



Westerton Primary News

NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and Carers,

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, there is a real sense of energy and excitement across the school. With trips underway, preparations for end-of-year reports, and a calendar full of learning and celebration, it's been a busy time.

We're starting with a smile as we congratulate our Primary 1 pupil who won the school joke competition with this brilliant entry: "Why did the banana put sun cream on before he went to the beach?... in case he peeled!". Well done, and thank you to all the pupils who entered with their fantastic jokes and to the House Captains who had a tough job judging.

We recently held an information session for parents on our upcoming RSHP (Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood) lessons. Thank you to all who attended. These lessons will begin soon, and class teachers will share in advance via Seesaw so you know what your child will be learning and can continue conversations at home. Your support as we deliver this important part of the curriculum is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Sharing the Learning event. It was wonderful to welcome so many families into classrooms to celebrate the fantastic work our children have been doing. The pride in their learning was clear to see, and your encouragement makes a huge difference.

We'd also like to thank everyone who took the time to share their ideas on our School Improvement Priorities for next session. One of the themes that emerged was the value of parental involvement in careers education, as many of you contributed so positively during Science Week earlier this year. We hear you—and we will look at meaningful ways to incorporate your ideas into our planning moving forward.

Last term, we launched our new school values with a whole-school competition to bring them to life through illustrations. The winning entries were revealed at our Spring Celebration Assembly, and these values will now be central to how we learn and work together as a school community. A huge well done to all the pupils who entered and helped shape the identity of our school.

We're also delighted to share that we raised £574.95 through Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools, we've been able to purchase new bistro chairs for use during lunchtimes and outdoor learning. Pupils will love having the option of al fresco lunches when the weather allows—thank you, and thank you Asda!

To support high-quality learning across the curriculum, we have invested in two excellent online teaching resources: Language Angels, to strengthen our delivery of modern languages (MLPS), and White Rose Maths, which will support consistent and effective numeracy teaching across all stages. We're excited about the impact these tools will have on pupil learning. In addition, we've upgraded our walkie-talkie system across the school to support communication and safety throughout the day. This is a practical but important improvement and is already making a positive difference.

As we near the end of term, we are also beginning preparations to say goodbye to our Primary 7 leavers. This is a special time for them and for us as a school community. We are so proud of all they have achieved and the confident, capable individuals they are becoming. Plans are underway for a meaningful celebration of their time here before they take their next big step into secondary school—we look forward to sharing details with families soon.

Looking ahead, our Sports Day is planned for Monday 19 May 9.30am, and we hope for dry skies! If the weather is unkind, we will monitor conditions daily and aim to hold Sports Day on the next suitable day during the week. We will keep you informed as the forecast becomes clearer.

Finally, we're excited to announce that our Junior Duke participants will soon be invited to a Garden Party after school to celebrate their achievements. Invitations will be coming your way soon—we look forward to marking this accomplishment together!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. There's still much to look forward to, and we're committed to making these final weeks of the session meaningful, memorable, and fun for all.

Warmest regards,
Kate Turnbull,
Headteacher

Parental Engagement in Science Week

A huge thank you once again to all our fantastic parents who came in to support Science week. Pupils benefited enormously from your experiences in a wide variety of STEM industries. Well done also to our K'Nex challenge winners who attended Boclair for a very difficult challenge. Our pupil STEM leaders made a great contribution too! Thanks to all who made Science week a week to remember



VE DAY 80th Anniversary & Outdoor Classroom Day

We will be commemorating VE Day on the 8th of May in a meaningful way to celebrate the anniversary of Victory in Europe. Classes are creating peace inspired artwork to reflect the importance of the day. Children will be designing their own poppy to contribute to a vibrant school display, inspired by this year's installation at London Tower Bridge. As it is also Outdoor Classroom Day, everyone will be taking learning outdoors if the rain stays off. Pupils will be scattering flower seeds around the school grounds as a symbol of remembrance and to create a living memorial.

80th

Holiday Requests

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.

Drop off and pick up

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. Please remind your children of the rules for their own safety. If you are going to be late for pick up please inform the school office. Children are reminded regularly to come to the office if the person picking them up is not there.

Social medial - X and Seesaw

We have decided to change our approach to X. Going forward we will only use Seesaw as our school communication tool. We have set up a 'whole school Seesaw class' which can be accessed by all parents for school wide social media posts. Your child's Seesaw class and journal remains unchanged. If you have any problems with Seesaw, please contact the School Office

Class Assemblies

We have enjoyed many class assemblies over the year. Recent assemblies include P3 Romans, P3/4 Vikings, P5 Science as well as, P5/6 and P6 who chose to celebrate and share all the things they have learned over the year. Well done everyone!



Sun Safety

Let's hope the sunshine is here to stay for the foreseeable future, Sun caps, sun cream and sun glasses are the order of the day. Please ensure your child is protected.

Lost Property

We have a large number of items in lost property once again. If you are missing any clothing, water bottles or lunch boxes please ask your child to check lost property before we bag it up and sent it off for recycling.

Bearsden & Milngavie Football and Netball

Well done to our football and netball teams who took part in the Milngavie and Bearsden tournament recently. We did so well and we are proud of each and every one of you.



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

Following on from the launch of our revised Vision, Values and Aims, the Junior Leadership Team rolled out a school wide competition to illustrate our school values. I'm sure you agree, they chose well!



DATES TO REMEMBER

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
7 May	P3 class visit to Westerton Church
5-9 May	Deaf Awareness Week
8 May	Outdoor Classroom Day and VE day 80 th Anniversary
9 May	P2 & P3 trip to Science Centre
12 & 13 May	Kings Foundation Active Play sessions
12 May	P1 height and weight checks
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