



Machanhill Primary Newsletter



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April 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term at Machanhill Primary School and Nursery Class. We hope you had a restful break over Easter and are ready for the exciting term ahead.

Staffing

Mrs Johnson said farewell when we broke up for the holiday and began her new job. Mrs McGrath has given birth to a beautiful baby girl, Lottie. Mr Duffy will be the class teacher in Room 7 until we finish in June for the summer break. Mrs Logan returns from maternity leave on Wednesday 1st May and will work with Room 6 and Room 8. Miss Reid joined the support staff team and is working with Room 7 and Room 3. We also appointed a new team leader, Mrs Douglas, who will join the team shortly following the completion of recruitment checks. Mrs Morrow will continue to be our Acting Team leader in the interim.

Young Leaders of Learning

On Friday 26th April, eight p5 and p6 ambassadors visited Calderwood Primary School in Rutherglen to meet with their Young Leaders of Learning and participate in a Diversity celebration. Mrs Innes, head teacher commented on the lovely manners our children had. Well done to all who visited!

New P1 Entrants - August 2024

For parents of incoming P1 pupils, we have organised two visits to the school for the children and a workshop for parents. Letters with all information are being sent to the families but if you know someone starting Machanhill Primary please share the details with them.

Wednesday 22nd May 1.15pm-2.15pm visit P1 classes with one adult. 5-6pm Information session in school hall for parents and tour of school.

Thursday 30th May 1.15pm-2.15pm Children only visit class. Tea and coffee available for adults.

Summer Fayre

Please mark your calendar for our annual Summer Fayre being held on Friday 31st May from 6-8pm. Join us for lots of fun-filled activities, delicious baking, tombola, pony rides, raffle and much more. The Parent Council are keen to have helpers to set up and / or run stalls. If you can spare an hour or so to help out please let us know. Any donations for the raffle and tombola can be handed into the school office.

Leavers' Assembly and Nursery Graduation

As the school year comes to a close, we will be celebrating the achievements of our departing P7 pupils with a special leavers' assembly. Parents, carers, and family members are invited to join us on Friday 21st June at 9.30am. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Our Nursery Graduation ceremony to celebrate our pre-schoolers moving to primary school will also take place on Friday 21st June at 2pm and we welcome parents, carers, and family members. Refreshments will be offered afterwards.

Lost Property

A huge number of items have been left in lost property. If your child has lost anything, please visit to retrieve it before Friday 21st June 2024. We will donate any leftover items to charity.

Allergies

On Friday 29th April we held an Allergy Awareness assembly with all our school pupils. The assembly shared the importance of not sharing snacks and what needs to be done if a friend has an allergic reaction. As part of this awareness raising, I'd like to remind everyone that that school is a **nut free zone**. This ensures the safety of all our children and staff. Snacks and packed lunches should not contain nuts or products containing nuts. This includes Nutella and Kinder Bueno snacks as examples.

Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform and encourage the children to wear uniform daily, including in inclement weather. All children should wear a pale blue shirt and tie or pale blue polo shirt with the school sweatshirt / cardigan or royal blue jumper. Skirts and trousers should be grey. Black or navy leggings and jogging trousers are not school uniform.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Mobile phones and smart watches are expensive items and risk getting broken or damaged at school. If your child needs to bring these items to school, they will not be allowed to use them and they should be powered off in their school bags.

Important Dates

Mon 29th Apr - R1 and R2 on a visit to Logan Air

Wed 1st May - Primary School Dance Festival at Hamilton Town House 6.15pm

Thur 2nd May - IN-Service day School closed to pupils.

Fri 3rd May - Nursery Coffee Morning

Mon 6th May - HOLIDAY

Tue 7th May - Nursery Graduation Photos

- Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm

Wed 8th May - Room 4 visit to Science Centre

- 5 to Thrive workshops for parents at 9am and 3pm

Wed 15th May - P7 Football Festival

Thur 16th May - P6&P7 Track and Field Athletics Competition

Fri 18th May - Nursery Trip Blair Drummond Safari Park

Wed 22nd May - New Intake Visit 1 @1.15pm

- New intake Parent Information Session 5pm

- P7 pupils visit Larkhall Academy

Thur 23rd May - P7 pupils visit Larkhall Academy (Children make their own way)

Fri 24th May - HOLIDAY

Mon 27th May - HOLIDAY

Tues 28th May - 6.30pm Summer Fayre Prep Parent Council

Thur 30th May - New Intake visit 2 @1.15pm

Fri 31st May - Summer Fayre 6pm-8pm

Fri 7th June - Sports Day P1-3 at 9.45am

P4-7 at 10.45am

Parent Workshop Vision Values and Relationships @ 1.45pm

Fri 21st June - P7 Leaver's Assembly 9.30-11.15am

- Nursery Graduation 2pm- 3.30pm

Wed 26th June - School finishes at 1pm