



# SANDWOOD NEWS



**February 2025**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our Parents' Meetings are taking place on **26<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Class Teachers look forward to speaking with you during your appointment. Attendance updates will be issued to all families in advance of parents' night. A message will be sent intimating when your child has these print outs in their bag.

The P7 pupils will soon be starting to organise fundraising events for their Leavers' Celebration. Currently they are discussing this in class. Look out on the app for activities that the P7 pupils are leading.

Parent Council Annual General Meetings will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> March. There will be 2 meetings at different time to accommodate working families and you are welcome to attend either. The first meeting is at 2-3pm and the second is 5-6pm. The AGM is open to all families. We require all office Bearer positions to be filled in order for our Parent Council to continue.

The office Bearer positions are as follows:

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

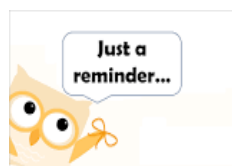
Secretary

Treasurer.

Please telephone the school if you are able to attend one of the meetings on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

## February mid-term break

- Monday, 17 February 2024
- Tuesday, 18 February 2024
- Wednesday, 19 February 2024 (In-service day)



- School finishes for the **Spring Break holiday** on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. We will re-open on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 9.00am.

Well done to all our participants in the recent Scottish Poetry competition.

Special congratulations to our Winners; Ayesha Shezhad P2, Leeann McGurk P4 and Zoey Rai Pettigrew P7a.

Kind Regards

**F Donnelly**

Head Teacher



## **ECO SPOT**

### **Recycling**

We are still recycling textiles, in return for money through 'Rag Bag Recycling'. We accept (in bags):

- All clothing
- Household textiles such as sheets, blankets, towels and curtains (no pillows or duvets)
- Handbags and belts
- Paired footwear.

This helps raise funds for our school.



## **HEALTH SPOT**



Pupils are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school. A reminder that pupils are not allowed to bring sweets and fizzy drinks. Please provide your child with a refillable water bottle daily.

## **HEAD LICE**

Head lice are a common problem; however, schools now do not use 'alert' letters. It is parents' responsibility to check their child's hair regularly. We have devised an information leaflet for parents which can be located from the school office.



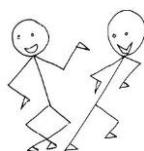
## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

Please ensure the information we have is correct and up-to-date and advise immediately of any change.



## **DANCE**

P2 and P2/1 are presently receiving dance lessons from one of the Council's Determined to Dance Coaches.



## **SCHOOL APP**



The school app is our main line of communication to parents. It is a great way of ensuring good communication with families and all information/communication is uploaded onto it regularly. It is very easy to install and to navigate.

If you require any assistance with this, please contact the school. Remember to follow us on Twitter/X.



## **ATTENDANCE & LATECOMING**



The expectation of Glasgow City Council is that pupils' attendance should not fall below 95%. Letters from the school will be issued when a child's attendance falls below a certain level highlighting their child's percentage of attendance at school. On occasion it may be necessary for a Home School Support Worker to visit a family home to offer support to families with regard to attendance.

Please ensure you telephone the absence line (0141 287 0039) if your child is going to be absent. Also, we would be much obliged if you could contact the school if/when you receive a text message regarding absence. Thank you!



## GOOD TIMEKEEPING MATTERS

Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school? \*



\*over one full academic year



**EVERY DAY COUNTS**  
but every minute is important

**LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING**

Regular latecoming has a significant impact on learning. Although it may only seem like a few minutes each day, this all adds up: -  
 5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost in 1 year and **21 days over 7 years**  
 10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost in 1 year and **45.5 days in 7 years**  
 15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost in 1 year and **70 days in 7 years**  
 20 minutes lost each day = 13 days lost in 1 year and **91 days in 7 years**  
 30 minutes lost each day = 19 days lost in 1 year and 133 days in 7 years (**losing 2/3s of a school year**)

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**LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING= MISSED OPPORTUNITIES**

## Dates for your Diary

### January

- Schools return on Monday, 6 January 2025

### February mid-term break

- Monday, 17 February 2025
- Tuesday, 18 February 2025
- Wednesday, 19 February 2025 (In-service day)

### April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 4 April 2025
- Monday, 7 April - Monday, 21 April 2025 (Spring Break)
- Schools return on Tuesday, 22 April 2025

### May

- Monday, 5 May 2025 (May Holiday)
- Thursday, 22 May 2025 (In-service day)
- Friday, 23 May 2025 and Monday, 26 May 2025 (May Weekend)

**June:** Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday, 25 June 2025



## P.E. Timetable Term 3



Day		9-10:45	11:00-12:15	1:15 - 2:00	2 - 3
Mon	MUGA				
	Gym Hall	P5	P3	P1/2 D2D* 9.30- 10.30am	P2 D2D* 11.00 - 11.45am
Tues	MUGA			P3/4	P4
	Gym Hall	LCR class Nevis	P6	P5/6	P2
Wed	MUGA		P3		P7a
	Gym Hall	P3/4	P7b	P5&P5/ 6 Disney	
Thu	MUGA		P5/6	P5	P7b
	Gym Hall		P4	P6	P1
Fri	MUGA				
	Gym Hall	P7a	LCR class Islay	Assembly	Fun31

Determined to Dance- Block 3- 13/1- 14/3.



