



Westerton Primary News

NEWSLETTER

February 2025

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

2025 is well underway, and we started the year with a fantastic Scottish Assembly! Our class finalists impressed us with their poetry recitations and high standard of artwork. We were delighted to welcome Reverend Hamilton and friends from Boclair Community Church, who helped present the prizes. Well done to everyone who took part—the standard was outstanding, and we all had a wonderful afternoon celebrating Scottish culture.



Children are now preparing for our Spring Service, which will be held in-house with staff and pupils attending. At the service our Rights and Eco Committees will share the story of the Three Trees, and all pupils will perform a selection of Spring songs. Please check Twitter and Seesaw where teachers will share photographs and videos.

We had a fantastic number-themed non-uniform day to support the NSPCC, raising awareness of their important work. P2 and P6 won the 'Buddies Key Challenges', completing these in in record time! Thank you for your generous donations—we raised over £150 for the NSPCC!

This year's Internet Safety Week focused on the theme "Too Good to be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Online Scams." Our P6 Digital Leaders did an incredible job leading workshops across the school and presenting in assembly. We've also enjoyed fantastic assemblies from P4 and P5—thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend.

Following last session's consultation, we are excited to share our revised school vision, values, and aims. The JLT (Junior Leadership Team) will soon launch a school-wide competition to illustrate our new values—stay tuned!

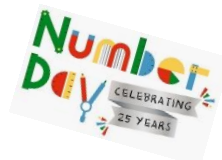
We're looking forward to British Science Week, which starts on 7 March. There will be workshops running over the weekend—well worth checking out. Our in-school activities will include parent-led workshops, and it's not too late to get involved! If you'd like to run a session, please let us know. Visit www.britishscienceweek.org to see what's happening and download activity packs to support learning at home.

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising a fantastic Valentine's Disco. It was a great success, and we appreciate the teachers and parents who helped ensure everything ran smoothly. Unfortunately, the PTA Quiz Night, which was planned for Friday 28th February has been rescheduled to Friday 28 March. Please contact the PTA for tickets, it's guaranteed to be a fun evening.

We're excited for our first Committees 12 Whole School Participation Session on Wednesday 26 February. Every child has been allocated a committee to ensure all pupils play a role in school improvement—because every voice matters. We're also incredibly impressed with our pupils' wider achievements, which will be celebrated in assembly on 25 February—what a talented bunch!

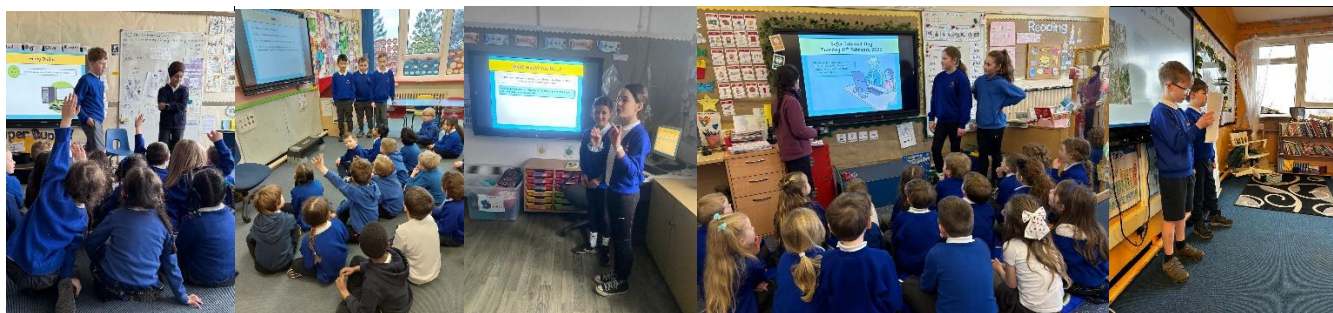
Warmest regards,

Kate Turnbull,
Headteacher

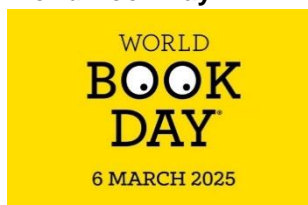


Safer Internet Week

Safer Internet Week ran from 10th February to 14th February. Our P6 Digital Leaders delivered fantastic internet safety lessons, providing engaging activities for all classes from Primary 1 to Primary 7. Some of the children also volunteered to speak to the whole school about this year's theme which was 'Too Good to Be True'. The learning focus was to raise awareness of online scams and what to do in different scenarios. Well done and a big thank you to all of the children involved!



