

Gourdon Primary School Newsletter



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This newsletter aims to keep you all up to date with what's happening and share relevant information as soon as possible. As we continue to work our way through our recovery from Covid, we can start to re-engage with some 'normal' events that were on hold last session.

This newsletter and all future letters will be posted on our school website along with a calendar of events which will be updated each month.

If you wish to find out more about any of the items in this newsletter or have questions about anything else, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Miss Angela Wells (Head Teacher)

Pupil Voice

Our Eco Warriors and Visible Learning Pupil Voice groups are planning their focus linked to our school improvement plan for this session supported by staff.

Ms McDonald has met with our Visible Learning group and applications for new members have been received and will be shared with our school.

Mrs Cormack will also be looking for pupils from our classes to represent Eco Schools work.



Prefects

Congratulations to: Alex, Charlotte, Daniel, Robyn, Macy, Amy and Jaxon for becoming Prefects for this session. They had their first Prefect meeting and have already discussed what their role looks like this session and what they would like to do to support the school. The Prefects have decided that their role should include setting up for assembly and taking through water bottles to the hall for lunch. They have asked if all pupils could ensure that their names are on their water bottles as it would make it easier. The Prefects also read through a draft mobile device use policy as they felt this was quite relevant for our school. The draft policy will be shared with all our parents and staff for feedback before becoming policy. A full minute of the meeting is displayed on their prefect board.

House and Vice Captains



P7 pupils who would like to be considered for a House or Vice-Captain will be able to share at assembly over the next few weeks. All pupils can vote for one P7 pupil. House and Vice Captains will then be appointed based on votes from the pupils. P7 pupils have already agreed that due to the number of P7 pupils this year and the number of houses, they are happy to move 'house' to take up the post if they are successful.

Our pupil voice groups work with UNCRC, Articles 12, 28,29 & 31 and support our DYW work.

Free Eye Examinations

NHS Grampian Community Eye Care Review have requested that we share the attached information with all our parents/carers.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Historically, Gourdon Primary have identified Macmillan as one of the charities the pupils would like to support. Due to Covid, we are currently unable to have visitors in the school.

However, the Prefects are going to organise a 'Wee Coffee Morning' for all pupils and staff to take part in on Friday 24th September. On the day, all pupils and staff are invited to wear something green and bring in a suggested donation of £1, which will go towards Macmillan. Pupils will be able to have their 'wee coffee morning' with a green fondant cupcake and drink with their class, all provided by the school. The Prefects are also designing a 'Cake Drive' for all pupils to take part in and with the chance of earning house points for their house.

We look forward to sharing the day with you via See Saw.

Parental Engagement

This session, as you are aware, is about recovery and evaluating where we are and where we going as a school due to the impact Covid has had. There are two policies that we would like to review this session, a mobile device use and Homework.

We always invite all parents, pupils and staff to give their thoughts on any policies before sharing the final draft.

We would be grateful if you could click on the link below to leave feedback for our DRAFT mobile device use policy. The link will take you to a Google form, where responses can be collated and shared.

<https://forms.gle/hDBQxZWWhYBdoXhoMA>

We also plan to review our current homework policy this session as well. More information about how to be involved to follow.



Parent Voice

Our Parent Forum, TAG is holding the AGM on Thursday 16th September at 7.30pm at the Gourdon Public Hall, Queen Street, Gourdon.

This will be a face to face meeting and details are available from our TAG Chairperson, Mrs Sarah Shakespeare or by contacting the TAG Facebook page.

All parents are automatically a member of the TAG group and all are welcome. Please follow current Covid guidance when attending the meeting.

Dates for you Diary



Thursday 16th September—TAG AGM Meeting @ 7.30pm

Monday 20th September—Sponsored Walk

Friday 24th September—Macmillan 'Wee Coffee Morning'

Wednesday 29th September—'Live Music Now Scotland'

Friday 8th October—Last Netball session for the term

Friday 15th October—Term 1 Ends @ 3.30pm

Monday 1st November —Term 2 Begins

Wednesday 17th November—'Pudsey Dress as You Please Day'

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th November—In-set days (school closed to pupils)



A Reminder for Children's Eye Health & Sight

FREE EYE EXAMINATIONS

All children in Scotland are entitled to an annual free eye examination by a qualified Optometrist (Optician). These examinations are really important for checking the health of your children's eyes and for making sure that children get any help they may need to make the most of their vision.

Sometimes children do not notice that one eye cannot see as well as the other and an eye examination can check to see if your child has any squints or 'lazy eyes' or if they need glasses. Vision can change over time so it is important to have checks regularly to see if there has been any change.

The Optician will give a prescription for glasses for your child if they need it. There is no obligation to buy glasses from the same Optician. Your child is entitled to an NHS optical voucher to help cover the cost of glasses. If the glasses you choose costs more than the voucher, you will have to pay the difference. The Optician will explain this in more detail.

We would encourage all parents to take their children to any high street Optician for regular eye examinations whether or not they think they may need glasses.