# Sandwood Stars

## CONGRATULATIONS!



### P1: -

*Logan Campbell* – has started a Tae Kwon Do Club.  
*Oscar Will* – has started a Tae Kwon Do Club.  
*Cillian Shearer* – has started a Karate Club.  
*Ava Henderson* – has learned how to do starfish floating at swimming.  
*Erin Allan* – has started gymnastics.  
*Nicole He* – has started gymnastics.  
*Alina Docherty* – has started swimming lessons.  
*Copland Richford* – has started a Tae Kwon Do Club.  
*Ruby Bhandari* - for being a runner up in the P1-P2 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.  
*Oscar Will* - for being a runner up in the P1-P2 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.

### P2/1: -

*Callan McQuade* – learned a new skill at football.  
*Zara McIntosh* – learned how to do a cartwheel.  
*Sophie Kallowska* – learned more punches at Tae Kwon Do.  
*Ella Clark* - learned new dances and was runner up in the P1-P2 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.  
*Charlie White* - for being a runner up in the P1-P2 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.

### P2: -

*Myla Wood* – can do a handstand independently.  
*Lucas McConnell* – received a trophy at Anchor Boys for winning a race.  
*Eilidh McAllister* – received a certificate for moving up a level in swimming.  
*Rhys Poole* - for being a runner up in the P1-P2 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.  
*Ayesha Shehzad* – for winning the P1-P2 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition and

### P3: -

*Khadijah Shehzad* – winning medals at a Tae Kwon Do competition.  
*Olivia Swan* - for being a runner up in the P3-4 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.  
*Dominic Ponea* - for being a runner up in the P3-4 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.

### P3/4: -

*Callen Hosie* – saved a shot while at football.  
*Blane Gardiner* – can jump in the deep end of the pool.  
*Vincent Begg* - for being a runner up in the P3-4 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.  
*Ella Wright* - for being a runner up in the P3-4 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.

### P4: -

*Aaron Campbell* – won a football medal for moving up a division. Harry Docherty – started a new football club.  
*Jack Cameron* – moved up a level in Boys' Brigade.  
*Isla Brennan* – won a dancing trophy.  
*Alanna Pearson* – won a silver medal in karate.

*Lilly Hutton* - for being a runner up in the P3-4 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.

*Leeann McGurk* – for winning the P3-4 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition and

### P5: -

*Ethan MacKay* – learned how to do a back handspring.  
*Sophia Glatley* – learned how to play 'Gongi' a Korean game.

*Breagha Quigley* – earned a new Brownie badge for baking.

*Amisa Arefi* - for being a runner up in the P5-7 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.

*Elizabeth McAllister* - for being a runner up in the P5-7 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.

### P5/6: -

*Mollie Fleming* – joined a basketball club.  
*Mason Moody* – can do a full tumble turn in the water.  
*Ethan McLeod* – has moved to the next level in Mai Tai.  
*Finley Thomson* – has started a new PC Club.  
*Olivia Rose Brown* – won first place in a dancing legends competition.

*Harper McLelland* – won a gymnastic competition.

*Maddison Moore* - for being a runner up in the P5-7 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.

*Holly Scobie* - for being a runner up in the P5-7 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.

### P6: -

*Alexander White* – won a trophy for being Benburb F.C.'s 'Trainer of the Week'.

*Matthew Robinson* - for being a runner up in the P5-7 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.

*Olivia Gordon* - for being a runner up in the P5-7 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.

### P7a: -

*Isla McLeod* – received a new badge at Guides.

*Amelia McAlinden* – is taking part in the 'Next Big Thing' competition.

*Aiden Gallagher* - for being a runner up in the P5-7 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.

*Zoey Rai Pettigrew* – for winning the P5-P7 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition and

### P7b: -

*JJ O'Rourke* - for being a runner up in the P5-7 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition.

*Aryia Watson* - for being a runner up in the P5-7 category in our Scottish Poetry Competition. and for moving up grades in Pro Wrestling.