World Book Day



This year, the theme for World Book Day 2025 is 'Read Your Way', encouraging children and young people to discover reading on their terms. Children sometimes feel like reading is something they have to do, rather than something they want to do. World Book Day 2025 is all about making reading fun. We encourage children to 'Read Your Way' by coming to school in their jammies, bringing with them a book they have recently enjoyed reading.

Parents' Afternoon/Evening

Parents' afternoon/evening will take place on Thursday 13th March. Parents will be invited to book their appointments through the online parents' booking system which will go live at 7pm on Tuesday 4 March. Please note, parents should not invite third parties to attend parents' meetings and any form of audio or visual recording is strictly prohibited. Communication should be respectful and timings should be adhered to. Please make sure you visit the information stands to include your views in school improvement priorities. The travelling book company will also be there for you to visit.



Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenting (RSHP) and Class Visits

Parents are invited to attend an information session about the national RSHP Programme which we will be introducing in the Summer Term. We will be delivering a parent presentation in the school hall at 2pm on Thursday 27 March where copies of the lessons for each stage will be available for you to view. All of the RSHP content is live on the RSHP website for parents/carers to look at at any time <https://rshp.scot/> From 2.15pm you are then encouraged to visit your child's classroom and participate in a shared learning experience.

Important Reminders

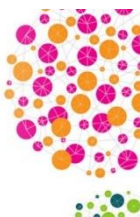
Please remember to report absences and holiday requests via the school office and not through Seesaw. All urgent and important matters must always be communicated to the school office by email or telephone. This is the most reliable and fail safe way of ensuring your messages are received. Please remember, Seesaw messaging is for homework and learning queries only.

Road Safety

Once again, we would like to urge parents to park with consideration at drop off and pick up. We would like to remind parents, they are not permitted to use the staff car park and children should not walk through the car park under any circumstances. Police Scotland will be carrying out random spot-checks over the coming weeks to ensure the safety of all our children is at the top of everyone's agenda. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in this matter.

Science Week

British
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Week



British Science week is taking place from Friday 7th of March until Sunday 16th of March. The theme this year is 'Change and Adapt.' We have planned a range of exciting live webinars for children to watch and participate in as well as engaging lessons. P5 and P6 will be taking part in a K'Nex challenge, the children will apply their teamwork, construction skills and imagination to engineering-based challenges using K'Nex. Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to deliver presentations and workshops, we are looking forward to welcoming you to the school. Here are some links to Science Week resources which you may find useful.

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>
<https://www.glasgowsciencecentre.org/british-science-week-2025>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/zg9c3j6#znxfmrn>

Our Refreshed Westerton Primary School Vision, Values and Aims (VVA)

We hope you like our revised school Vision, Values and Aims as much as we do. All classes contributed to refreshing these last sessions to bring them in line with our Rights journey. We were particularly delighted to see kindness at the top of the score board, as the value we feel most important. The Junior Leadership Team will be rolling out a competition to illustrate our VVA over the next few weeks.

School Vision

Together, we create a safe, happy and nurturing environment where every child grows, learns and thrives.

School Values

Be kind, be happy, believe in yourself, and achieve your best.

School Aims

To be a welcoming and inclusive community where every child feels valued, supported and inspired to learn. To promote teamwork, celebrate diversity, encourage responsibility, and uphold children's rights in all aspects of school life.

Tea with Miss T



Well done to our wonderful nominees who attended Tea with Miss T. We are always so proud of our pupils and it's lovely to hear about their efforts to go above and beyond. Keep up the good work!

Class Assemblies

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed P4s assembly about Scotland and P5s science focused assembly, which was all about Forces. Well done to all who participated, thank you to the parents who attended and to the teachers who worked hard to make the performances polished and memorable.



Support for Parents – Whole Family Wellbeing

Please check your emails for information about community parent workshops supporting parents of children with neurodiversity. <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/services/a-z-of-services/primary-secondary-and-early-years-education/whole-family-wellbeing-team/>

**Whole
Family Wellbeing**
in East Dunbartonshire

Meet the Team

**Are you looking for ideas to help your child attend school or to manage behaviours that challenge?
Or is your child on the waiting list for a neurodevelopmental diagnosis?**

East Dunbartonshire's Whole Family Wellbeing Team and the Neurodevelopmental Team from Glasgow and Clyde's Specialist Children's Services can help support your family.

