



Westerton Primary News

NEWSLETTER

April 2024

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Happiness - Believe - Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays as we enter the final term of the academic year! I hope everyone had a rejuvenating break and is ready to tackle the exciting term ahead. A friendly reminder: please ensure that holidays are organised during school breaks. In cases where this isn't feasible, kindly request permission in advance. It's crucial that parents fulfil their duty of care by promptly notifying the school of any child absences. This helps us accurately record authorised absences and ensures the well-being of our pupils. Remember to report absences via email, Parents Portal, or by phone to the school office.

Your engagement at the recent parent-teacher evenings was greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who shared their valuable feedback on revising our Vision, Values, and Aims. We eagerly anticipate sharing the results with you later this session. Your input is instrumental in shaping our school improvement plans for the upcoming session. Our agreed priorities are at the forefront of our planning efforts. **Play Approaches, The CIRCLE Framework, Relationships, Sexual Health, Parenthood (RSHP),** and moving our **UNCRC** journey forwards —. Thanks to all who shared their views.

It's been a busy period since our last newsletter. Several classes have enjoyed school trips, including visits to Vikingar, Amazonia, Almond Valley, music sessions from the Benedetti Foundation and a culinary adventure is planned at Wagamamas! We've welcomed STEM ambassadors during Science Week and the Clyde River Foundation will be visiting three classes for a 'Meet Your River Day'. Creative writing workshops from Macastory duo Ron and Fergus have sparked everyone's imaginations, and parental involvement has been invaluable in enhancing learning experiences. We extend our gratitude to all parents who have generously shared their expertise and time with us.



Together, we raised £4,702.20 for Glasgow Children's Hospital from our sponsored walk, £117.06 for Red Nose Day, and £118.55 for NSPCC charity through Number Day. Thank you all for your incredible support!

Building on our recent Eco Schools award success, we're digging deeper into sustainability. Our Eco Committee is hard at work, supporting our participation in Earth Week and Clean Up Scotland community Spring clean event.

Road safety remains a top priority, and our infant classes will engage in Beep Beep Day road safety activities on April 24th. Parents can find more information here: [Beep Beep Day Info](#). Please could I take this opportunity once again to remind parents not to park on the zig zags or walk through the car park at drop off and pick-up time. Thank you for your cooperation.

We're eagerly anticipating Sports Day on the morning of May 23rd and would appreciate parent helpers for the walk down to the playing fields. Remember, parents are welcome but should remain behind the barriers for safety reasons.

Lastly, I've included information about vaping, which will be incorporated into our drugs, tobacco, and alcohol education. Please discuss this important topic with your children.

Yours sincerely
Kate Turnbull, Head Teacher

Science Week

During Science Week, Westerton was alive with curiosity and enthusiasm as we explored the wonders of the scientific world. With captivating input from STEM ambassadors and our innovative teachers, every corner of our classrooms buzzed with excitement.



World Book Day

Our school came together to celebrate World Book Day, immersing ourselves in the magical world of literature. We took our love for reading to new heights by embracing the great outdoors for Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) time, fostering a deep appreciation for the written word under the open sky.



Sponsored Walk

Congratulations to all who joined our Sports Committee's sponsored Winter Woodland Walk in aid of Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity. Together, we raised an incredible sum of over £4,000, a testament to our community's compassion and generosity. A heartfelt thank you to all parents, families, and friends who supported the event and contributed so generously.



PEF Funding 2024-25

It is anticipated our Pupil Equity Funding will be in the region of £25,000 next session. We would like to use this money for additional support for our pupils who need a little extra time from adults to help with learning and emotional regulation/nurture. We would also like to continue to engage with parents and carers through Seesaw and Sumdog. Using PEF funding we would be able to renew our subscriptions.

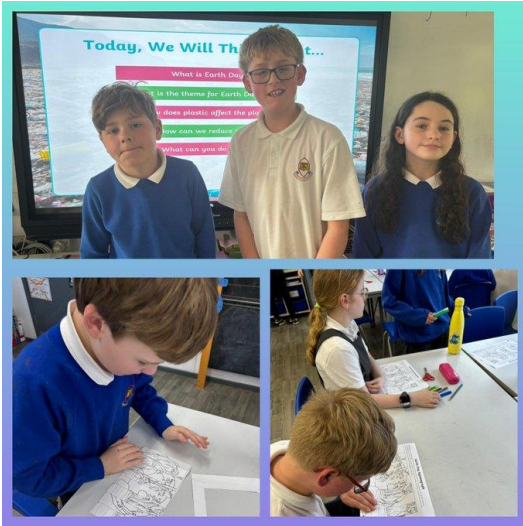
Please let us know if you agree by completing this short survey.

