



Machanhill Primary Newsletter



Safe, Successful, Respectful

November 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

November has been such a busy month for us in school with lots happening. We are currently preparing for our Christmas celebrations and look forward to seeing you at one of our Christmas Café performances on either Wednesday 17th or Thursday 18th December. You will have noticed that the weather is much colder, and we would encourage that children come to school in a warm jacket and jumper to help keep them warm. We have some items of school uniform that are laundered and we can give to families if needed. Please contact Mrs Boyle regarding this.

The School Gates & Parking

Please be patient when dropping children off. The safety of our pupils is paramount.

When parking vehicles close to the school, on Machanhill, Islay Gardens or Miller Street and the other surrounding residential streets, please park your car safely. Avoid parking on the pavements, across corners and blocking driveways. Please 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.

When dropping children off at school or nursery please use a designated parking space and not the disabled or drop off spaces. Parents should not block the roadway in the car park. Disabled spaces should only be used by people with a blue badge, and this should be displayed when parking. Children should not be left to walk in the carpark unattended.

Rather than bringing a vehicle to school please encourage your child to walk, scoot or cycle to school.

Halloween Fun

Friday 31st October was a day full of fun and excitement. All our children participated in a variety of games and activities across the day. Spooky movies, colouring competitions, a fun outdoor scavenger hunt, skeleton construction and the day finished with children dancing to their favourite tunes at a disco paid for by our Parent Council.

Machanhill Primary Annual House Quiz

The 7th of November was the date of our annual house quiz. Our captains and vice-captains led their teams in several rounds of trivia. Bonus points were added from audience participation and although it was a close finish we were able to congratulate Clyde as the winning champions.

World of Work Week

A huge thank you to our visitors who gave up their time to visit and talk to the children about their career choices. Every class had at least one visitor and participated in challenges and events to promote creativity, manufacturing and learned about enterprise. These events included a Kapla Challenge, Dragon's Den and Enterprise is the Business.

Our visitors included Mr Kelly from Barclays bank, Mr Smith, a retired fireman, the fire service with appliance and our local police. We were also fortunate to have dance input for pupils from Valerie

Brown School of Dance, learned how to build a wall from Mr Murdoch a bricklayer, completed fitness circuits with Miss Smith a Personal Trainer and Miss Harnet a content creator demonstrated how to produce content used by charities to spread awareness of topics like poverty. Zeus and Heather, owners of Zeus restaurant in Glasgow visited and talked about owning your own business and shared their knowledge of Greek culture with the children. A special treat was also given in the form of Greek donuts. Mr Clark a local forklift driver also visited and spent time talking to the children about the importance of health and safety in the workplace when using machinery like forklifts. Our Educational Psychologist, Mrs Hillman and Chris McLaughlin from Active Schools also visited and Miss Boyle a trainee pharmacist spoke to the children about the role of a pharmacist and the importance of accurate prescribing. Thank you again to each of them.

Children In Need

Our pupils dressed down and wore spots or yellow for Children In Need. The pupil council asked for donations from everyone who had taken part and the total raised was £297.28 A huge thank you for all your donations.

Book Week Scotland

Primary 1 - 3 participated in Book Week Scotland and received their free Book Bug and Read, Write and Count bags. Mrs Carson organised reading events across the day on Thursday 20th November to share the importance of promoting reading with our children when they are young. Every child received a free bag with books for reading at home and during the event parents and children were able to learn together. Thank you to everyone who made it along.

Indoor Shoes

Children are required to change into suitable indoor shoes at school. Black plimsolls with non-marking soles or trainers are preferable. Please check regularly with your child that their 'gym shoes' still fit. Staff will send shoes that become very worn or unsafe home to be replaced.

Pupil Equity Fund

This year we identified supplementing school excursions, playground equipment and a small amount of money to support families in need as the items on our participatory budget. Christmas can be a very expensive time of year for many. If you are in a position where you feel you could benefit from some support with items like food, toiletries etc. Please contact Mrs Boyle either by email gw14machanhillht@glow.sch.uk or through the school office. (Tel. 01698 882101)

SCHOOL and NURSERY ABSENCE

If your child needs to be off please telephone the school before 9am

When your child is absent a note should be brought to school on their return. If no note is sent to school the absence will be recorded as unauthorised (even if a phone call has been made earlier). Holidays during term time are recorded as unauthorised parental holidays as part of the local authority attendance policy. Absences below 90% will result in the local authority attendance procedures being followed. Letters with attendance and lateness information will be sent to parents across the session, where concerns arise. **Missed days are missed learning!**

Important Dates:

Thurs 4th Dec - P6 Christmas Unwrapped at Baptist Church

Mon 8th Dec - P7 Party

Tues 9th Dec - P6 Party

Wed 10th Dec - School and Nursery Christmas Lunch
P5 Party

Thurs 11th Dec - P4 Party

Fri 12th Dec - P3 Party

Mon 15th Dec - School Pantomime "The Wizard of Oz"
- P2 Party

Tues 16th Dec - P1 Party

Wed 17th Dec - Christmas Café am and pm performance

Thurs 18th Dec - Christmas Café am and pm performance

Fri 19th Dec - Nursery Party
- School and nursery close at 2.30pm.

Children should wear their party clothes to school on the day of their party.



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Comments, Feedback and Suggestions

Comments / Feedback:

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Pupil Name:

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