



Greenhills Primary School

November 2023



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope your body clock has readjusted to the clocks moving back, whilst it was lovely to have a longer lie on Sunday it always takes a day or so to get your body clock in tune. Then with Halloween and a full moon this week, we have had some very excitable children.

Parent Council - Halloween

A huge thank you to the Parent Council and staff who volunteered at our two great Halloween discos last week; what a treat. It was lovely to see several children using their creativity and making their own costumes. Well done. Let's, reduce, reuse, recycle.

Our Parent Council met on Monday, 30th October and will meet again on Monday, 27th November at 7pm in Greenhills Primary School, all parents/carers are welcome.

Primary One

I'm delighted to say that primary one photographs will feature in the Glasgow Times on **Thursday 9th November**.

Remembrance Day

Our primary seven pupils will be selling poppies around the school week commencing Monday, 6th November 2023. If your child would like to make a donation, please ensure they have some money.

Health & Wellbeing Event

Thank you to our families who attended the event. The highlight is that 100% of those attending enjoyed the event. Last year families informed us that they would like more activities and less of the external organisations. This year, more families said they missed the stalls such as Loaves and Fishes, Barnardo's, Social Security etc. Our survey results can be found on the school website. Following our next Parent Council on 27th November we will send a questionnaire as to how we can improve and meet the needs of our children and families.

Strike Action

Following strike action, we carried out a survey on the appropriateness /amount of work sent home. Many thanks to the 35 families who have responded. Results are as follows:

Did your child have sufficient learning?



Yes	20
No	1
Didn't complete	13

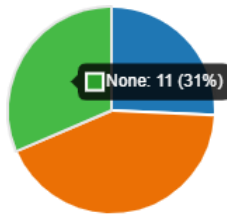


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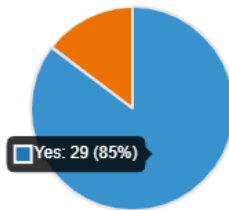


Did your child complete the work sent home?



All 9
Some 15
None 11

Was the work sent home appropriate for your child's needs?



Yes 29
No 5

Reponses

The main responses from parents/carers regarding why work was not completed related to parent/carers working; either working at home or children were with other family members. We understand that this a very difficult situation for everyone and thank everyone for sharing your views. Our aim is to ensure that where possible children's learning continues, however if this is not possible, we understand.

Next steps

We will send work home on Tuesday for Wednesday, 8th November and for those who are able to complete we ask that it is completed in the homework jotter and returned to school the next day.

Right of The Month – Article 26 Families should get the money they need to bring up children.



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My family should get the money they need to help bring me up

In light of the difficult times families are currently facing, we would like to share some agencies who can assist families:

Citizens Advice: [01355 263698](tel:01355263698) Open 9am – 5pm

Loaves and Fishes [01355 223657](tel:01355223657) 40 Singer Rd, Kelvin Industrial Estate, East Kilbride, Glasgow G75 0XS

Waist Not Want Not 07930 380015 A community project based in East Kilbride who run a pre-loved clothing exchange initiative open to everyone. WNWN also provide essential items like clothing, small household goods and baby items to anyone in a crisis either by referral from another agency or self-referral and run groups such as parent/carer peer support and craft sessions.

Barnardo's, Greenhills (Next to Morrisons) – A good range of new gifts as well as 2nd hand-hand.



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Budget restraints

South Lanarkshire Council, like families are having to make difficult financial decisions and as such are asking residents to have their say. Please take the time to complete the consultation via the following link. www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/budget-consultation

A - Z of Attachment

We have previously shared our A-Z of attachment with families on a weekly basis and have decided to do this again. We will begin with A ... Look out for B next week.

Warmest Regards

Elaine Johnston
Head Teacher

Diary Dates - Highlights

November

7 th	Strike Action Unison – School Closed Work provided as above.
8 th	P7 – Lockerbie manor trip 3.10pm
13 th	INSERVICE DAY (School closed to children) Scottish Book Week – come and read with me.
16 th	Rm 22 & 17 Class Assembly 9.30am Bingo Night –This event has been rescheduled to 29 th February 2024, put the date in your diary.
30 th	St Andrews Day

For all our dates, including P6 swimming, clubs, library visits, Christmas information including Christmas lunch, parties, nativities, etc., please see our school website.