



SANDWOOD NEWS



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our last term this session is again a busy one! Please check our diary dates, school app and website for what's on in the forthcoming weeks.

Our P7 pupils had a wonderful weekend at their residential trip on the weekend of 26-28 April. Thanks to Mrs McDade, Miss Young, Mrs Begg and Miss Gillan for giving up their weekend to accompany the children and allowing for a great experience for the children.



Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Storey who is getting married at the end of this month. Miss Storey will be known as Mrs Campbell following her wedding and on return to school after the bank holiday weekend.



Mrs Gavan will commence maternity leave on 31st May. Miss Anderson and Miss Gillan will teach P7a for the month of June. We look forward to hearing Mrs Gavan's baby news very soon.

Kind Regards
Fiona Donnelly
Head Teacher

Dream

Believe

Achieve Together



STAFFING UPDATE

As I am sure you will be aware from recent news coverage, there has been an announcement recently by Glasgow City Council that education is no longer protected from spending cuts. The council requires to make significant savings to its education spend and has announced a 3- year savings programme.

Here are the savings that require to be made over next 3 years:

- 2024 – 2025 - £6, 741, 00 – primary teacher numbers being reduced
- 2025 – 2026 - £9, 045, 000 – support worker allocation reconfigured
- 2026 – 2027 - £12, 022, 500 - management structures

In the first year, primary teachers are being reduced across the city, with the loss of approximately 170 primary teachers across Glasgow. This announcement came after the staffing exercise had already been carried out by Glasgow and reductions communicated. In total we will be 2 teachers less next session. This will impact significantly on how we as a school support pupil need and the wider activities we will be able to provide next session.

At the moment we have a wide range of pupil support provided by our management team in addition to our core staff. With these cuts many of the management team may end up class committed which would mean they are not able to continue with the pupil supports, family learning, arrangement of wider opportunities and experiences that we offer across the school.

We currently also provide additional targeted support with learning for children who need this at points throughout their school life. This will not be able to continue to the same extent next session due to these cuts.

As you can see with the further proposed cuts in the following 2 sessions this again will have a massive impact on our ability to support pupil need and to continue to raise attainment and achievement.

This is also affecting our current classification and will result in there being more composite classes across the school for next session. All classes are technically composite classes as children are taught as per their ability level in literacy and numeracy. A composite class is made up of more than one stage for example P2/3. If your child is allocated to a composite class their ability levels will be catered for irrespective of what stage they are in. There are many benefits of composite classes, one in particular is the small class size which cannot exceed 25 pupils.

The Parent Council have been updated on the situation and will be contacting local councillors to express concerns with regard to the situation and the detrimental outcomes for our pupils. All families can contact the local councillors to express concerns with regard to these cuts and how this will affect the additional provisions that our pupils receive.

We would welcome your support with this.

P1 INDUCTION DAYS

We look forward to welcoming our new P1 pupils for their visits to Sandwood Primary this term and will hold our first induction day for our P1 August intake on Wednesday 22nd May 1.30pm- 2.30pm. The children will visit their new classroom and meet with their new classmates, while parents attend a workshop with myself and Mrs Wallis. There will be 1 further induction day for the children and parents on Wednesday 29th 1.30pm – 2.30pm



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS



We are still continuing with our work on Rights Respecting Schools.

Children's Rights are visited through our work on Health & Wellbeing:-

This month's work on rights will be linked to our work during RSHP lessons.

If you want to find out more about the UNCRC –United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child visit. www.unicef.org

BANK HOLIDAY



The Bank holiday weekend is as follows:

Friday 24th May

Monday 27th May

HEALTH SPOT!



We will hold our Sports day on 14th June. More details to follow.

ECO SPOT!



As part of our work with Eco Schools Scotland, our Green Day of Action will take place on 7th June. More information will follow.

PIERCINGS



Although it is common practice for cosmetic piercers to advise that jewellery must remain in the body for a number of weeks due to the healing process Education Services guidance remains the same in that to participate fully in PE activities all piercings must be removed.

Education Services safety message:

"2.7 Personal effects (e.g. jewellery, body piercings, watches, hair slides and belts constitute a hazard and may cause injury to themselves or others if worn whilst participating in Physical Education and must be removed - this list is not exhaustive and staff should assess as appropriate".

In the case of parents suggesting they write a letter as a legal waiver, the authority cannot accept this as we have a 'duty of care' to pupils and as the responsible person would be liable if there was an accident or injury irrespective of a letter.

The summer break is a preferred time for piercings as it will allow sufficient time for any healing to take place.

Once pupils return to school in August the expectation will be that jewellery will be removed in order for pupils to participate in physical exercise programmes.

