



# Sandwood News



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our second **Parents' Night** will take place on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. As always, we look forward to seeing you with your child for your appointment with their Class Teacher.

P5, P6 and P7 pupils will represent the school at a Dance Festival at Rosshall Secondary School on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March (7:00pm-8:00pm- **children to arrive from 6.00pm**). We wish the 'troop' the very best of luck and thank parents in advance for transporting the children to this event.

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 12 pupils from P7 took part in the Super 7 Athletics event at the Emirates Arena. All our pupils gave their very best efforts. Special congratulations to Sophie Gemmell P7 who won 2 medals, a silver in the 60m hurdles and overall 3<sup>rd</sup> highest point total for all 6 events

We are holding our second STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematic) Fair on 11<sup>th</sup> March as part of our celebrations for Science week 6<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March. If you have a career that involves any of the Stem subjects we would love for you to be part of our STEM fair. Please get in touch if you can help. Please see the app for information on the STEM family competition and how to get involved.

I would like to remind everyone that school finishes for the Spring Break holiday on Friday 3 April at 2.30 pm. We will re-open on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am.

Kind Regards

***Fiona Donnelly***

Head Teacher



## **ECO SPOT** **FAIRTRADE**

From 24<sup>th</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> March it is Fairtrade

Fortnight. Our pupils are participating in this annual campaign.

Activities in school will centre around Fairtrade's aim of about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.



## **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.



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## **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.



## **EASTER ASSEMBLY**

Our Easter Assembly for the children will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 1:30pm at St Andrew's Church. The Service will be led by our School Chaplain the Rev Lyn Peden. All parents/carers are invited to attend. If you can help escort to the church please contact the school office to intimate.



## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

In the interest of Health and Safety access to the school should be via our pedestrian gates on Sandwood Road and Hillington Road South. Unaccompanied pupils must not enter or leave via traffic gates at any point during the day.

We welcome our parents into our school however please note that in the interests of safety for our pupils we cannot have unaccompanied or authorised adults around the school. Please report to the office and we will be happy to assist you.

As always we welcome your support in keeping our pupils safe.

Please note that no dogs are allowed in the school grounds for health and safety reasons. For your information, Glasgow City Council's policy is that there is no smoking anywhere within school grounds.

We thank you for your support in being vigilant about the on-going issues with vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the local area.

Please encourage your child to make safe choices when crossing the road and families to park around the school park safely and sensibly.



## **MOBILE PHONES**

Reminder to families - pupil mobile phones must be switched off during the school day. Mobile phones that are not switched off will be kept in the school office. These can be collected by a parent/carers at the end of the day. Please note, the school cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of mobile phones. In addition, pupils must not use their mobile phones to record or take photographs while on school grounds.



## **PARENT COUNCIL OFFICE BEARERS**

**Chairperson** – Joanna McKenna  
**Vice Chairperson** – Gina McNeil  
**Secretary** – Janet Dawkins  
**Treasurer** – Rosetta Macfarlane

## **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 an 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**



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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## **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

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**LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING**

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### **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

We will continue to involve families in our developments this session. As ever we value your opinion. Please add any suggestions below:-

**My suggestion is:**

[www.sandwood-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](http://www.sandwood-pri.glasgow.sch.uk)

**Follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with events and learning.**



# Sandwood Stars

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## **P1a (Owls):-**

*Summer Brennan* – learned how to do the splits.

*Matthew Robinson* – learned a new gymnastic move.

*Akira Singh* – learned to swim.

*Lewis McIntosh* – learned to swim.

*Mahire Negash* – learned how to do a back flip.

## **P1b (Squirrels):-**

*Shay Scobie* – won a swimming medal.

## **P2:-**

*Isla McLeod* – learned to swim.

*Kayci Foster* – learned to swim.

*Ana Sava* – won a gymnastics certificate.

## **P2/3:-**

*Ayria Watson* – learned new karate moves.

*Zoey-Rai Pettigrew* – learned a new gymnastic move.

*Hannah Irvine* – learned new dance moves.

*Thomas Stubbs* – learned a new football trick.

*Harry Frew* – helped his dad make a bunk-bed.

*Emma Wright* – learned how to swim.

*James Donald* – learned a new football trick.

*Harlie Neeson* – learned how to swim to the bottom of the pool.

## **P3:-**

*Ava Gibson* – moved up a swimming level.

*Zoey Skelly* – moved up a level in skating.

*Max Kettle* – moved up a level in football training.

*Ebony Binnie* – moved up a level in dancing.

## **P3/4:-**

*Ava Bowden* – moved up a level in gymnastics.

*Thomas Robinson* – is playing in a new position in football.

*Sophie Booth* – made a new friend at Brownies.

*Sophia McGregor* – moved up a swimming class.

## **P4:-**

*Ella Robertson* – earned the Brownies camping badge.

*Max Jamieson* – started a new football club.

*Helia Kakouei* – won a swimming medal.

*Hayley Beers* – learned how to reach high notes when singing.

*Layla Stewart* – won 3 gymnastics medals.

*Molly McLeod* – joined a drama club.

## **P4/5:-**

*Aimee Graham* – is improving in water confidence at swimming.

*Aaron Smyth* – can play forehand and backhand at tennis.

*Cameron Fleming* – is improving at football.

*Alicia Bryce* – joined dance classes.

## **P5:-**

*Sophia Shankland* – is learning to play the piano.

*Brooke Gaffney* – came 1<sup>st</sup> in a Cheerleading competition.

*Bailey McMillan* – won a bronze medal for tap dancing.

*Karleigh Gilmour* – has been chosen to play for Renfrew under 13s.

*Carson Hosie* – was the top goal scorer for the first tournament he played in for Partick Thistle

*Dalton Jenkinson* – earned a blue belt at Tae Kwon Do.

*Ayla Hawley* – can do a back walkover.

*Bailey Bryce* – is now at level 9 at trampolining.

*Kayla MacDonald* – joined a new Arts & Crafts Club.

*Aimee Murphy* – can now do a floor handspring.

## **P6:-**

*Daisy Henderson* – earned a cooking badge at Brownies

*Sophie Marshall* – earned World Thinking Day at Brownies.

## **P7:-**

*Sophie Gemmell* – won 2 athletics medals.

*Chloe Nicol* – can now do a back walkover.

*Leon Carroll* – joined The Scouts.

*Zaynah Ali* – can now do a round off tuck.

*Max Fraser, Jayden Smith, Reece Bamford, Khalid Dalziel and Ryan McMillan* – joined a Boxing Club.

*Kaycie Clark* – took part in a dancing show.