

# Townhill PS News

## March 2024



School Motto: **T**ogether we **P**romote **S**uccess for all as EVERY child matters and every moment counts.

Who can believe we are at Spring break!

We hope that all of our families enjoy their two weeks of holiday and use this time to recharge their batteries ready for the final very busy term of session 2023-2024.

The school will reopen to pupils on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April and Breakfast club will be on as normal.

Our final term is always very exciting one as we work towards transition at both ends of the school for our new P1 pupils and our P7 pupils moving on to high school, but also start to think ahead to our new academic session for all of our other pupils. Our current configuration remains at 12 classes for next session, however, as always this is subject to change with enrolment numbers, placing requests etc. still to be finalised. As always we endeavour to let everyone know classes and staffing in June.

Please read over the diary dates included at the end of the Newsletter. Have a very Happy Easter/Spring break.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mrs Ally McGovern  
Head Teacher



### Our school vision:

**T**ogether at Townhill we **n**urture, **e**ncourage and **i**nspire the development of **s**kills for **l**ifelong learning and **s**uccess. We embrace **e**quality and **d**iversity to promote a **h**appy and **h**ealthy life.

### Our school blog:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sl/townhillps/>

Please follow us on X  
(Twitter):



@townhillps

We now have 969 followers!

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school or by emailing one of the addresses below:

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Mrs McGovern's email

Mrs Love's email

Miss Neilly's email

Mrs Kennedy's email



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## ANOTHER Attachment award for Townhill!



Our second submission for **Pledge 2 'See the Whole person'** has been successful and we have been awarded another jigsaw piece!! This pledge focuses on the importance of relationships in shaping who we are. It also focuses on seeing beyond how someone is presenting and to look for hidden meaning in behaviours being displayed. It has been recognised as a real strength at Townhill as all staff adopt Nurturing approaches.

We received a lovely email from Psychological services late on Tuesday evening informing us of our success, and now await our next piece of the jigsaw to proudly display.

We want to thank everyone for their input in supporting our work at school level, particularly to the parents who were able to give us some quotes/anecdotes about how our approaches have supported their family/children.

We will now prepare our evidence for submission on Pledge 3 'Hear their Voice'. This pledge focuses on recognising triggers of how early experiences can be impacting on a pupil's learning, behaviour, and relationships alongside managing the behaviour in front of us.

Here is the first piece of our jigsaw we received in the post!! We are so excited to create a display showing this off!! Watch this space!



## The Townhill Parent and Teacher Team- The TPT- TEAM=Together Everyone Achieves More!

Helen Agnew, Chair of the TPT Team can be contacted on: [Townhill.ptt.chair@gmail.com](mailto:Townhill.ptt.chair@gmail.com)



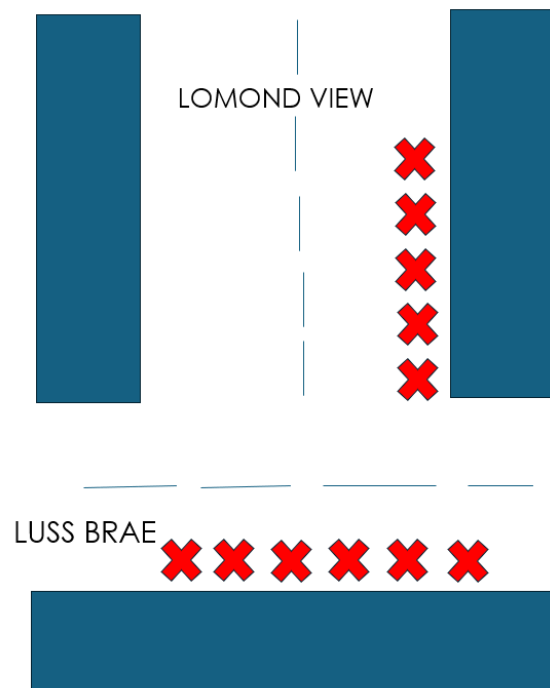
Our next meeting will be **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm** in school. If you are interested in joining us then please drop Helen an email.

We are delighted to report that our Numicon order is sitting ready for approval! This resources and the training we have managed to secure will support our continued progress in Numeracy!

**Thank you TPTT!**

### Parking

We are continuing to be frustrated with the amount of inconsiderate parking around the Luss Brae entrance and on Lomond View. We continue to report our concerns to Police Scotland regarding these issues. **Please do not park on the area highlighted below as they cause congestion and force oncoming traffic on to the wrong side of the road.**



**Please DO NOT park on the zig zag lines! This is selfish and unsafe for our pupils trying to get safely in and out of school.**

A reminder that the school carpark is for staff and visiting specialists only, please make alternative arrangements when dropping off and collecting your child. We have noticed that a few cars have been parking at the end of the carpark and also in the emergency vehicle corridor- **this is not permitted.** Please park outwith the grounds and in a sensible space, then walk to collect your child/ren.

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## MOBILE PHONES and Online Safety



Pupils are discouraged from bringing any mobile devices, including phones, to school however, if they require them for after school, **they must be switched off and in school bags at all times.**

Recent escalations in online activities coming in to school calls for a focus on the online profile your young person may or may not have. Please be vigilant across all apps (WhatsApp, TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram etc.) as we are aware of engagement in content that could be viewed as offensive/inappropriate online, including images, altered images and comments that could be viewed as derogatory. We continually discuss how all online activity must be morally and most importantly legally responsible, please reiterate this message at home.

With an increase in smart watches being worn we also ask that these are silenced or on school mode to ensure no interruptions to the school day and learning of the pupils and staff.

## Equity Updates

### Punctuality and Attendance

As you know at Townhill we monitor our attendance and punctuality weekly, monthly and termly.

As of 26.3.2024 our whole school attendance was **94.4%**. We are really hoping to get this up to 96% before the end of term so please continue to support good attendance!

Lateness at school goes through spells at Townhill. Since August there have been a total of **238 lates**, this has been for 72 pupils with 30 of these children being late on more than 3 occasions. Punctuality at school is key to a happier and more settled transition to the school day as children don't miss out on key routines and jobs that happen first thing.

### Preloved Uniforms and clothing

We have a range of preloved uniforms and casual clothes on our 'Rake and Take' rails. If you need anything, please help yourself.

### Money Matters

South Lanarkshire Council are keen to provide as much support as possible for all our families. Please see the information below on Money Matters should this be of support to you: "We offer free, confidential and impartial advice - we can help check your benefit entitlement, assist with the claims process, challenge decisions and represent you at Social Security appeal tribunals. For debt issues we look at your financial circumstances, contact creditors, discuss options and give budgeting advice. Contact number: 0303 123 1008. Our Telephone Advice Line offers a similar service specifically aimed at pregnant women and families with young children. Contact number: 01698 453154."

## Upcoming Diary Dates

Please note new/changed diary dates in yellow.

### Inset Days

5. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

### Holidays

Spring Break

May Holiday

Local Holiday

Summer

Close on Thur, 28<sup>th</sup> March – Reopen on Mon, 15<sup>th</sup> April '24

Mon, 6<sup>th</sup> May '24

Fri, 24<sup>th</sup> and Mon, 27<sup>th</sup> May '24

School closes at 1pm on Weds, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024



### Parents' Evenings

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### Diary Dates

Calderside 2-day visit

Whole school Sports

New P1 assembly

P7 Leaver Celebration Assembly

P7 Leaver Party

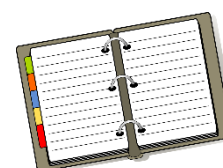
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm



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