



## February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer



What a wonderful start to the year we have had. Our room 23 pupils attended outward bound at Lockerbie Manor and had a wonderful few days, cold but fantastic fun. The children participated in Zip Wire, Rifle Shooting, Abseiling, Archery, Survival Skills, Obstacle Course, Campfire, Disco and Aeroball.

A few of our children's comments are as follows:

The food  
was  
brilliant.

I loved  
everything.

The climbing wall  
was amazing.

Our thanks to our primary 7 pupils across the school for an afternoon of entertainment on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Primary 7 pupils invited their parents to our annual Burns Supper and what a fun filled afternoon we had with recitals, singing, dancing, a piper and of course our thanks also to Mrs Westwater and her staff in the kitchen for the preparation of our lovely meal of haggis, neeps and tatties. Thanks also to Mrs Stanley for preparing a small, sweet treat for pudding.



Parents commented on the following:

What a great  
afternoon.

I am so proud  
of my child.

The children were  
all amazing.

### Education Scotland

We have just been notified that Education Scotland will be visiting the school on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 for the week to inspect our school and nursery. Parents/carers, children and partners will receive a link to share their views of the school. Please complete this as it will aid our self-evaluation.

### Health & Wellbeing

The first week in February marks Children's mental health week and the children are learning new skills and methods of dealing with health emotions. We will be sharing this with families. Please see the link to help support families.

<https://www.nhs.uk/services/childrens-services/mental-health-services-and-resources-directory/>



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A few parents have asked us about headlice, information can be obtained from the following NHS website. <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits/>

### Right of the Month

In February, the children will be learning about Article 6: I should be supported to live and grow. This is part of our three-year rotating programme. Children will be learning more about Article 6 in their class.

### Cost of the School Day

As you know we do everything in our power to minimise the cost of the school day for families. Our school show Sherlock and Cinders will be a free event for all families.

We are very fortunate, that our Parent Council will provide funding for all our children to go on a school trip. We are in the process of finalising dates and will provide information next month on when class trips will take place. If you are fortunate enough to be in a position to make a donation you will be able to do so through ParentPay.

### Lateness

As you know we have been working hard to ensure all pupils attain their best at Greenhills Primary School and in doing so we also focus on lateness. We want to work together with you, our families, to make sure your child is happy and achieving. One area where you can make the biggest impact is by making sure your child attends school and arrives on time. Please do not underestimate how disruptive it can be for a child who is late (even if only 5 minutes) as this can impact their relationships with friends and confidence. This has an effect on them emotionally and with their confidence, which then impacts on their learning. We want to work with you to help overcome any difficulties you or your child are facing, so please contact either myself or Mrs Walker if you have any concerns. We thank all those parents who are engaging with the school to support their child.

### Toys

We ask that children do not bring toys into school as this can be a distraction from their learning. Some parents have contacted us regarding a soother fidget toy, etc and these are allowed. Should you have any questions, Mrs Murray, Mrs Walker and I can be found at the front of the school each morning and afternoon, please speak to one of us there or contact the office to make an appointment should you have any concerns.

### Libraries and Hall Consultation

We are sharing SLC consultation relating to the proposed changes to halls, which is part of wide consultation being undertaken by **South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture** and the link to the survey is <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/2cfb2095-2a8d-483b-9497-8b14edac71d4?>

Our local Greenhills Library is included in the consultation. Please take the time to support your local community.

Warmest Regards

Elaine Johnston  
Head Teacher



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### Diary Dates

#### February

1 <sup>st</sup>	GPS v Southpark Netball, details to follow.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kirsty, Greenhill's Librarian to talk with children. Cancelled, this will be rescheduled
6 <sup>th</sup>	Burns Cottage Trip Rm 18, 21 and 23
7 <sup>th</sup>	P3 Class Assembly 9.30 am.
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	February Holiday
14 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY school closed to pupils.
19 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Family Cookery with P5
26 <sup>th</sup>	Education Scotland visit our school.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Family Cookery with P5 / Parent Council 7pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Rm 15 and 20 Assembly The Rainforest GPS v Auldhouse Football, details to follow.

### Diary Dates

#### March

4 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Family Cookery with P5
7 <sup>th</sup>	GPS v Auldhouse, Netball, details to follow.
8 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
11 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Family Cookery with P5
18 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Family Cookery with P5
20 <sup>th</sup>	P5-7 Football – Ballerup, 12.30-2.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Family Cookery with P5 / Parent Council 7pm
27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	School show

**All dates and events can be found on the school website for the rest of the session.**