council Disco and Movie Night

On Thursday of this week the Parent Council have organised a disco for the P1-3 pupils from 615-715pm. The older pupils can come along from 630-830pm for a movie night in our gym hall. Tickets for these events are £3. Juice and snacks will be provided and we would ask that no other food is brought on the night due to pupil allergies.

School Trips

Mrs Hughes is very busy making the final arrangements for the rest of the class trips and information will be coming out shortly for each class.

The provisional dates are as follows:

Rooms 1& 2 – Clyde Valley Farm Park – Monday 25th March, Room 3 – Five Sister Zoo – Thursday 16th May, Room 4 - Culzean Castle – Wednesday 22nd May, Room 5 – Culzean Castle – Wednesday 27th March, Room 7 – Riverside Museum – date to be confirmed, Room 9 – Dumfries House – date to be confirmed.

All trips are £10 per pupil, with the Parent Council subsidising any additional costs. Payment made via ParentPay.

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.

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

ParentsPortal Calendar

School telephone number: 01698 792084

Email: gw14newfieldpsoffice@glow.sch.uk

We are always looking for new and innovative ways of making communication with parents/carers easier. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

Thank you for your support,

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