The neurodevelopmental team will be at the event to give information and guidance to families who are waiting for a diagnosis of autism spectrum conditions, ADHD or foetal alcohol syndrome disorder. There will also be representatives from East Dunbartonshire Council services and third sector partners who can provide support to children and families whilst they are on the waiting list.

Come along for a coffee and a chat!

**Hillhead Community Centre,
169 Meiklehill Road, Kirkintilloch, G66 2JT**

Friday 21 March, 12pm-3pm & Saturday 22 March 10.30am-2.30pm

What's on?

- Opportunities to meet local support services & staff
- Cafe
- Children's activities
- Accessible sensory calm space
- Community tapestry activity

For more information on the Whole Family Wellbeing Team follow the link on the QR code



DATES TO REMEMBER

5 February	P6 after school running club begins
12 February	Global Goals Lunch club begins
24 February	German lunch club P5 & P6 begins
25 February	P7 coding lunch club begins
26 February	P7 afterschool dance club begins
26 February	Committees 12 Meeting – whole school participation
27 February	P6 Forest Schools after school begins
28 February	Wider Achievements Assembly
3 March	Parent Council Meeting (online 6pm)
5 March	P3/4 and P4 trip to Vikingar
6 March	World Book Day (Non-uniform/ pyjamas may be worn)
7 March	P3 assembly (2.15pm)
7-14 March	Science Week
10 March	K'Nex Challenge winners to Bocclair
11 March	EDC Parent Forum Meeting 6.30pm online
13 March	Parents' Night
13 March	Young Carers Day
14 March	Red Nose Day (Non-uniform donations to RND charity)
14 March	Seasons for Growth – Celebration event (by invitation only)
18 March	P6 Euroquiz (Douglas Academy – 4 children)
19 March	Beep, Beep Day – Infant Road Safety participation
21 March	House treat Term 2 (AM)
21 March	P3/4 assembly (2.15pm)
24 March- 4 April	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel
26 March	Committees 12 Meeting – whole school participation
27 March	2pm RSHP Parent Presentation / 2.15pm class visit
28 March	PTA Quiz, 6.30pm (new date)
3 April	Oral Health presentation (P1 and P1/2)
4 April	Spring Assembly with Rev Hamilton (pupils and staff)
4 April	School closes 2.30pm
5 April – 21 April	Holiday (inclusive)
w/c 22 April	P7 Bikeability sessions begin
24 April	P3 Forest Schools after school begins
25 April	P6 assembly (2.15pm)
28 April	Bearsden and Milngavie Football & Netball at the Allander
29 April	P5 SFA afterschool football begins
30 April	Class photos (Tempest)
2 May	P5/6 assembly (2.15pm)
2 May	Term 3 learning targets shared on Seesaw
5 - 6 May	Holiday (inclusive)
6 May	Teacher Inset Day (no pupils)
7 May	Committees 12 Meeting – whole school participation
5-9 May	Deaf Awareness Week
16 May	P1/2 assembly (2.15pm)
16 May	Junior Duke Completion Date
19 May	Sports Day (Weather permitting- please note this may be rescheduled)
20 May	EDC Parent Forum meeting 6.30-pm online (for Parent Council)
21 May	New P1 Induction 1 (9.15am- 10.15am)
21 & 22 May	P7 Induction Days at Bocclair
21 May	P7 Parent Info Evening Bocclair (6pm)
23-26 May	Holiday (inclusive)
29 May	PTA Spring Disco
29 May	New P1 Induction 2 – 11am-12.15pm (lunch experience)
30 May	Wider Achievements Assembly
2 June	New P1 Induction 3 - 1.30pm -2.30pm (teddy bear's picnic)
3 June	P6 year group to attend Bocclair Summer Show (AM)
4 June	Committees 12 Meeting – whole school participation
6 June	P1 assembly (2.15pm)
9 & 10 June	P7s Bocclair Blazer fitting (6pm)
10 June	Junior Duke Garden Party after school
16 June	House Treat Term 3
19 June	End of Year Assembly (pupils - presentation of House and Sports Cup)
20 June	P7 Leavers Assembly – P7 parents
20 June	Reports issued in schoolbags
25 June	End of Term - School closes 1pm