

Townhill PS News

September 2024



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

A whole 7 weeks back at school!

Our children have settled back into school life and there is a 'learning' buzz around the school. Please continue to look out on X for pictures of the amazing learning opportunities going on throughout the week!

A massive thank you to parents for your support with our Townhill uniform policy, our children look fantastic, and it really helps create a sense of belonging when we are all dressed the same. A reminder we have lots of brand new and gently used uniform available for all at our 'Rake and Take' stall, please come and take what you need. Please remember that our changing rooms are now open therefore children **DO NOT** need to wear sports clothes on PE days.

Another massive plea as we look to secure some parent helpers for our school! Every little helps, and even a morning a week can make a massive difference to our classes and pupils! Please let us know if you are able to help and we can start the PVG process!
#positivepartnerships

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mrs Ally McGovern
Head Teacher



Our school vision:

Together at Townhill
we **nurture**,
encourage and **inspire**
the development of
skills for **lifelong**
learning and **success**.
We embrace **equality**
and **diversity** to
promote a **happy** and
healthy life.

Our school blog:

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

Please follow us on X:

 [@townhillps](https://twitter.com/townhillps)

We now have 1076 followers!

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

office@townhill-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Office email

headteacher@townhill-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Mrs McGovern's email

gw20townhilldht@glow.sch.uk

Mrs Love's email

gw07neillyjennifer@glow.sch.uk

Miss Neilly's email

gw10kennedysiobhan@glow.sch.uk

Mrs Kennedy's email



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Staffing updates

A few staffing updates as we end September. Firstly, a huge congratulations to Mrs Katie Gibson who leaves us to take up an acting DHT post at Bothwell Primary School for the year! I know Bothwell will look after her and she will have a great adventure. We have secured Miss Katie Elliott who will cover Mrs Gibson's remit Monday to Wednesday, covering Room 1, Room 2 and Room 3.

Miss Elliot is already in school and has commented on how welcome she has been made to feel! Mrs Broadhurst, school support assistant, has also secured a new role within the council and will be leaving at the October holiday! We await news of a replacement so in the meantime support will be shared across the classes as best we can.

The Janitor job at Townhill has also been advertised and we look forward to having a new janitor in place following the recruitment campaign. We will keep you updated.

Mrs Fagan has also given birth to a beautiful baby girl who she has name Mabel! Mabel is already the apple of her very lucky parents and adored by big brothers Mikey and Shay! Congratulations to the Fagan family!



Captains and Vice Captains

Our P7 pupils enjoyed their Captain and Vice-Captain campaign and even set up the hall to resemble a proper voting station! We were blown away by the speeches and videos, they have really done themselves proud!!

After a rigorous voting day our winners emerged!!

Baird House

Captain-Maisie Hamilton
Vice-Captain- Ayan Wali



Lauder House

Erin McCafferty
Brooke Duris



Livingstone House

Izhaan Quamar
Erica Robertson

Baird House

Captain- Aaron Black
Vice-Captain- Harry Walker



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Rake and Take donations

As we are nearing two special times of the year we are once again looking for donations of Halloween costumes and Christmas attire to add to our 'Rake and Take' rails. Any gently used costumes, Christmas jumpers, t-shirts and party wear should be handed in via the school office to allow us time to distribute items and advertise collection.



Sponsored Danceathon

Our recent sponsored danceathon has raised just over £1400!!!! This is fantastic and will help replenish our stock cupboard with jotters, pens, pencils, paint and paper!!! We are very grateful for your kind donations!

ALLERGY INFORMATION

There are members of our school community who have severe allergies to some food items, therefore the following are not allowed in school:

- peanuts or products which may contain peanuts
- tree nuts – such as walnuts, brazil nuts, almonds and hazelnuts etc.

*** Please note that this includes most chocolate spreads, Nutella products and Kinder Bueno. I would urge all parents/carers to bear this in mind when providing your child with snack and/or packed lunches. Thank you for your support with this. This applies to all pupils, staff and visitors.**

We no longer take in and distribute birthday cakes/treats/sweets.



