



Greenhills Primary School

June 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,

I can hardly believe we are in our final month of school. What a year! I would like to begin by thanking all our pupils, parents, carers and staff for again pulling together and working for the good of our school community. We are all aware we have come through this difficult time. *This too will pass* is a phrase that I have used many times in life and no more so than in 2021-2022.

The final terms has been awash with events bike ability, trips Jubilee Celebrations, 7 afterschool/lunch clubs: multi-sport, dance, gardening, football, digital literacy, maths club, drama, across P2-P7.

We are looking forward to our Awards Celebrations and P7 Leavers Assembly at the end of the month.

We had organised some events for our Primary 7 pupils, however due to the changes being made to the transition dates to secondary school we have had to curtail this. Children will have their trip on Tuesday, 7th and on Wednesday, 8th

Life has moved on and we have already made plans for our children for 2022/2023. I have briefly bullet pointed our School Improvement Plan 2022-2023, however more information will be with you in August 2022.

- Health & Wellbeing
- Science/STEM
- Play pedagogy
- Equality/Equity/Cost of the school day

Duncanrig Transition

A reminder that Primary 7 pupils will make their own way to and from Duncanrig and that parents should contact the school regarding medication. All this information has been shared as per our previous letters.

Be the Change



This month, pupils in Primary 6 will be performing in the South Lanarkshire Instrumental Music Service Showcase Finale. The students have been practising the song 'Be the Change' and their performance will be recorded and included in the finale as part of a montage video of South Lanarkshire students performing this song. Primary 6 children have been practising lots and are excited for the performance!

Rights Respecting School

During the month of June the pupils will be learning about Article 8: Protection and Preservation of Identity. The children will explore how every child has the right to an identity and that Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully. The children will focus on learning how their right to a name, a nationality and an identity is something special and should be valued.

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This term all the children throughout the school were tasked with designing a school Mascot to represent their Rights. Our winning entry was Lucy Strachan from Room 20. Lucy's design represents:

- The face and the hair show all children and young people have the Right to Healthy Food.
- The headphones represent that every child and young person has the Right to be listened to.
- The suit represents every child and young person has the Right to an education.
- The legs represent that every child and young person has access to a range of sources.
- The shoes represent that every child and young person has the right to play.

Well done to Lucy for her Mascot design. A great achievement!



Parent Helpers

In August our lives will hopefully be back to normal and we will be able to have parents back in school as we used to. I ask that any parent carer who is able to assist in class, help run the school lending library, assist with trips, etc., contacts the school office and completes a disclosure prior to the end of June. Some people may need to update their disclosure, so please check if it is valid. We have really missed the support of parents in school and look forward to welcoming you all back with open arms.

Grants

Best Start Grant School Age Payment applications open for children who were born between 1 March 2017 and 28 February 2018. The one-off payment of £267.65 per child helps families with the costs associated with a child starting at Primary School.

People who get tax credits or certain benefits are encouraged to apply before the window closes on 28 February 2023.

Eligibility is based on age and relates to when a child is first old enough to start school.

Parents or carers who have deferred their child's entry to school from August 2022 to August 2023, or those home schooling, must still apply before the closing date or they will lose out on their payment.

More information about how to apply and when is available via our website [Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods - mygov.scot](#)

Pupil Equity Fund/Participatory Budget

This session we have been allocated £121,275, of this 5%, £6,064 is for Participatory Budget which is decided by the parent body. Our Parent Council has voted that the money is spent on trips, educational outings, etc. for the school. Please see the link on our school app and make your vote count.

STEM

This year our P6 and 7's were given the opportunity to start a new and exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) project, Young Stem Leaders. They researched different scientists/inventors involved in STEM and the impact they have had, such as the women involved in the beginnings of NASA and Alan Turing and the Enigma machine. Some of the YSL got the chance to plan and lead activities with younger children.



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Following on from the training Miss Holman has undertaken in STEM, we have successfully applied for a grant to increase our technology and coding resources, particularly for the younger classes. The Cubetto we are already using will be supplemented with new resources. This will also support coding that will be developed next session when we receive a set of Micro bit computers for the school.



Parent Council

Many thanks to our Parent Council for all their support throughout the last year. At our last meeting one of the areas discussed was the decrease in homework being completed within the school. We are seeking your views re homework for 2022-2023

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on Monday, 29th August 2022 at 7pm within the school. If you are a parent who has never attended before but would like to attend please let us know and you will be made very welcome. We need your support.

Greenhills Primary School APP

We have launched our new school app. All children have been issued with a leaflet as to how to download the app. The same information can also be found on our website, Twitter and Parent Council Facebook page. Please download this asap, as all correspondence will be shared on this platform from now on.

Should you have any questions about your child's health and wellbeing or learning please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Miller – P1-3, Mrs Johnston – P4-7 or Mrs Murray – Supported Classes.

As yet we are unable to give details of our staffing and classes for next year. As soon as we are able to do so we will forward the information to you.

We wish you all a relaxing and wonderful summer break and fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us all.

Kind Regards

Elaine Johnston
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

Date	Event
June	
Thursday 2 nd	Public Holiday
Friday 3 rd	Public Holiday
Monday 6 th	Duncanrig Maths Sessions (P7)
Monday 6 th	Rm 2, Rm 4, Rm 12 Trip to Museum of Rural Life
Tuesday 7 th	P1 Transition
Tuesday 7 th	Rm 22, Rm 23 Trip to Burrell Collection
Wednesday 8 th	Rm 9, Rm 11 Trip to Culzean Castle P7 Sanderson visit

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Thursday 9 th	P7 Transition Day 1 to Duncanrig P7 Sanderson visit Parents Night in school (Yahoo)
Thursday 9 th	Rm 16, Rm 20 Trip to Summerlee Museum
Thursday 9 th	Rm 3, Rm 5 Trip - Bouncy Castle in School
Friday 10 th	P7 Transition Day2 to Duncanrig
Friday 10 th	Rm 14 Trip to The Riverside Museum
Monday 13 th	Duncanrig Maths Sessions (P7)
Tuesday 14 th	Nursery Celebration of Achievement Cathkin Transition Day
Friday 17 th	Staff vs Pupils Netball
Monday 20 th	Greenhills Awards Ceremony
Tuesday 21 st	Parents vs Pupils Football
Wednesday 22 nd	P7 Leavers Assembly (1.45pm)
Thursday 23 rd	Greenhills has Got Talent
Friday 24 th	School closes for Summer Holidays at 1pm. Please ensure you collect all your children's medication from the office by 12.30pm

After School Clubs

Please note we had a very high level of children wishing to attend clubs and those who have been fortunate enough to get a place have already been notified by Mrs Walker.

Monday 30 th May	Football, P3/4 Multisport and P2 Maths Club
Tuesday 31 st May	P6 Digital Literacy and P5 Maths Club P4-7 Gardening Club
Monday 6 th June`	Football, P3/4 Multisport and P2 Maths Club
Tuesday 7 th June	P6 Digital Literacy and P5 Maths Club P4-7 Gardening Club
Thursday 9 th June	P7 Drama and P4 Maths Club – cancelled due to parents night
Monday 13 th June	Football, P3/4 Multisport
Thursday 15 th June	P7 Drama and P4 Maths Club

Library Dates

Weds June 1 st	Room 22 and Room 18
Weds 15 th June	Room 9

Swimming Dates

P7 Swimming	Weds 1 st June 2022 Mon 6 th June 2022 Weds 15 th June 2022
P6 Swimming	Weds 8 th June 2022 Mon 13 th June 2022 Mon 20 th June 2022