

Woodburn News



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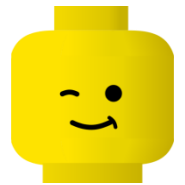
It has been a very busy start to the school year; the children in Nursery and school classes have been working hard and achieving success. It has been a pleasure to get to know staff, children, parents/carers and members of our wider school community.

Meet the Staff

Thank you to everyone who came along to our 'Meet the Staff' event, it was extremely well attended and it was lovely to see so many children providing a tour of their classroom and sharing their learning. We hope to provide more informal opportunities such as this through the year. A reminder that **Parent Consultations are Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October 2017. Nursery Parent Consultations are the week beginning the 6th and 13th November, more information will follow from the Nursery Team.**

Lego Appeal

We know it is hard to part with old toys but if you have any Lego that you are no longer using we would welcome any donations to school. We would like to start a lunchtime Lego Club to support children at different stages who would benefit from and enjoy opportunities to build and create using Lego. Thanks to our Parent Partnership we are looking for local supermarkets to also support this club.



JRSO Update

We have our new Junior Road Safety Officers, Jessica Clegg and Azaria Aird. They attended a meeting at the start of term to find out more about the role of Junior Road Safety Officer.

A Message from the JRSOs:

The job of a JRSO

JRSOs are a very important part of the primary school as they help raise road safety awareness and promote road safety issues to everyone in the school and the wider community.

As Woodburn's new JRSOs, it is our job to encourage people to make informed and sensible choices when using roads as a pedestrian or cyclist. If you do need to drop your child off, we really urge you to park in designated 'safe' areas which means they are mindful to local residences and safe for children who might be walking and using the road to cross. You will be hearing more from us throughout the year. Jessica and Azaria

Safe Travel to School



Due to ongoing concerns raised by parents/carers and members of our local community, we will be meeting on to discuss safe travel to school for our children on the 24th October. In order to help ensure the safety of our children please use Park and Stride designated places at Sainsburys and Cowden Pavillion and **do not drop-off or pick up within the Thornybank Estate.**

If you have particular concerns please pass these on by contacting a member of the Parent Partnership or directly to the school. Although this is not an open meeting it is important that all views are gathered and shared. More information will follow after the meeting.

Look out for our JRSOs who will be out and about! Today they were in Thornybank and were very happy to see lots of families walking and scooting to school. They were accessing Woodburn Primary School using 'shared surface'. If you would like more information on how new streets in Midlothian are designed using shared surfaces, please visit our school website to view the information leaflet pictured.



Nursery 'Bacon Buttie and a Blether'

Thank you to all our parents/carers who attended school for a 'bacon buttie and a blether'. Those who did, enjoyed the refreshments but also had the opportunity to find out about groups and activities within our community that support parents/carers and our early learners. If you would like more information on these please see our Senior Childcare and Development Workers Sam Low or Kirsty Murdoch.

Parent Council

Thank you to all those parents/carers who attended our Parent Council AGM and our first Parent Council meeting of the year. It was lovely to see so many people returning to the PC along with a number of new faces. We would particularly welcome any Nursery parents/carers who would be interested in coming along. The minutes of meetings will all be made available on the school website. The next meeting is on Thursday 16th November at 6.45pm and all are welcome.

In the spirit of working more in conjunction with our parents/carers towards joint goals that benefit our school community, we would like to suggest changing the name to '**Woodburn Parent Partnership**'. As there are some official processes to follow in order to do this, please contact the school if you **do not agree with this name change**.

Look out for a logo competition to come soon!

The Chair of our Parent Council is Debbie Lawson, Mum to Anna in Primary 4, if you would like to contact Debbie or any member of the Parent Council there is an email inbox – WSParentcouncil@hotmail.com

Monster Mash

The Parent Partnership have arranged our traditional 'Monster Mash' which will be held on Friday 3rd of November. As last year, it will be held in Dalkeith High School, look out for more information coming soon.



Morning Playground Reminders

We have tyres in our playground that transform to seated areas with cushions on sunny days. Where the tyres are situated means it is unsafe for the children to move or roll these. The children have been reminded that this rule applies before school as well as at playtimes.

We would also appreciate that all children who cycle or scoot to school park their bike or scooter upon arriving in the playground. This ensures that all adults and children within the playground are safe. Your support with ensuring this is appreciated.

Wet Mornings

When the weather is very wet we are happy to bring the children into the school building from **8.40am** when they can be supervised by senior management. Please try to send them to school as close to this time as possible as any earlier there will not be staff available.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is available at no cost for any child who is a free school meal. They can have toast, cereal and a drink. For non free school meals the cost is 80p per day. If you would like your child to attend please contact the school or mention it to your child's teacher at Parent Consultations.

Lost Property

We've been trying to find owners for our all our lost property, however there is still a huge amount of unclaimed belongings including jackets, sweatshirts and T-shirts. If you are still missing any belongings please have a look at Parent Consultations. If there is anything left unclaimed it will be recycled in the rag bag or kept to use as spare clothing in school.



Gym Shoes

If your child has grown out of their gym shoes and they are still in a reasonable condition please send them in to school, we like to keep some spares in school.

P6/7 Girls Football

A huge well done to all the girls who participated in Midlothian's Girls' Football Tournament. They played extremely well and were a credit to our school.

