



# Machanhill Primary Newsletter



**Be the Best You Can Be!**

**October 2023**

**Dear Parents/ Carers,**

Welcome to our latest newsletter for the session. It's been a busy few weeks, for pupils and staff. After school clubs have started and children in P7 have represented the school successfully in football and indoor athletics.

Four of our senior pupils paid a very special visit to a former staff member who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The children took a card made by all the children, some delicious cakes, flowers and a special 100<sup>th</sup> badge. They then had a tea party asking Mrs Scott about life as a teacher in the 'olden days'. Mrs Scott retired as a teacher from Machanhill Primary school but also taught in Glengowan Primary and Stonehouse Primary.



## Weather

Autumn weather often brings colder temperatures, windier weather and plenty more rain. Please make sure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather. Children including our nursery friends will be out in the playground daily and therefore require warm jackets, hats, gloves and suitable footwear. We encourage our nursery children to have wellington boots as they regularly use our garden area and it can become very muddy.

## Indoor Shoes

All children should have a change of shoes that can be kept in school. Preferably these should also be suitable to participate in P.E. Black plimsols or trainers offer the best support. Crocs are not suitable for P.E.

## October Holiday

**Parent Portal Annual Data Check** The school will Annual Data Check 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm and reopen on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 9am.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to Parent Portal. As is often the case with new systems and procedures, we have had a few glitches, but we are hopeful all should run smoothly now.

Please make sure you have acknowledged and checked your child's data check consent for photographs

The School Gate & Parking

The safety of our pupils is paramount therefore please only park in the school carpark if there are free spaces to do so. Parents should not park their vehicle in the roadway blocking cars parked in spaces. When parking vehicles near to the school, **please park your car with consideration for our neighbours**. Please keep driveways clear and be aware that a Road Traffic Order is in place outside the school and parking on the yellow lines can result in fines being issued.

Children should access the playground using the Miller Street gate or the Machanhill gate beside our nursery outdoor area. The main entrance should not be used to drop children off.

### Christmas Fayre

Our Parent Council are organising a Christmas Fayre on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the school assembly hall. They would be grateful for any donations of raffle prizes, tombola prizes or bottles for the bottle stall. Further information about the Fayre will follow. If you can help on the day to set up or help out on the evening of the fayre, please get in touch. Donations can be handed into the school office.

### Parent Helpers

Thank you to everyone who has returned a parent helper letter. Mrs. Hamilton will contact you to arrange PVG disclosure and a date to get involved. It's wonderful to be able to once again welcome you into school to work with the children and support events.

### Homework

All children should now be able to access Google Classroom. All homework tasks will be listed on your child's class page. Reading books should be returned to school on a daily basis as these are used in class.

### MEDICATION

If your child requires medication during the school or nursery day, please visit the school office or nursery key worker. For health and safety reasons, all medicines and tablets should be kept at the school office and a parent consent form **must** be completed before any medication can be administered. Staff are trained by health care professionals to help support the attendance of children with long term care needs. We encourage children are sent to school or nursery and if they become unwell, office staff will call home.

### Lost Property

Across the session we are left with very high volumes of jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, gloves, scarves and water bottles. **PLEASE CLEARLY LABEL ALL YOUR CHILDS' BELONGINGS** so that we can return lost items quickly and easily to their owner. Should you find your child has lost an item please pop into school and rummage through the vast amount of items we have collected already. Any items left at the end of each term will be donated to local charity shops. Children are encouraged to be responsible for their own belongings. We discourage the bringing of toys to school and nursery as these can get broken or lost easily.

### School Catchment Consultation

A representative from Education Scotland is visiting the school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 11.45am to hear the views of staff, children and parents regarding the proposed change to our school catchment and the impact this will have. If you would like to be part of the parent focus group, please contact Mrs Boyle. [gw14machanillht@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14machanillht@glow.sch.uk)

## Important Dates

- 9<sup>th</sup> October - Snap Shot Jotters sent home this week.
- 10<sup>th</sup> October - Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> October - Football Festival
- 12<sup>th</sup> October - Theme Day Lunch
- 13<sup>th</sup> October - School finishes for October Holiday
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October - School reopens 9am
- 24<sup>th</sup> October - P7 Showcase @ Larkhall Academy  
Halloween Disco P1-3 and P4-7
- 6<sup>th</sup> November - Flu immunisations
- 7<sup>th</sup> November - Parents' Evening P1-7 - appointments will be issued
- 9<sup>th</sup> November - Parents' Evening Nursery 3.15-5.15pm

## MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Tomorrow, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September is our MacMillan Coffee afternoon. Please pop along at 1.30pm for some cake and coffee and be entertained by our wonderful pupils. All donations received will be sent to MacMillan Cancer Support. If you are unable to visit but can donate some cakes or biscuits please hand them into the school office, alternatively cash donations can be made via the link below.

<https://donate.justgiving.com/donation-amount?uri=aHR0cHM6Ly9kb25hdGUtYXBpLmp1c3RnaXZpbmCuY29tL2FwaS9kb25hdGlbnMvYTk4ZjE4OGVjYWJiNDQxNDg1NDhkMzM1NjBjZDEyZWU/aXNDaGVja291dEFwaT1mYWxzZQ==>



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## **Comments, Feedback and Suggestions**

**Comments / Feedback:**

**Name:**

**Pupil Name:**

**Date:**