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PEF Funding 2024-25



Caring for the Environment



In celebration of Earth Day, our Eco Committee took to the classrooms, delivering insightful presentations. Pupils also led litter picking practice sessions in preparation for our upcoming Spring Clean initiative.

Class Assemblies

P2 Assembly – A year in P2



P3 Assembly – The Rainforest



P3/4 Assembly – The Egyptians



P4 Assembly – The Vikings



Well done to all of the classes who presented their assemblies. We thoroughly enjoyed them!

P7 Rotary Quiz

We are proud of our P7 participants in this year's Rotary quiz. They fought off steep competition and came in at a very respectable 3rd place. Well done!

Position	Primary	Total
1	Milngavie	49.5
2	Castlehill	49
3	Westerton	45
4	Killermont	44.5
5	Craigdhu	43.5
6	Baldernock	41.5
7	Clober	40
8	Mosshead	39
9	Bearsden	37

P6 Euro Quiz



We were delighted with the P6 pupils who took part in the prestigious Euroquiz. The competition is always steep, and the questions very difficult. Although we did very well, unfortunately, we didn't make it through to the next round.

Rhyme on Time - Poetry Bus Competition

Congratulations to all our talented pupils who crafted exquisite Spring poems as part of the Poetry Bus competition! Their remarkable creations have earned them a well-deserved place in the upcoming Poetry Bus anthology, where their words will resonate far and wide. Below, our proud P3/4 pupils showcase their certificates, a testament to their creativity and dedication to the art of poetry.



Celebrating Sporting Success

Our P6s and 7s had a blast at the cluster schools' football and netball tournament in February. Now, the Primary 7s are buzzing for the upcoming tournament at the Allander Sports Centre on April 29th. Huge thanks to our PTA for securing sponsors, and we're on the lookout for kit for the Netball team. In March, our P7 Football Team triumphed at the SFA Football Festival despite the weather, winning all four matches! Kudos to Mrs. Macnab, Miss Gray, Miss Deans, and Mr Campbell for their dedication to our pupils' sporting endeavours.



Well done to P7 pupil Harris, who has secured a place in the Holyrood Sports Academy. He will be joining them in the new academic session. We wish him every success in the future and a successful sporting career!

Staffing News

I would like to welcome class teacher Ms Emily Devlin to Westerton. Ms Devlin joined us after Easter from Castlehill Primary School. She will be taking over as our P1 teacher when Mrs Katie Taheny begins her maternity leave.

Vaping

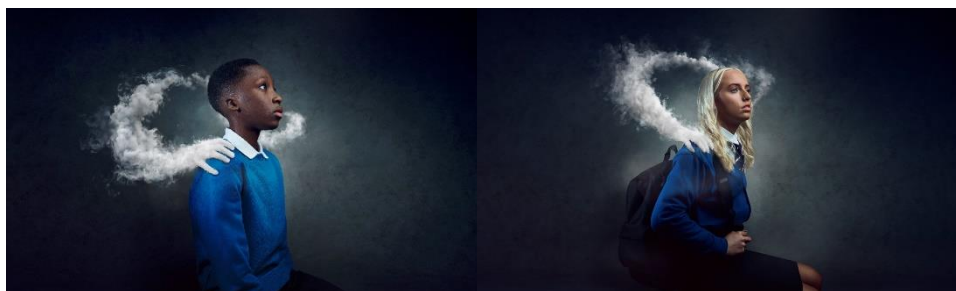
Please read the following information from the Scottish Government vaping campaign which gives advice on how to talk to your child about this important issue.

<https://sgmarketing-newsroom.prgloo.com/resources/f/parent-club-campaigns/vaping-addiction-campaign-resources-for-parents-carers-and-young-people/resources-for-parents-children-and-young-people/expert-films>

In Scotland, it's illegal to sell vapes or e-cigarettes to anyone under 18, or to buy them for someone who's under 18. But this doesn't stop young people from getting hold of them. Young people are particularly vulnerable to nicotine addiction and are more likely to take health risks and discount the future consequences of this behaviour. Nicotine addiction can impact mental health, resulting in being tired, stressed and anxious and it can affect concentration and impact the ability to learn and study. E-cigarettes contain some potentially harmful chemicals, similar to those found in cigarette smoke, although at a much lower level. While the long-term effects of vaping are still being researched, it's thought they could have negative effects on the health of the heart but there is currently insufficient evidence to assess this. Getting help and support.

If you are concerned about vaping, you don't have to cope with the situation on your own. You can talk to your GP or call Quit Your Way Scotland on 0800 84 84 84 for advice and support.

For more information visit www.nhsinform.scot/vaping



Update from the Parent Council

The Parent Council is delighted to announce the appointment of Ross McKenzie as our new clerk!