Bikeability

We have many of our Primary 6 and some Primary 7 children participating in Bikeability with Miss Lisa Bertram, Miss Louise Berry and iBike. They are learning important biking skills which will support them in keeping safe on the roads. Please remember if any child is coming to school on a bike they must be wearing a helmet.

Swimming

Congratulations to our P6/7 swimming team who competed in the Midlothian Swimming Competition this week. We were impressed not only at their determination and commitment but the way in which they encouraged one another.

Introducing our 2017-2018 Woodburn House Captains

Our House Captains and Vice Captains for 2017-2018 are:

	Lothian	Buccleuch	Glenesk	Melville
Captain	Danny Roseburgh	Archie Marrant	Emily Kelly	Aimee Laidlaw
Vice Captain	Olivia Henderson	Zoe McPheators	Casey Archibald	Kenzie Doctor

There will be more news from our House Captains soon!

Contact Details

If any family members who you have provided as being emergency contacts change their mobile numbers, please ensure you contact the school office who can update these. There have been some instances recently where we have been unable to make contact with apparent/carer. Thank you!



We would welcome any parent/carer volunteers in school and are happy to support this by paying for an adult helper PVG check. If you think you have time, knowledge and skills to share please get in touch with the school.

- Cooking
- Adult reading buddy
- Librarian support
- Gardening
- Careers

Harvest Festival

Thank you to those who have already made donations for our Harvest Collection. Primary 3 children are leading this. Please send in donations of dry and tinned goods by Monday. All foods will be donated to Storehouse.



Internet Safety

The internet has changed all of our lives, particularly children's. For parents and carers this opens up a whole new world of things to be aware of. You might be struggling to keep up with the things your child is doing online, you might wonder whether what they are doing is safe, and you might also be thinking *how can I be as good a parent online as I am offline?* The following links are useful if you wish to explore further.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Primary/>

<http://www.ceop.police.uk/>

Parentzone Scotland

The aim of the website is to help you support your child's learning. New and updated content includes:

- Learning in Scotland – information about the curriculum from early years to beyond school;
- Learning at home – helpful hints and tips on how you can support your child's learning at home including literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing, and science;
- Additional support needs – identifying needs, planning support and useful information about specific additional support needs;
- Getting involved - how to get more involved in your child's early learning and childcare setting or school, Parent Councils, the National Parent Forum of Scotland and the Scottish Parent Teacher Council;
- My School - contact details for every primary, secondary and special school in Scotland, information on school awards, and links to school websites;
- Improved navigation and search function; and links to other relevant websites.

Find out more at <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/> .

Pound Coins

Please remember that old £1 coins go out of circulation on the 15th October. The school office will not be able to accept these from that date.

Calendar Dates

We aim to update you regularly on key dates for nursery and school events however, please find listed below some key dates for your annual calendar.

Whole School Key Calendar Dates

Monday 9 th October 2017 – 1.30pm	(P1-2 and P3 Parent/Carers) Harvest Festival Assembly (P3 leading & appeal for donations)
Tuesday 10 th October 2017	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 11 th October 2017	Parent Consultations
Friday 13 th October 2017	(P4-7) Harvest Festival Assembly (P3 leading & appeal for donations)
Tuesday 7 th November 2017	Whole School Shared Learning
Thursday 16 th November 2017	Parent Council 6.45pm
Monday 11 th December 2017	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 th December 2017	Nativity (Rehearsal)
Friday 15 th December 2017 (X2 AM performances)	Nativity (P1 Parents/Carers)
Tuesday 19 th December 2017	Panto In School (AM&PM)
Thursday 18 th January 2018	Parent Council 6.45pm
Wednesday 7 th February 2018	Whole School Shared Learning
Tuesday 6 th March 2018	Parent Council 6.45pm
Thursday 15 th March 2018	Whole School Shared Learning
Tuesday 27 th March 2018	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 28 th March 2018	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 18 th April 2018	Parent Council 6.45pm
Wednesday 9 th May 2018	Whole School Shared Learning
Wednesday 16 th May 2018	School Sports
Wednesday 23 rd May 2018	School Sports (Reserve)
Thursday 24 th May 2018	Nursery Sports
Thursday 31 st May 2018	Nursery Sports (Reserve)
Wednesday 30 th May 2018	Whole School Shared Learning
Tuesday 12 th June 2018	Parent Council 6.45pm

Celebrating Wider Achievement

Well done to Mrs Diane Pratt and Miss Jackie Scott who completed all **26.2 miles** of The Kilt Walk raising **£200** for the Sick Kids. We are aware that our children also achieve lots outside school and plan to celebrate this more effectively in school, more information to follow!

Sharing our Learning Journey

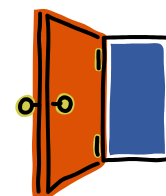
If you wish to keep up-to-date with school information and events please keep an eye on our twitter @woodburnps and the school website, <http://woodburn.mgfl.net/>.

The Word is Out
at Woodburn
Primary School!

In an effort to keep you updated regularly we are going to pilot a more regular 'Woodburn News Roundup'. Feedback on this throughout next term would be appreciated. If you have something that you think may be relevant information for our school community please let me know and we can add this in.

Open Door

We want to do as much as possible to make Woodburn a school where families and the community feel welcome, and as such we operate an 'open door' policy. If there is anything you are concerned about or wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Joanna Taylor
Head Teacher

