

# Gourdon Primary School Newsletter



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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. As always, I endeavour to keep you all up to date with what's happening and share relevant information as soon as possible.

Please contact the school with any questions or queries you might have about any of the items in our newsletter.

Miss A Wells (Head Teacher)



## HWB (HEALTH AND WELLBEING)

Our SHANARRI Health and Wellbeing focus for this month is: RESPONSIBLE

We are all responsible for our actions and our words. How do we show we are responsible and make a positive contribution to our school and community?

## UNCRC

Our 'Right of the Month' is: Article 14: Freedom of thought and religion.

Children can choose their own thoughts, opinions and religion, but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights. Parents can guide children so that as they grow up, they learn to properly use this right.

What can you do to show you know and understand this right?

<https://www.unicef.org/media/60981/file/convention-rights-child-text-child-friendly-version.pdf>



## PUPIL VOICE—HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUP

Our HWB group has already met this term and have plans to improve the HWB for all in our school. Interest letter for re-establishing our breakfast club have already gone home—please check school bags.

The group have also organised a healthy afternoon snack. This is from information shared with the group of how many pupils are hungry when they finish school at 3.30pm and the group will be tracking to see the impact of having an afternoon snack has on our ability to concentrate and focus.



**Health Week** is planned for 10th June. Any parent/ carer who is able to offer any help/ suggestions/ skills for health week or if they know of anyone else who could help, please contact the school. We would welcome your input.

## PUPIL COUNCIL

P4 to P7 have been training for Pupil Council role over the past few weeks. We have looked at the role of Pupil Council, the aim of the group, skills and qualities developed as well as what being part of the group would look like, feel like and sound like. Our current Prefects will be part of our Pupil Council with pupils from our other classes invited to apply as well.



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## WORLD BOOK DAY

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. Our pupils suggested this year that, as part of reading events, all pupils and staff are invited to come to school dressed in their pjs and bring a book of their choice. Books will be read and discussed on the day.

## **TAG**

Our parent group TAG are organising a Bunny Drive on Thursday 21st March.

Information has been sent home to purchase tickets for the event. TAG has also asked pupils and staff to 'dress as they please' on Friday 15th March and bring in an item for the Easter theme raffle.

To contact TAG please use the following email : [togetheratgourdon@gmail.com](mailto:togetheratgourdon@gmail.com)



## **SHARING OUR LEARNING**

Parents/carers are invited to school between 2.30pm and 3.30pm on Friday 8th March.

This hour drop in session is to invite parents/carers to visit their child(s) classroom and look at their child(s) learning. Pupils will be the 'tour guide' for their learning area and will be showing visitors their work displayed around the school, in their classroom and in jotters and curricular folders.

This open afternoon is not an opportunity to discuss individual pupil progress. Reports and parent consultations are organised for term 4 where parents/carers will be able to discuss progress with the class teacher confidentially.

## **STAFF ARE LEARNING TOO!**

With the delivery of three new Smartboards to enrich learning, staff and pupils will be taking part in SmartBoard training this session delivered by IT. Pupils will be able to engage in a session with IT colleagues and staff will then continue as part of our CLPL.

Mrs Cormack, Ms Christie, Ms McDonald and Miss Wells have recently completed Talk for Writing sessions which aim to develop the teaching of writing in Early years to P3. Staff are now engaged in Talk for Writing sessions for P4 to P7 stages.

## **P7 TRANSITION**

As part of Mackie transition events, P7 pupils have engaged in a Literacy lesson delivered by English teachers from Mackie. They will be completing their critical essay lesson next week.

Houses for Mackie have been shared with pupils and sent home. If any family wishes to discuss any aspect of the house their child has been placed, please feel free to contact Mackie Academy.

Literacy jotters have been shared with our P7s. These jotters are used in primary and continue to be used for Literacy in S1 at Mackie. The jotters allow English staff at Mackie to see the work produced at Primary and help to build relationships with staff and pupils from early on.

PSAT staff from Mackie will be visiting our P7s in term 4. This is an informal visit where staff can meet the pupils who will be their in house at Mackie and for P7 pupils to start to get to know their PSAT before they go to Mackie.

Our ASN teacher, Mrs Crowe is also our link teacher with Mackie again this year. Mrs Crowe is able to meet with all P7s and answer questions they may have about Mackie. Mrs Crowe is also able to ensure pupil information is shared with staff at Mackie and is again another staff member that P7s know before they start at Mackie in August.



## **GENTLE REMINDERS**

Pupils will be bringing home their indoor shoes in the Easter holidays. Could parents please check the condition of them and replace if necessary. Several of pupil's indoor shoes have Velcro that no longer fastens and could be a safety issue for them and to other pupils.

## **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

Please remember, we are a nut free school. This includes nut related products eg, Nutella spread.

## **MAINTENANCE WORK IN SCHOOL GROUNDS**

An update on the work to be carried out in the school grounds. Work will now start week beginning Monday 11th March. No access into the school grounds and buildings via McGill Terrace and the pensioner steps, from 11th to 22nd March. Access will be via the school lane or Bank Street.



Please ensure visitors to the school use the pavement around the school and do not walk through the car park to ensure the safety of everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



**Thursday 7th March—World Book Day**

**Friday 8th March—Open Afternoon 2.30pm—3.30pm**

**Friday 15th March—Dress as you Please for Easter Theme Donation**

**Monday 18th March—Tempest Photographs**

**Tuesday 19th March—P7 Skills Development Scotland (SDS) input**

**Thursday 21st March—TAG Bunny Drive @ Gourdon Public Hall 6pm—8pm**

**Friday 22nd March—Café 2020**

**Wednesday 27th March—TAG Meeting 7.00pm**

**Thursday 28th March—Term 3 Ends**

**Monday 15th April—Term 4 Begins**

**Wednesday 1st May—School Reports to be Sent Out**

**Monday 6th May—May Day Holiday**

**Friday 10th May—Café 2020**

**Monday 20th—Friday 24th May—Book Fair Week**

**Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd May—Parent Consultations**

**Monday 3rd June—Holiday**

**Wednesday 5th June—TAG Meeting 7.00pm**

**Friday 7th June—Café 2020**

**Monday 10th June—Friday 14th June—Health Week**

**Monday 17th—Friday 21st June—P7 Transition Week to Mackie Academy**

**Sunday 23rd June—TAG Colour Run Family Event @ Gourdon School Grounds**

**Monday 1st—Friday 5th July—P7 Celebration Week**

**Friday 5th July—Term 4 Ends**