The Parent Council work together with the school on any issues or concerns. It is our role to effectively represent parents' views and ensure the school takes these into account.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns you would like the parent council to discuss with the school please do not hesitate to contact your year group representative or email the council on: westertonpc@gmail.com

Primary 1: Jennifer Leiper

Primary 2: Scott Walker

Primary 3: Linn Olsen (Co-Chair)

Primary 3-4: Ross McKenzie (Clerk)

Primary 4: Caroline Smith

Primary 5: Scott Walker

Primary 6: Susan Johnston (Co-Chair)

Primary 7: Reema Nayak

The next Parent Council meeting is on Monday 03 June at 1800 on Teams.

PTA - Upcoming Events and Opportunities to Get Involved!

We're thrilled to announce two exciting events on the horizon: our Spring discos on April 25th and the Eurovision family night on May 11th. Mark your calendars and join us for a fantastic time! Details for all PTA events are shared on Twitter, Facebook, and in the year group chats. Minutes of our recent budget committee meeting with the school can be found in the PTA section.

Additionally, we're gearing up for Sports Day on May 23rd, where the PTA will be running a refreshment stand for spectators. Your support makes a big difference!

If you'd like to lend a hand at any of these events, please contact the school office or our PTA Chair directly at katy_allan@hotmail.com. Your involvement is greatly appreciated, and we can't wait to see you there!

Facebook - To keep up to date with all the PTA news, events and 100 club winners, please follow our Facebook page Westerton Primary School PTA



DATES TO REMEMBER

April

24 April	P2 trip to Mugdock
24 April	P1-3 Beep, Beep Day Road Safety
25 April	PTA Spring Disco (P1-P3 6 – 7.00pm, P4-7 7.05pm-8.05pm)
26 April	Clean Up Scotland – whole school community litter pick
26 April	P6/7 and P7 trip to the Science Centre
29 April	Active Schools Football Netball Tournament Allander Sports Centre AM
29 April	Celtic SPFLT Move and Learn Project begins P6, P6/7, P7

May

1 May	P6 Inverclyde instalment
1 May	P2 Forest Schools after school begins
1 May	Whole school committees participation (11am)
2 May	In-service day (School closed to pupils)
3 May	Term 3 learning targets shared on Seesaw
8 May	P7 Parent Information Evening at Bocclair 6pm
10 May	P5/6 Class Assembly 2.15pm
11 May	PTA Eurovision Family Night
21 May	P5 trip to Wagamama
17 May	P1 Class Assembly 2.15pm (note change of date)
22 May	P6 Inverclyde instalment
23 May	Sports Day with PTA run refreshment stall (Weather permitting)
24-27 May	Holiday (inclusive)
28 May	Active School Bearsden and Milngavie Athletics Tournament (Bocclair)
29 May	P5/6 trip Go Yellow at Bellahouston Park
29 May	P3/4 Trip to Amazonia (TBC)
29 May	P7 Induction Days at Bocclair (29 th -31 st)
30 May	9.15-10.15 P1 Induction in School Hall
31 May	Wider Achievements Assembly (all information no later than 29 May)

June

3 June	Parent Council Meeting 6pm
4 June	New P1 lunch experience 11am – 12.15pm
5 June	P6 Inverclyde Instalment
5 June	Whole school committees participation (1.15pm)
6 June	Westerton's Got Talent!
7 June	P1/2 Class Assembly 2.15pm (note change of date)
7 June	Bearsden Festival performance for P4 and P5 year groups
10 June	P6/7 Clyde River Foundation visit
11 June	Junior Duke Garden Party
	P7 blazer fitting at Bocclair 6pm
12 June	New P1s Teddy Bear's picnic
13 June	P6 Clyde River Foundation visit
14 June	P5/6 Clyde River Foundation visit
17 June	House Treat
21 June	P7 Leavers Assembly
	Reports issued
25 June	P7 Leavers 'Westerfest'
26 June	End of Term - School closes 1pm

Useful Contacts

Occupational Therapy <https://www.nhs.uk/healthcare-professionals/paediatric-occupational-therapy/#Children'sOccupationalTherapyAdviceLine>

Physiotherapy <https://www.nhs.uk/healthcare-professionals/paediatric-physiotherapy/#Children'sPhysiotherapyAdviceLine>

Speech and Language <https://www.nhs.uk/healthcare-professionals/paediatric-speech-and-language-therapy/#AdviceandSupportHelpline>

Supporting Families parenting@eastdunbarton.gov.uk

Financial support: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/grants/school-clothing-grant>

Parent Line Scotland <https://www.children1st.org.uk/parentline>

Parentzone <https://education.gov.scot/parentzone>