



SANDWOOD NEWS



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a busy start to the year. Our 42 new Primary 1 pupils are settling well and we welcomed 4 new pupils to other stages throughout the school bringing our school roll to 327.

We look forward to welcoming our parents/carers this month. Interviews take place in the school hall. To assist in the smooth running of the evening we kindly request that you keep to your appointment time. Pupils are invited to attend this appointment to be involved in the discussion about their learning.

A reminder of our Vision and Values:

Our Vision

To promote a nurturing, inclusive ethos with high expectations, where everyone has the right to achieve, be respected, valued and celebrated.

Our Values

Resilience
Effort
Success
Positivity
Equality
Caring
Teamwork

Dream

Believe

Achieve Together

As always, if you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Kind Regards
Fiona Donnelly
Head Teacher



Health Spot!

BIKES

In the interest of Health and Safety, all children who travel to school by bicycle **must** wear a safety helmet. No Bikes or scooters are to be ridden in the playground.



JOHN KYNASTON MEMORIAL DAY

On **Friday 28th October**, we will celebrate and take part in our first Memorial Day for Mr John Kynaston.

Many of you will remember Mr Kynaston, our inspirational Active Schools Co-ordinator. Our Memorial Day theme will reflect Mr Kynaston's motto of

.....MORE CHILDREN, MORE ACTIVE, MORE OFTEN.

We feel that this would be a fitting way to remember Mr Kynaston and would like this to be an annual event. Pupils should wear their school PE kit on this day.

DAILY MILE

All classes are participating in this activity daily. The Daily Mile is beneficial for pupils' cognition and wellbeing.

INSERVICE DAY AND OCTOBER WEEK

The October week holiday is Monday 17th October – Friday 21st October (inclusive). Please note the Inservice day is Friday 14th October and school is closed on this day.



BREAKFAST CLUB 8AM-8:45AM

All pupils enter via the main door by 8:15am. P3-P7 pupils will be escorted to their playgrounds at 8:45am where there is adult supervision. P1 & P2 pupils remain in the Dinner Hall until 9am.



LUNCH/BREAKFAST CLUB PAYMENTS

If your child is in P5, P6 or P7 and is not entitled to free school meals – please note that parent pay is the only method of payment.



ABSENCE

Our School's Absence Monitoring Procedures help to ensure the safe arrival of all pupils. Parents are required to inform the absence reporting line before 9.30 that their child is unable to attend. Parents will be contacted by text or phone call if their child is absent and no information has been received. If you do not wish to be contacted via text message, please inform the school office. Text messaging is also very useful when keeping parents informed and up-to-date with school events and activities.

Absence Reporting Line - **0141 287 0039**.

www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence



LABELS

Please ensure all your child's belongings are labelled as there has been a lot of items misplaced recently. Although as a school we endeavour to encourage the children to look after their belongings, please note it is not the school's responsibility if items go missing.



RAINY DAYS

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather and reduce time waiting in playground.



At break time and lunch time we will endeavour to have our children outdoors as much as possible, even in light rain. In the event of heavy rain / inclement weather pupils will have indoor breaks / lunches in their own classrooms supervised by staff.

ALLERGY AWARE

We strive to provide a safe learning environment for all our pupils.

We have a growing number of pupils who have allergies to specific foods and due to this we are becoming a NUT AWARE SCHOOL.



We are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk to these children by:

- Avoiding giving children nuts or nut products in their packed lunches (Please note that some chocolate spread contains nuts).
- Avoiding giving nuts or nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time snacks.
- Avoiding supplying the school with cakes or food items containing nuts for sales or events.
- Avoiding sending containers such as cereal boxes for Design & Technology / Art lessons into school which may have contained produce made with nuts.

In addition, all nursery, primary and secondary schools in Glasgow follow the Better Eating, Better Learning Policy. This

policy emphasises "Good nutrition leads to good learning."

In line with this policy the school is unable to accept birthday cakes to share with classes.

Also, there is a health and safety risk when cakes are brought into be shared, as we are not able to account for the ingredients in the cake, and could therefore unknowingly give a product to a child to which they are allergic (such as gluten, strawberries, eggs).

Please be reassured your child will be made to feel special when it is their birthday and the class teachers will ensure that all birthdays are remembered and celebrated accordingly.

There will of course be times for celebration for other events within the school and these will also be in line with Glasgow's 'Better Eating, Better Learning ' Policy.

As we are a healthy eating school, a reminder that no chocolate, sweets or fizzy juice is permitted and as an ECO school we ask that all children bring their own water bottles filled from home each day. Children have the opportunity to refill their bottles at lunchtime from our 'Refresh' water units.