WORKING TOGETHER...

Parental partnership is very important to us in Townhill and we work very hard to build positive relationships with all our parents/carers, in order that we can work together to support all our children to reach their potential and feel happy and safe in school.

We are here to help so, in the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher via the main school office with any queries or concerns. Please refrain from approaching staff at the end of the day as we aim to have a quick clearance of the playground to adhere to guidance around adults and social distancing. I would ask that in all instances you contact the school directly and avoid posting your concerns on social media, as in our experience, many worries can be easily resolved with a quick conversation.

Should you feel that more support is required you may wish to contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team. In order that we can resolve any issues as quickly as possible our Leadership Team have pastoral responsibility for different stages within the school.

Rooms 1-4	Mrs Siobhan Kennedy (PT)
Room 6-8	Mrs Lorna Love (DHT)
Rooms 9-11	Miss Jennifer Neilly (DHT)
Rooms 13-14	Mrs Allyson McGovern (HT)



However, if you would prefer to speak directly with me, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment or telephone conversation. Alternatively use any of the email addresses at the beginning of the newsletter to contact us.

Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.

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

Helen Agnew, Chair of the TPT Team has a new email and can be contacted on:



Townhill.ptt.chair@gmail.com



Our Townhill Parent and Team had another very successful year in 2023-2024 and are looking to mark this year with a Summer Fair to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the school! A great year to get involved and help out!

Our first meeting of the session will be **Thursday 10th October at 7pm** where we will also hold our Annual General Meeting. This meeting will be in person at the school. We would love to see as many faces as possible and there will also be tea and coffee!

If you are interested in coming along to the meeting then please drop Helen an email.

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Important

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Childhood infectious diseases, especially measles, chicken pox, shingles

One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment that puts them at risk from measles, chicken pox and shingles. If they come in to contact with anyone suffering from these conditions the pupil requires in-patient treatment/medication in order to be given some protection against them.

We would therefore ask that if your child develops measles, chicken pox or shingles that you inform the school immediately so that the appropriate action can be taken.

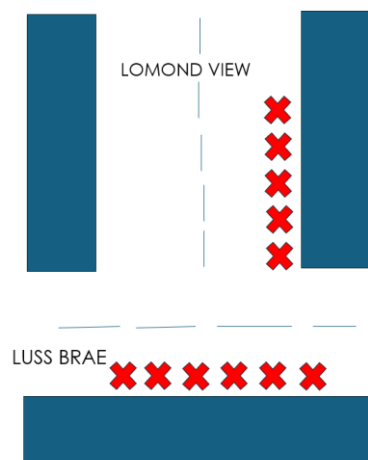
Your child is not at any risk from this situation; however, the health of our pupil does depend on your cooperation in this matter.



Parking



We are continually 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.

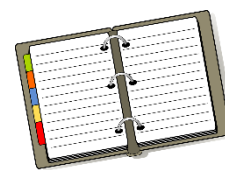
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Upcoming Diary Dates

Inset Days

- 3. Monday 11th November 2024
- 4. Wednesday 19th February 2025
- 5. Thursday 1st May 2025



Holidays

September Weekend	Fri, 27 th and Mon, 30 th September '24
October Week	Mon, 14 th – Fri, 18 th October '24
Christmas	Close on Fri, 20 th December – re-open on Mon, 6 th January '25
February Break	Mon, 17 th and Tue, 18 th February '25
Spring Break	Close on Fri, 4 th April – Reopen on Mon, 21 st April '25
May Holiday	Mon, 5 th May '25
Local Holiday	Fri, 23 rd and Mon, 26 th May '25
Summer	School closes at 1pm on Wed, 25 th June 2025

Parents' Evenings

- Thursday 14th November 2024
- Thursday 20th March 2025

Diary Dates

P7 Swimming	Thursday 22 nd August until Thursday 14 th November
Harvest assembly (pupils only)	Friday 4 th October- food donations welcome
School photographer	Thursday 24 th and Friday 25 th October
Halloween discos	Thursday 24 th October



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