Although all classes have 2 allocated gym times per week these can change to accommodate visiting coaches and can lead to confusion. Pupils are encouraged to bring their PE kits on a Monday and take them home on a Friday.

Pupils with no gym kit or change of shoes will be unable to participate in these sessions.

Please ensure that your child has their kit with them.

SUN PROTECTION & HOT WEATHER



You may send your child to school with sun-screen. Please note, staff members are not permitted to apply this, however can supervise application by children to themselves. If you wish your child to use sun screen in school, please ensure a member of staff is alerted to this in writing.

Please send your child to school with a filled re-useable water bottle.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We are delighted to see most of our pupils wearing uniform. A pop-up uniform shop will be in the school hall on the morning of 11th June. Items can be taken away on this day or ordered and collected from the shop in Hillington or delivery can be arranged. Thank you to our Parent Council for their continued help with uniform ordering. Details will be issued separately regarding uniform ordering.

READY FOR ROSSHALL

Transition plans are already in place for our P7 pupils and the Ready for Rosshall Programme has taken place. For those P7 children going to Rosshall Academy next session, the induction day visits are 22nd and 23rd May.



At Sandwood Primary School, we have a dress code and strive to have every child in school uniform.

Our Supplier is:
<https://aspireacademyglasgow.com/school/sandwood-primary/>



Details below:

UNIFORM DETAILS

White/Black Polo Shirt (with/without school logo)

Purple/Black Sweatshirt/Cardigan/Fleece

Black jumper/cardigan (with/without school logo)

Black Trousers, shorts or skirt

White Shirt

School Tie*

Tartan Pinafore/Skirt

Purple/pink summer dress

For PE:

Black Jogging trousers

Gym T-Shirt





sandwood Stars



CONGRATULATIONS!

P1a:-

Jordan Mullen – can do a flip on the trampoline.

Poppy Murdock – can do a handstand.

P1b:-

Julia Robinson – earned a badge at Beavers.

Junior Nicol – moved up a group in swimming.

Derek Grosu – can ride his bike without stabilisers.

Cameron Tait – can ride his bike without stabilisers.

P2:-

Elsie Dorian – was 'Star of the Week' at gymnastics.

Thomas Murray – got a football trophy for scoring the best goal.

Cooper Linton – won a football trophy at a tournament.

Alistair Ball – received a bronze medal in his swimming gala.

P2/3:-

Leeann McGurk – moved up a level in dancing.

Lacey Stewart – moved up a level in gymnastics.

Cerys Murray – moved up a level in swimming.

Jack Cameron – moved up a level in Anchor Boys.

P3:-

Daryl Robertson – is now a yellow belt with a black strip in karate.

Mason Douglas – earned a green tag on his Tae Kwon Do belt.

Angus Ball – completed swimming lessons and is confident in all swimming strokes and is now getting ready to trial for clubs.

Cora Barclay – won a dancing trophy.

Darren Burns – is going to Scout Camp.

Eloise Morley-Muir – learned a new trick in gymnastics.

Owen Mullen – is moving up to adult level at Tennis.

Daryl Robertson – is now a yellow belt with a black strip in karate.

P4:-

Harper McLelland – has moved up to level 3 in swimming.

Ethan MacKay – received 'Star of the Week' at school.

Sophia Glatley – has moved up to level 3 in gymnastics.

Joyce Mona – received the Improvement Award at dancing.

Mason Moody – received the 'Brilliant Swimming' Award at lessons.

P4/5:-

Ayla Crompton – started guitar lessons.

P5:-

Jack McGurk – his football team Park Villa is undefeated this season.

Alexander White – won a match 8-0 with an ex-Rangers player watching.

Olivia Gordon – won player of the match by scoring a hat-trick and great defending.

Summer Brennan – has been picked to play for the under 13s at Kilmarnock.

P6/5:-

Amelia McAlinden – received a medal for her singing at a 'Black Tie' event.

P6b:-

Kai Sproul – going to Glen Lee for a scout camp.

Lilly Cameron – went to Dalguise for Guide camp and took part in lots of challenges.

Emma Wright – learned how to do a round off back walk over in dancing.

TJ Newlands – learned new moves at a boxing club.

Calvin Scott – has been football training with 'W Academy'.

Jacob Bald – won a trophy with his team for 'best teamwork'.

Aryia Watson – played 6 roles at Harry Potter festival at Pace Theatre Club.

P7a:-

Zoey Skelly – is an All-Star cheerleader with gold star studios and recently she made the following awards: BCA- she came 1st place as Scottish sensation champions in Glasgow in February 2024.

ICC nationals for British open In Nottingham: 4th with her squad.

P7b:-

The children who attended Dalguise House wanted to say that they had a fantastic weekend!