We do not allow children to share snacks due to allergies that may be present. Children who forget or do not have a snack will be issued a piece of fruit by the school.

HEALTH AND SAFETY



Once again, I appeal for your co-operation on the matters below:

- In order to ensure the safety of our pupils we ask all our children to use the pedestrian gates for entering and exiting the school grounds. The car park is extremely busy with transport for the Language and Communication Resource and staff vehicles. We are becoming increasingly worried with the volume of traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular in this area that a serious accident/incident may occur.
- Can we also remind parents that the drop off area in front of the school is for **vehicle school use only** and is to provide safe access for the transportation of our pupils who attend our Language and Communication Resource. Only parents that have an agreement with myself due to disability issues are allowed to access the car park for pick up and drop off purposes.
- Gates to the school ground will be locked at 9.15am until 2.45pm. This is to prevent unknown adults being in the school grounds during the school day.
- Please note, no dogs are allowed in the school grounds at any time.
- Finally, Glasgow City Council's policy is that there is no smoking anywhere within or immediately outside the school grounds.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES



Every child will be part of a committee this session. Ask your child about this and they can tell you what is happening and what their committee is working on this year.



.....to our newly elected House captains.



Scots Pine	
House Captain	Charleen McKenna
Vice Captain	Cameron Fleming
Lime	
House Captain	Olivia Wilson
Vice Captain	Aaliyah Ferguson
Willow	
House Captain	Lucas Law
Vice Captain	Ava Bowden
Rowan	
House Captain	Frazer Goldie
Vice Captain	Orla Wilson

Sandwood Stars



Congratulations to:

P1a :-

Callen Hosie – learned how to do a frog kick at swimming.

Amelia Schirm – learned how to tie her shoelaces.

Olivia Swan – learned how to tie her shoelaces.

Khadijah Shezhad – can put her head under water in swimming.

Thomas Murray – scored a goal in football.

P1b:-

Emma Sim – learned how to do a handstand.

Alistair Ball – can do a handstand under water.

Harlow Delaney – can do a handstand.

Vincent Begg – moved up a level in swimming.

Elicia McKenna – can do a bridge.



P2/3:-

Ruby Frew – won a dancing trophy.

Harry Docherty – gained a purple Taekwondo belt.

Mollie Band – is nearly at the next level for swimming.

Grace Henderson – won a medal at drama class.

Isla Brennan – can now do a back walk over at Tumbling Class.

Owen Mullen – won a trophy at Anchor Boys.

Ethan MacKay – won a trophy at boxing.

Liam Curran – won an Animals Badge at Scouts.

Cora Barclay – won a trophy at drama.

P3:-

Caleb O'Neill – joined a karate class.

Layla Wilson – joined gymnastics.

Max Robinson – joined gymnastics.

Elizabeth McAllister – joined gymnastics.

Cody Oliver – joined a football club.

Joyce Mona – joined a swimming club.

Max Schirm – joined a bowling club.

Max Piggot – joined a bowling club.

Ethan McLeod – competed in a basketball tournament.

Holly Scobie – won a medal at dancing.

Harper Delaney – won a running race.

Ayla Crompton – learned how to swim under water.

Noah Thomson – joined a karate club.

Harper McLelland – won medal and trophy at gymnastics.



P4/5:-

Lilly Cameron – passed a Taekwondo grading.

Ana Sava – won 4th place in a gymnastics competition.

Hadiya Naqvi – can now ride a bike.

P5:-

J.J. O'Rourke – came 3rd in a swimming competition.

Amelia McAlinden – has improved her singing at Glee.

P6a:-

Zoey Skelly – learned a routine at ice skating to perform at a competition .

Alfie Docherty – played his first professional football match against Ross County- and won!

Ebony Binnie – passed pre-bronze ballet exam .

Abigail Moody – is improving her swimming skills.

Charlie O'Hara – is moving up to Intermediate level at football. .

Harry Frew – has learned to swim in a 2 metre deep pool.

Tapashya Kharel – is improving her underwater swimming skills.

P6b:-

Violet Begg – moved up a swimming group.

Karis Elliot – took part in a dancing competition and received a prize.

Zoe Murphy – took part in a dance show.

Thomas Robinson – won a medal in a football competition.

Rey Davies – won a medal in a football competition.

Ava Gibson – moved up a group in roller skating.

P7a:-

Callum Cameron – has been selected to sing as part of the choir for 'Elf the Musical' at The Hydro in December.

Hayley Beers – moved up a level in swimming.

P7b:-

Cameron Fleming – won Man of the Match for Hillwood F.C.